



Community engagement Summary of reach

Georges River Council New Rates 2021 Consultation October 2020 – November 2020

The following table shows the average age of the facilities in each category. The star rating shows the average building condition: from 1 star requiring major renovation or demolish and rebuild, through to 5 stars being brand new or near new condition.

Date	Article title	Format	Outlet	Reach
17-Aug-20	Letter from the Mayor on new rates 2021	Georges River Council letter	Attachment to rates notices	57,000

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Dear Ratepayer,

This year has been particularly challenging and more than ever we are working to support our community. Georges River Council's role in providing and maintaining high quality local services and facilities to our community has never been more critical.

You may notice a change to your rates this year. This is due to changes to the value of your land and the application of the annual NSW government rate increase (the rate peg). Some properties may experience a land value decline but this does not always result in a drop in rates as the land values are used to fairly distribute the rates to be collected from all properties across our local government areas. Included with this letter is a newsletter from the NSW land valuation authority (the Valuer General) on how the new land values are set and the relevant contact details of the authority should you wish to obtain more details on your land valuation.

Last year Council undertook extensive consultation with our community to address the inconsistency in the amount of rates paid across the former Hurstville and Kogarah City Councils. Our community told us it supported a new single rating system, ensuring fairness for all ratepayers, regardless of location, dwelling type or business type.

During the consultation we also sought feedback on a special rate variation to increase the total rate income for our area. There was strong community support for this, recognising the rates we collect from our residents and businesses contribute to the services and facilities we provide to meet community needs.

However, Council decided in February 2020 to defer the consideration of harmonised rates and a special rate variation while Council investigated additional cost saving measures.

Council's budget for 2020/21 includes significant cost saving measures including \$9 million worth of operational programs and services, deferral of capital projects, reduction in employee costs and removal of the Councillor Discretionary Ward Fund.

In the coming months we will be asking the community for input on the proposal for the new rate system as Council is now legally obliged to set one rating system for Georges River Council by 1 July 2021.

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Our position from last year's consultation remains the same. The current level of funding generated through rates is insufficient to continue existing services into the future and meet the demands of our growing population. Should we do nothing, Council will inevitably face a declining financial position and a reduction in services.

Council recognises there are pensioners, residents and business owners who have been adversely affected financially, both directly and indirectly, during this difficult period and we offer payment arrangements such as interest free extensions and interest free payment plans to ease the burden.

For more information, go to the New Rates page on our website at www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/Council/Rates-and-Payments or contact Council on 9330 6400 or via email at newrates@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Greene
 Cr Kevin Greene
 Mayor

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Working together for a better future

Date	Article title	Format	Outlet	Reach
Sept-20	Citizens Advice Group	Meetings	Georges River Councils Citizen Advice Group	15 members 3 meetings (1 online, 2 in person) 30 meeting engagements



**Citizens Advice Group
Reflection survey feedback**

19 October 2020

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BACKGROUND

Georges River Council put together a randomly selected Citizens Advice Group to provide guidance on the community consultations for the New Rates 2021 project.

The Citizens Advice Group (CAG) met three times during September 2020, initially online and two follow-up meetings face-to-face.

Attendance numbers across the three meetings were 11, nine and eight.

An online survey was distributed to CAG members after its conclusion to seek feedback on the experience of the group, views about its effectiveness and suggestions for improvement. This brief paper summarises the online survey feedback.

Response rate

Six responses were received; all six had attended all 3 sessions. This represents 75% of the final session attendance number.

Effectiveness rating

On a scale of 1 to 5, the overall average effectiveness rating was 4.2. Two individuals gave 5 stars 3 individuals gave 4 stars and one individual gave 3 stars.

Individuals were asked why they chose their particular rating and responses included:

- I was provided with detailed information that enabled me to make informed choices
- I learnt a lot about the background to the rate system and how important it is to Council
- Well-planned, attention to detail and hard work of staff
- Able to hear different opinions and views that can assist in the process for the new rate setting
- It gave me a good understanding but there wasn't enough time to drill down into the details

Impact on understanding of rates

Respondents were asked whether the CAG had increased understanding of rates, with the options being not at all, a little, a moderate amount, a lot and a great deal.

Five out of six (83%) indicated that their understanding had increased by a great deal, with the sixth person choosing "a lot".

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Anything you particularly liked about the citizens advice group?

The three key themes in the responses were:

- The opportunity to learn
 - Information learned
 - I learned a lot of councils works, services, and finances
- Understanding the challenges faced by Council
 - It gave me an enormous understanding of the Council's responsibilities to fairly distribute the funds across the many areas of services to its residents and the factors taken into consideration by the Council when making decisions
 - Having visibility to some of the challenges the Council faces
- Meeting and sharing with other people
 - Diversity of participants, felt comfortable to be involved, met new people
 - I liked the whole consultative concept

What would you do differently next time?

Key suggestions included encouraging more residents to take up the offer to join the advisory group and having more time and opportunity for more detail with some sense that there was insufficient information and time for the group to achieve a satisfying resolution.

Any other feedback?

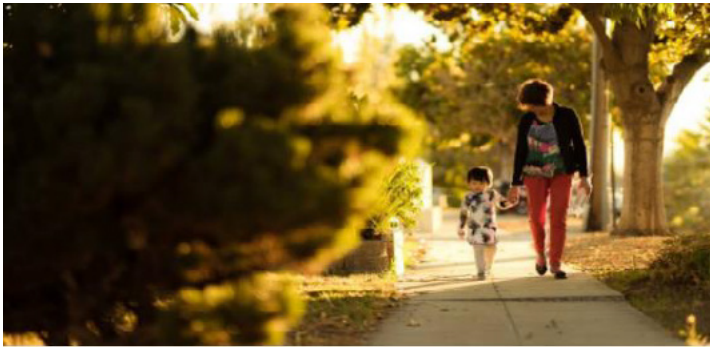
- "I greatly enjoyed the opportunity to be involved, the presenters new their content well, the time and venue were relevant"
- "I understand the COVID-19 situation, but I found the physical meetings far more informative and productive"

Would anything have made it easier for you to attend?

This question was largely designed with those CAG members who had not been able to attend all three sessions in mind. Those attending indicated that it was easy and accessible, the planned dates and times were appreciated to ensure attendance on each occasion, and that it was fine both online and in person. The only suggestion for change was "perhaps an earlier start".

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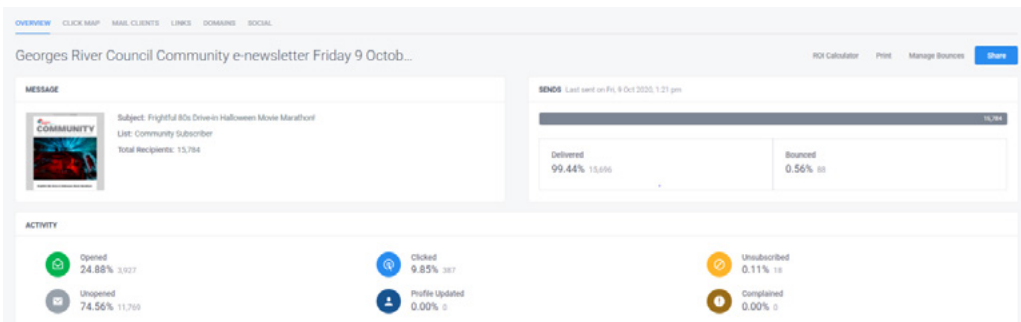
Date	Article title	Format	Outlet	Reach
9-Oct-20	New rating system coming	Georges River Council e-newsletter	Community e-newsletter	15,784



New rating system coming

Council will be introducing a new rating system from 1 July 2021, as required by the NSW Government. All ratepayers will receive a brochure explaining the changes with their next rates notice, or in a separate letter if you've fully paid your rates up front. In addition to harmonising its rating system, Council is proposing to ensure existing services and financial sustainability by seeking permission to increase its total rates income to manage past and future population growth, and increasing service demand. This is planned as a gradual increase over 5 years.

For the average residential ratepayer, the proposed changes will mean 60 cents extra per week in the first year followed by \$1.35 per week increases each year for the following 4 years. The new rating system aims to provide a fairer system for ratepayers in apartments and houses, as all residents are able to equally enjoy services and facilities regardless of the type of housing in which they live. More details about the new rating system will be available on Council's website after 12 October.

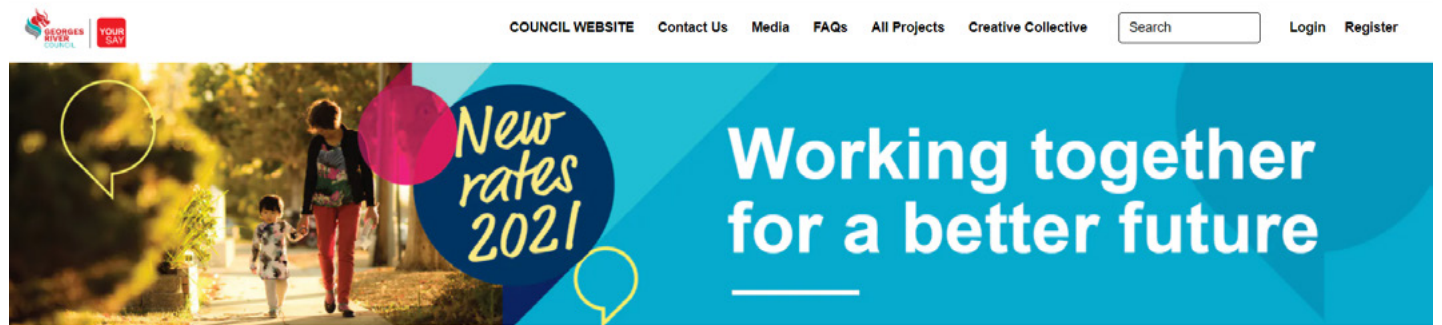


18-Oct-20	Georges River Council New Rates 2021 video (2min 30 sec)	Short video on the new rates 2021 proposal	Georges River Council YouTube	67 views
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Georges River Council New Rates 2021

Date	Article title	Format	Outlet	Reach
19-Oct-20	New Rates 2021 Consultation	New Rates 2021 Consultation page	Georges River Your Say	906 Page views 190 Informed visitors



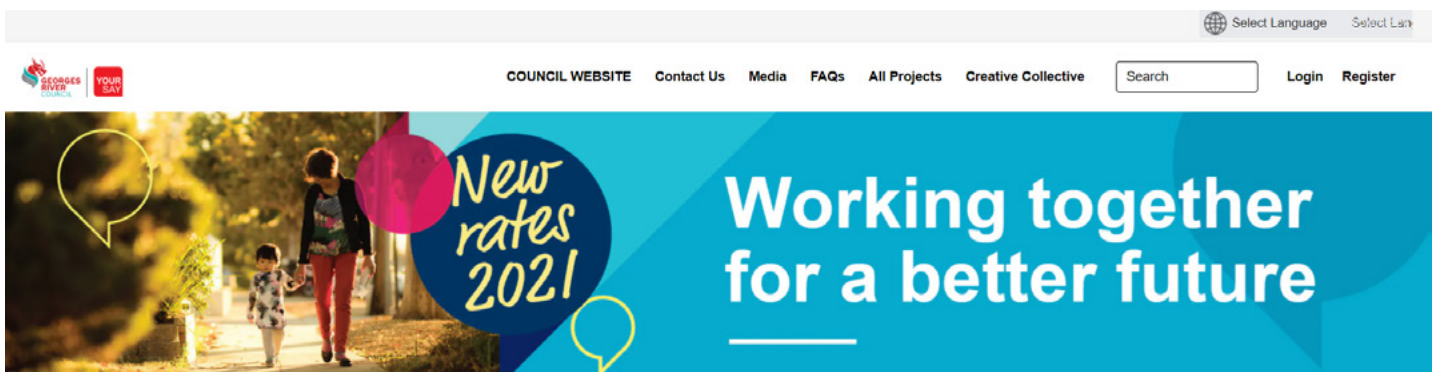
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19-Oct-20	Have your say on Council services survey	Council services survey	Georges River Your Say	63 survey submissions
19-Oct-20	New rates 2021 submission	Submissions	New rates email and Your Say Georges River	80 submissions

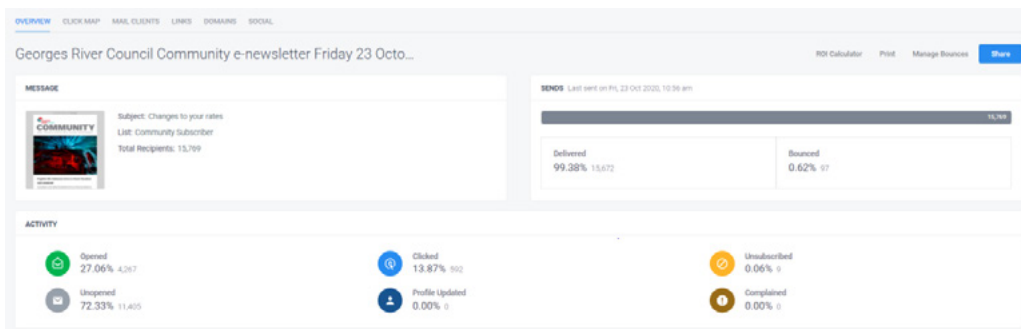


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Online Submission

Date	Article title	Format	Outlet	Reach
23-Oct-20	New rates coming next year	Georges River Council e-newsletter	Community e-newsletter	15,769

Friday 23 October 2020



Date	Article title	Format	Outlet	Reach
28-Oct-20	New Rates 2021 Consultation	Your Say newsletter	Your Say newsletter	2,499

Newsletters

Your Say Georges River provides an easy way for you to share feedback on public exhibitions, which will contribute to Council's decision-making on important projects that shape the future of the Georges River area. See below current opportunities to have your say:

New Consultations

[New Rates 2021 Consultation](#)

We are asking the community for input on the proposal for a new rate system for the Georges River area. Visit georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/New-rates-2021 for more information about the proposed changes and what they mean for you.

We are holding two webinars that will explain the changes and provide an opportunity for you to ask questions.

- Wednesday 4 November 6:00-7:30pm [Register here](#)
- Saturday 7 November 2020 at 10:00-11:30am [Register here](#)

Date	Article title	Format	Outlet	Reach
28-Oct-20	It's time to have your say on rates	Georges River Council Leader ad	St George & Sutherland Shire Leader	181,000

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Two webinars will be held on **Wednesday 4** and **Saturday 7 November** that will explain the changes and provide an opportunity for you to ask questions.

YOUR SAY

RSVP for a webinar and have your say:

Go to yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au to have your say and to RSVP your attendance for one of the webinars. Submissions on the proposed changes close **24 November 2020**.

DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN (DCP) 2020

Have your say on the planning and design guidelines for our local area

Council is exhibiting a draft Georges River Development Control Plan 2020 (draft DCP 2020), which provides a consistent set of detailed guidelines for the design and assessment of proposed developments within the Georges River local government area.

How to provide feedback:
The draft DCP 2020 can be viewed online via Council's Your Say website at yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/dcp2020 or accessed via the QR code.

If you have no online access, you can view the draft DCP 2020 at:

- Georges River Civic Centre, MacMahon Street, Hurstville, 8.30am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday
- Hurstville and Clive James libraries, within library hours

You can make your submission through Council's Your Say Portal or in writing to the General Manager, Georges River Council, PO Box 205, Hurstville BC NSW 1481. Submissions should quote: **SF20/3839**

Submissions close: Friday 27 November 2020

Participate in a webinar:
Council will be hosting two webinars to ensure everyone has the opportunity to raise their concerns, ask questions and have their say about the draft DCP 2020. Further information will be released on Council's Your Say website.

For enquiries please contact Council's Strategic Planning Section on 9330 6211 or mail@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Council has received a Development Application for the following:

Premises: 217 Stuart Street, Blakehurst
Development Application No: DA2020/0397
Proposed Development: Construction of Jetty, ramp, pontoon and stabilisation piles
Applicant: Harbour Port East Coast Pty Ltd

The applications and accompanying plans are available for viewing until Wednesday 25 November 2020. The plans and supporting documentation can only be accessed online, but can be viewed using the self-service computer kiosk at Customer Service, Georges River Civic Centre, MacMahon Street Hurstville.

Submissions to Council can be made via eForm on our website at www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au and must be received by Council no later than **5.00pm, Wednesday 25 November 2020**.

A submission by way of objection must set out the grounds for objection. We do not keep submissions confidential. Requests to access submissions will be considered in accordance with the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* and the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*.

Help create new recreation opportunities for the Salt Pan Creek Corridor

You have the opportunity to have your say in the development of a unique new green space plan for the Salt Pan Creek Open Space Corridor. Have your say at yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/salt-pan-creek-corridor-consultation before 20 November 2020.

YOUR SAY yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au

FRIGHTFUL 80s DRIVE-IN CINEMA

Join us for a special screening of season one of **STRANGER THINGS** over two nights!

Friday 30 and Saturday 31 October 2020
7.00pm - 11.00pm (entry from 5:00pm)

Donnelly Park, Connells Point
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Visit www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/community/events

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2021

Nominations are open for the Georges River Council Australia Day Awards. Know someone who's doing great things in our community? Now is the time to nominate them.

Nominations close Friday 4 December 2020.
Visit the events page at www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au

Say no to domestic violence: In conversation with Jess Hill

As part of Council's 'Say no to Domestic Violence' campaign, Councillor Colleen Symington will run an in-conversation style interview with author Jess Hill, on her 2020 Stella Prize winning book, *See What You Made Me Do*, which puts perpetrators – and the systems that enable them – in the spotlight.

When: Thursday 12 November 2020, 6.30pm-7.30pm
Where: This free event will take place online via Zoom. You will receive your Zoom link 24 hours prior to the event.

Bookings essential:
To RSVP for this event, visit the Eventbrite page at <https://bit.ly/31uQxY6>

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 Phone: 9330 6400 | Email: mail@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au | Postal address: PO Box 205, Hurstville NSW 1481

29-Oct-20	New rates 2021 Brochure	Georges River Council information brochure	Delivered to all ratepayers in the local government area via email and hardcopy	57,000
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Working together for a better future

New rates 2021

This is an update on our plans for a new rating system from 1 July 2021 so we can

- meet the mandatory NSW Government requirement for one rating system across the Georges River local government area
- create better equity between houses and apartments
- maintain the service standards you value for future generations.

We will continue to be prudent in our spending; we have a history of strict budget management and service changes and efficiencies since amalgamation.

Council continues to be committed to reducing the burden on our ratepayers by finding savings and efficiencies in all our activities. The planned changes described in this update were developed after comprehensive community consultation in 2019. The total amount of money that can be collected in rates by a council is set by the NSW Government and any changes need the Minister's approval. Before we seek approval we want to explain the proposal and let you know what it means for you.

Current average and minimum annual rates	Proposed 2021/22 average and minimum annual rates
<p>Residential</p> <p>Georges River Average: \$1,139</p> <p>Hurstville Minimum: \$586</p> <p>Kogarah Minimum: \$967</p>	<p>Residential</p> <p>Georges River Average: \$1,169</p> <p>Georges River Minimum: \$965.80</p> <p>Hurstville Minimum: \$586</p>
<p>Business</p> <p>Georges River Average: \$3,087</p> <p>Strategic Centre Minimum: \$1,500</p> <p>Kogarah Minimum: \$967</p>	<p>Business</p> <p>Georges River Average: \$3,311</p> <p>Strategic Centre Minimum: \$1,100</p> <p>Kogarah Minimum: \$967</p>

For the average residential ratepayer, the proposed changes will mean around 60 cents extra per week in the first year followed by \$1.35 per week increases each year for the following 4 years.

For the average business ratepayer, the proposed changes will mean \$4.30 extra per week in the first year followed by \$5.50 per week increases each year for the following 4 years.

You told us

Our consultation with the community about possible changes to rates, as well as strategic planning revealed:

- You value the things that make Georges River special - green open spaces, our river, convenient location and transport, a diverse culture, strong social services and a varied and productive economy.
- You support one fair, equitable and consistent rating system for Georges River Council ratepayers. In which the minimum rate paid is the same across the entire local government area.
- You support a higher business minimum rate and a differential business rate between the main town centres at Kogarah and Hurstville.
- You don't want to see radical service reduction but expect to see efficient operating models and focus on the core services of Council alongside increased user-pay approaches (fees and charges).
- You would support an increase to the total rates income which Council can collect to provide the services the community value, meet the cost pressures of a growing population and address the loss of \$2.3m from lapsing old Hurstville Council income.
- You think it is unfair that Council's rate income is not permitted to increase consistent with development and population growth.

What is the proposal?

Meeting the mandatory requirement for one rating system

Currently the former Kogarah and Hurstville Council areas have different rating systems. Last year the community told us it wants a single, consistent and more equitable approach to rates across the Georges River.

Council will create a new single minimum rate which will in effect increase the minimum rate in the former Hurstville to the same level as the current Kogarah rate.

This would reduce the gap between rates charged for houses and apartments.

Sustainability

At the same time, Council is proposing to ensure service and financial sustainability by seeking permission to increase its total rates income to manage past and future population growth and increasing service demand. This is proposed as a gradual increase over 5 years.

What happens if the proposal isn't approved?

Council's service portfolio is complex and diverse. It provides 200 services which our community members value, and are essential to a thriving and growing community.

If the Council's total rate income does not increase over the next 5 years as proposed by this rate increase, we will be forced to reduce or cease many services. We will be unable to respond to the needs of future population growth which will continue to strain service quality. This will result in higher use/overuse of current assets and poorer condition standards.

Houses in the old Kogarah Council area will pay almost three times what an apartment currently pays (an average increase of \$300) and apartments will drop - broadening the inequity instead of addressing it.

Houses in the old Hurstville Council area will have an average decrease of \$25 and those who had a large rate increase in 2020/21 will not receive a reduction.

Council has and will continue to find savings, efficiencies and implement improved operating models but without the rate income increase, deep cuts to services will be inevitable.

Our previous consultations have told us that the majority of residents support maintaining current service standards but if you think there should be service reductions, we want you to have your say at yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au.

Did you know that the rates do not increase as development and population increases?

I want more information

The tables below summarise the impact of the proposed rate increase and minimum changes.

Former council's average rate	Current Year	2021/22	
Total council rate income increase %	2.6%	5.8%	
Residential	Kogarah	\$1,221	\$1,261
	Hurstville	\$1,081	\$1,110
Business	Kogarah	\$3,167	\$3,006
	Hurstville	\$3,043	\$3,477

	Current Year	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Residential average	\$1,139	\$1,169	\$1,233	\$1,300	\$1,372	\$1,447
Residential minimum	Kogarah \$967	\$966	\$990	\$1,015	\$1,040	\$1,066
	Hurstville \$586	\$586	\$586	\$586	\$586	\$586
Business average	\$3,087	\$3,311	\$3,558	\$3,822	\$4,105	\$4,408
Minimum for Kogarah and Hurstville CBD	Kogarah \$967	\$1,500	\$1,538	\$1,576	\$1,615	\$1,656
	Hurstville \$586	\$586	\$586	\$586	\$586	\$586
Business minimum other	Kogarah \$967	\$1,100	\$1,128	\$1,156	\$1,185	\$1,214
	Hurstville \$586	\$586	\$586	\$586	\$586	\$586
Total council rate income increase %	2.6%	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%
Total council rate income increase \$	\$4.1 million	\$4.3 million	\$4.6 million	\$4.9 million	\$5.1 million	

Note: The figures contained in the tables above are based on harmonisation of the rating system, new minimum rates and the application of a special rate variation (SV) to increase Council's total rate income above the rate peg. The new proposal's total increase is equivalent to Council's 2019 proposal of a permanent one-off 10.6% increase (rate peg of 2.5% and 8.1% SV) that did not proceed. The new proposal is a permanent multi-year SV spread over 5 years. The total Council rate income increase is 29% (inclusive of 18.5% SV and assumed rate pegs of 2.5% per year or total of 12.5%). The proposed SV will result in additional rate income of approximately \$23 million over 5 years. If the proposed new rating system is not approved the average residential rate would be \$1,136, the average business rate would be \$3,074 and the minimum rate would be \$586. For future year impacts please refer to our website www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/New-rates-2021.

Disclaimer: Houses and apartments may be on the minimum, though the majority of minimum rate properties are apartments. The averages quoted within this document have been developed from financial modelling based on current property data and land values as of 1 July 2020. A new set of land values will be supplied by the NSW Valuer General and applied from 1 July 2023. The final 2021/22 rate levels may vary due to Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) decisions and marginal movements due to model sensitivity.

I want to have input

You can have your say at yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au

I want to know about the rating system and how rates are calculated

Our website contains more detailed information, a rates calculator, and FAQs. See how you may be affected by visiting www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/New-rates-2021

What if I can't pay my rates?

Council has a range of measures to assist individuals who have difficulty paying their rates. You will find details of Council's Debt Management and Hardship policy online.

I want to find out more about this proposal

There will be two webinars explaining the proposals on:

Wednesday 4 November 2020, 6.00pm-7.30pm
Saturday 7 November 2020, 10.00am-11.30am

Register here. www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/New-rates-2021

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29-Oct-20	It's time to have your say on rates	Georges River Council Facebook post	Georges River Council Facebook	1,756 people reached 25 engagements/ post clicks 12 likes 3 comments 4 shares

Social media posts - Facebook

Georges River Council 29 October · 🌐

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Wednesday 4 November and
Saturday 7 November... [See more](#)

It's time to have your say on rates

1,756 People reached 37 Engagements [Boost post](#)

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1,756 People Reached

12 Likes, Comments & Shares ⓘ

5 Likes	2 On Post	3 On Shares
3 Comments	0 On Post	3 On Shares
4 Shares	4 On Post	0 On Shares

25 Post Clicks

3 Photo views	11 Link clicks	11 Other Clicks ⓘ
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30-Oct-20	New rates 2021	Georges River Council Facebook post	Georges River Council Facebook	3,187 people reached 311 engagements 15 likes and reactions 16 comments 4 shares



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We're currently in the process of proposing a new rates system commencing 1 July 2021.

The new system has been developed following extensive community consultation and will create better equity between rates charged for houses and apartments and it will help maintain the service standards that you value for future generations.

For more detailed information, a rates calculator, and FAQs go to www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/new-rates-2021

You can also register to attend a webinar explaining the proposed changes on:

--- Wednesday 4 November, 6.00pm - 7:30pm or
--- Saturday 7 November, 10.00am-11:30am



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3,187 People Reached

35 Reactions, comments & shares ⓘ

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1 Wow	0 On post	1 On shares
9 Angry	9 On post	0 On shares
16 Comments	13 On Post	3 On Shares
4 Shares	3 On Post	1 On Shares

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Working together for a better future...

We're proposing a new rates system to commence 1 July 2021 so we can:

- meet mandatory NSW Government requirements for one rating system across the Georges River LGA
- create better rates equity between houses and apartments
- maintain service standards for future generations.

To find out more you can attend a webinar explaining the proposed changes on:

- Wednesday 4 November, 6.00pm - 7:30pm
- Saturday 7 November 10.00am-11:30am

Visit www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/new-rates-2021 to register or to learn more about the changes.



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People reached

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Engagements

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👤 Joanne Spanos and Sally Aoki
2 Comments 1 share

Performance for your post

1,946 People Reached

14 Reactions, comments & shares 👤

2 👍 Like	1 On post	1 On shares
3 😡 Angry	3 On post	0 On shares
8 Comments	5 On Post	3 On Shares
1 Shares	1 On Post	0 On Shares

99 Post Clicks

4 Photo views	7 Link clicks	88 Other Clicks 👤
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31-Oct-20	Georges River Council's rate leap forward	Article in The Leader	The Leader	131,818

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Georges River Council's rate leap forward

Jim Gainsford

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Georges River Council is required by the State Government to harmonise the differing minimum residential and business rates of the former Kogarah and Hurstville local government areas.

Georges River Council has embarked on a public consultation program as it prepares to implement a new rates system from July 1, 2021, as required by the NSW Government.

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Date	Article title	Format	Outlet	Reach
3-Nov-20	New rates 2021	Georges River Council Facebook post	Georges River Council Facebook	535 people reached 5 engagements 0 likes and reactions 0 comments 0 share

Georges River Council 3 November · 🌐

Council is hosting three webinars that will explain the proposed changes to your rates and provide an opportunity for Q&A. You can register to attend the webinars below.

Wednesday 4 November 6.00-7.30pm
Saturday 7 November 10.00-11.30am
Thursday 12 November 6.00pm-7.30pm

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Council is planning a new rating system from 1 July 2021 so it can: meet...

535 People reached 5 Engagements [Boost post](#)

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Performance for your post

535 People Reached

0 Likes, Comments & Shares ⓘ

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Date	Article title	Format	Outlet	Reach
4-Nov-20	New rates 2021	Georges River Council Facebook post	Georges River Council Facebook	276 people reached 2 engagements 1 likes and reactions 0 comments 0 share



Georges River Council ✓

4 November · 🌐

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UPDATE - 3rd webinar added

Council is now hosting three webinars that will explain the proposed changes to your rates and provide an opportunity for Q&A. You can register to attend the webinars below.

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Date	Article title	Format	Outlet	Reach
4-Nov-20	It's time to have your say on rates	Georges River Council Leader ad	St George & Sutherland Shire Leader	181,000



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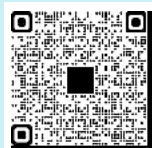
@grcouncil



It's time to have your say on rates

We are asking the community for input on the proposal for a new rate system for the Georges River area. Visit www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/New-rates-2021 for more information about the proposed changes and what they mean for you.

Two webinars will be held on **Wednesday 4 and Saturday 7 November** that will explain the changes and provide an opportunity for you to ask questions.



RSVP for a webinar and have your say:

Go to yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au to have your say and to RSVP your attendance for one of the webinars. Submissions on the proposed changes close **24 November 2020**.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Council has received a Development Application for the following:

Premises: Carss Park, 78 Carwar Avenue, Carss Park
Development Application No: DA2020/0405

Proposed development: Demolition of existing pool and ancillary structures, remediation of contaminated land, earthworks and associated landscaping works (including memorial wall).

The application is integrated development under Section 60 of the *Heritage Act 1977* and will be assessed by Heritage NSW. The application will be determined by the Sydney South Planning Panel.

Applicant: Georges River Council

The applications and accompanying plans are available for viewing until Wednesday 18 November 2020. The plans and supporting documentation can only be accessed online, but can be viewed using the self-service computer kiosk at Customer Service, Georges River Civic Centre, MacMahon Street Hurstville.

Submissions to Council can be made via eForm on our website at www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au and must be received by Council no later than **5.00pm, Wednesday 2 December 2020**.

A submission by way of objection must set out the grounds for objection. We do not keep submissions confidential. Requests to access submissions will be considered in accordance with the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* and the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*.



DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN (DCP) 2020

Have your say on the planning and design guidelines for our local area

Council is exhibiting a draft Georges River Development Control Plan 2020 (draft DCP 2020), which provides a consistent set of detailed guidelines for the design and assessment of proposed developments within the Georges River local government area.

How to provide feedback:

The draft DCP 2020 can be viewed online via Council's Your Say website at yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/dcp2020 or accessed via the QR code (right)



If you have no online access, you can view the draft DCP 2020 at:

- Georges River Civic Centre, MacMahon Street, Hurstville, between the hours of 8.30am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday
- Hurstville and Clive James libraries, within library hours

You can make your submission through Council's Your Say Portal or in writing to the General Manager, Georges River Council, PO Box 205, Hurstville BC NSW 1481. Submissions should quote: **SF20/3839**

Submissions close: Friday 27 November 2020

Participate in a webinar:

Council will be hosting a webinar to ensure everyone has the opportunity to raise their concerns, ask questions and have their say about the draft DCP 2020.

When: Wednesday 11 November 2020, 7:00pm-8:30pm

Bookings: Visit yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/dcp2020

For enquiries please contact Council's Strategic Planning Section on 9330 6211 or mail@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au.



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HURSTVILLE LIBRARY AND SERVICE CENTRE | Corner of Queens Road and Dora Street, Hurstville
CLIVE JAMES LIBRARY AND SERVICE CENTRE | Kogarah Town Square, Belgrave Street, Kogarah
Phone: 9330 6400 | **Email:** mail@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au | **Postal address:** PO Box 205, Hurstville NSW 1481

Date	Article title	Format	Outlet	Reach
5-Nov-20	New rates 2021	Georges River Council Facebook post	Georges River Council Facebook	294 people reached 8 engagements 0 likes and reactions 6 comments 0 share

Georges River Council 5 November · 🌐

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Performance for your post

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Date	Article title	Format	Outlet	Reach
6-Nov-20	New rates 2021	Georges River Council e-newsletter	Community e-newsletter	15,754


Friday 6 November 2020



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Community e-newsletter 6 November 2020 ROI calculator Print Manage bounces Share

MESSAGE



Subject: Council releases Foreshore and Parks COVID-19 Summer Safety Plan
List: Community subscriber
Total Recipients: 15,754

SENDS Last sent on Fri, 6 Nov 2020, 7:16 am

15,754	
Delivered	Bounced
99.35% 15,652	0.65% 102

ACTIVITY

<p> Opened 20.53% 3,235</p>	<p> Clicked 13.45% 435</p>	<p> Unsubscribed 0.09% 14</p>
<p> Unopened 78.82% 12,417</p>	<p> Profile Updated 0.00% 0</p>	<p> Complained 0.00% 0</p>

Date	Article title	Format	Outlet	Reach
6-Nov-20	New rates 2021 Brochure Nepalese	Georges River Council information brochure	Distributed at Civic Centre and Libraries	500 brochures



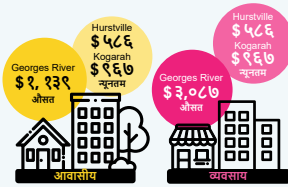
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- तपाईंलाई महत्वपूर्ण लाग्ने सेवाका मापदण्डहरू भन्दा पुस्ताहरूका लागि पनि काम गर्न सक्ने।

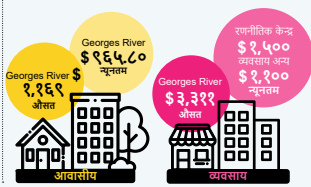
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हाम्रा सम्पूर्ण मितिबिहिनहरूमा कार्यकुशलता बढाउने र खर्च घटाउने हाम्रा कर्तव्यहरूमा गम्भीर काम गर्न काउन्सिल प्रतिबद्ध रहेको छ। यस विवरणमा उल्लिखित परिवर्तनका योजनाहरू सन् २०१९ मा भएका बजेट सामुदायिक परामर्श पछि तयार पारिएका हुन्। काउन्सिल द्वारा कर मार्फत उठाउने सन्ने कुल रकमको मात्रा न्यु साउथ वेल्स सरकार द्वारा निर्धारण गरिन्छ र त्यसमा कुनै प्रकारको बदलाव गर्न सरकारी मन्त्रीको अनुमति चाहिने हुन्छ। अनुमति दिनु अगाडि हामी तपाईंको लागि यस प्रस्तावको अर्थ के हुनेछ भन्नेबारे बुझाउन चाहन्छौं।

वर्तमान औसत र न्यूनतम वार्षिक कर



प्रस्तावित २०२१/२२ औसत र न्यूनतम वार्षिक कर



प्रस्तावित बदलावको मतलब औसत आवासीय करदाताका लागि पहिलो वर्षको वृद्धि प्रति हप्ता ६० सेंट को हुने छ भने त्यसपछिका ४ वर्षका लागि चाहिँ प्रति हप्ता \$१.३५ ले कर बढ्नेछ।

औसत व्यावसायिक करदाताका लागि प्रस्तावित बदलावको मतलब पहिलो वर्षमा प्रति हप्ता \$४.३० को वृद्धि हुने छ भने त्यसपछिका ४ वर्षका लागि चाहिँ प्रति हप्ता \$५.५० को वृद्धि हुने छ।

मलाई थप जानकारी चाहियो

निम्न तालिकामा प्रस्तावित कर वृद्धि र न्यूनतम परिवर्तनका असरबारे सारांश रहेको छ।

पूर्व काउन्सिलको औसत कर	चालू वर्ष	२०२१/२२
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आवासीय		
Kogarah	\$१,२२९	\$१,२२९
Hurstville	\$१,०८१	\$१,११०
व्यवसाय		
Kogarah	\$३,१६७	\$३,००६
Hurstville	\$३,०४३	\$३,४७७

	चालू वर्ष	२०२१/२२	२०२२/२३	२०२३/२४	२०२४/२५	२०२५/२६
आवासीय औसत	\$१,३३९	\$१,१६९	\$१,२३३	\$१,३००	\$१,३७२	\$१,४४७
आवासीय न्यूनतम						
Kogarah	\$५८६	\$५८६	\$५९०	\$६०५	\$६२०	\$६६६
Hurstville	\$५८६	\$५८६	\$५९०	\$६०५	\$६२०	\$६६६
व्यवसाय औसत	\$३,०८७	\$३,३११	\$३,५५८	\$३,८२२	\$४,१०५	\$४,४०८
कोगरा र हर्स्टविल सौबीडी लागू न्यूनतम						
Kogarah	\$९६७	\$९६७	\$९६७	\$९६७	\$९६७	\$९६७
Hurstville	\$५८६	\$५८६	\$५८६	\$५८६	\$५८६	\$५८६
व्यवसाय न्यूनतम अन्य						
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नोट: माथि उल्लिखित तालिकामा समावेश गरिएका आंकडा दर्जा प्रणालीको तालमेल, नयाँ न्यूनतम कर र काउन्सिलको कुल कर आय वृद्धि विधिवत सही बढाउन कस्य परिवर्तन गर्ने एक विवेक आधारित (दृष्टिकोण) मा आधारित रहेका हुन्। नयाँ प्रस्तावित करको कुल वृद्धि, अगाडि बढ्ने करको काउन्सिलको सन् २०१९ को प्रस्ताव बढाउने रोक, अन्तमा एक पटकको वृद्धि मात्र १०.५% को ब्याचो वृद्धि (१०.५% को प्रथम वृद्धि र १.०% वृद्धि) गर्ने प्रस्ताव रहेको छ। नयाँ प्रस्तावित करको कुल वृद्धि, अगाडि बढ्ने करको काउन्सिलको सन् २०१९ को प्रस्ताव बढाउने रोक, अन्तमा एक पटकको वृद्धि मात्र १०.५% को ब्याचो वृद्धि (१०.५% को प्रथम वृद्धि र १.०% वृद्धि) गर्ने प्रस्ताव रहेको छ। नयाँ प्रस्तावित करको कुल वृद्धि, अगाडि बढ्ने करको काउन्सिलको सन् २०१९ को प्रस्ताव बढाउने रोक, अन्तमा एक पटकको वृद्धि मात्र १०.५% को ब्याचो वृद्धि (१०.५% को प्रथम वृद्धि र १.०% वृद्धि) गर्ने प्रस्ताव रहेको छ। नयाँ प्रस्तावित करको कुल वृद्धि, अगाडि बढ्ने करको काउन्सिलको सन् २०१९ को प्रस्ताव बढाउने रोक, अन्तमा एक पटकको वृद्धि मात्र १०.५% को ब्याचो वृद्धि (१०.५% को प्रथम वृद्धि र १.०% वृद्धि) गर्ने प्रस्ताव रहेको छ।

तपाईंले हामीलाई भन्नुभयो

करमा हुने सम्भावित बदलाव र रणनीतिक योजनाबारे समुदायसंगको हाम्रो परामर्शले निम्न कुराहरू प्रष्ट पारे:

- जोर्जस रिभरको विधेयका बढाउने कुराहरूलाई तपाईंले महत्व दिनुहुन्छ - हरियो खुला स्थानहरू हाम्रा नदीमा, सुविधाजनक स्थान र यातायात, सांस्कृतिक विविधता, बलियो सामाजिक सेवा र एक विविध र उत्पादक अर्थव्यवस्था।
- तपाईंले जोर्जस रिभर काउन्सिलका करदाताहरूका लागि एक निष्पक्ष, न्यायसंगत र लगातार एक प्रकारको रहने दर्जा प्रणालीको समर्थन गर्नुहुन्छ, जहाँ स्थानिय सरकार अन्तर्गत पनि सबै स्थानमा हिनुपर्ने न्यूनतम घर जग्गा कर एउटै रहने छ।
- व्यवसायहरूले तिर्नुपर्ने न्यूनतम करको मात्रा बढी हुनुपर्ने र कोगरा र हर्स्टविल स्थित मुखा सहरी केन्द्र बीचका कर पनि फरक रहनुपर्नेबारे तपाईंको समर्थन रहेको छ।
- उपलब्ध सेवाहरूमा व्यापक कटौति भएको तपाईंले हेर्नु हुनुहुन्छ तर कार्यकुशल संभालन योजना लागू हुने तपाईंले अपेक्षा राख्नुहुन्छ, साथै काउन्सिलको मुख्य काम माथि ध्यान दिनुको र प्रयोगकर्ताले खर्च बेहोर्नुपर्ने (सुलभकर) नीतिहरूमा पनि वृद्धि भएको तपाईंले हेर्नु हुनुहुन्छ।
- समुदायका लागि महत्वपूर्ण रहेका सेवाहरू उपलब्ध गराउन, जनसंख्या वृद्धिका कारण बढ्ने आर्थिक दबावको सामना गर्न र पुरानो हर्स्टविल काउन्सिलको आय अन्वेषणको साथ २३ लाख डलरको घाटाबारे काम गर्न काउन्सिलले कर मार्फत संकलन गर्नसक्ने कुल आयमा वृद्धि गर्न तपाईंले समर्थन गर्नु हुनेछ।
- विकास र जनसंख्या वृद्धि अनुसार कर मार्फत संकलन हुने काउन्सिलको आयमा वृद्धि हुनु नसक्ने कुरा उचित नभएको तपाईंको सौच रहेको छ।

प्रस्ताव के हो?

एउटै दर्जा प्रणालीको मापदण्ड पुरा गर्न

हाल पूर्व कोगरा र हर्स्टविल काउन्सिल क्षेत्रहरूमा फरक-फरक दर्जा प्रणाली रहेका छन्। गत वर्ष समुदाय द्वारा हामीलाई जोर्जस रिभर भरका क्षेत्रमा कर विधेयका लागी एक मात्र परिवर्तन नभई रहने र न्यायसंगत नीति अगाडि पुग्ने भन्नाइएको थियो।

काउन्सिलले एक नयाँ र एक मात्र न्यूनतम कर तोक्ने छ जसले पूर्व हर्स्टविलमा रहेको न्यूनतम करलाई बढाएर हाल कोगरामा रहेको कर बराबर बनाउने छ।

यसले घर र अपार्टमेन्टहरूलाई तिराइने करका बीच रहेका द्वरीलाई घटाउने छ।

स्प्रिन्ता

यदि सम्पत्ति, विगत र भावी जनसंख्या वृद्धि र सेवाका बढ्दो माहदहरूको व्यवस्थापनका लागि कर मार्फत संकलन हुने कुल आयलाई बढाउने अनुमति दिइने र आर्थिक स्प्रिन्ता सुनिश्चित गर्न काउन्सिलको प्रस्ताव रहेको छ। यो वृद्धि ५ वर्षको अवधिमा क्रमिक रूपमा हुनेछ।

के तपाईंलाई थाह छ विकास र जनसंख्या वृद्धिका आधारमा कर बढ्दैन भनेर?

कर वृद्धिको यस प्रस्तावका साथ आगामी ५ वर्षको अवधिमा काउन्सिलको कुल कर आयमा वृद्धि हुनेछ। धेरै सेवाहरू घट्नुपर्ने वा कटौती गर्ने हामी चाहने छैनौं। भविष्यमा हुने जनसंख्या वृद्धिका कारण विगत हुने माहदहरूका लागि कुनै बाधा हुने अवसर हुनेछैन र जसले सेवा सार माथिको दबावलाई पनि खोली राख्ने छ। यसको नतिजा कोगरा सेवा र संरचनाहरूको उच्च वा अत्यधिक प्रयोग र खरदो गुणस्तरीय मापदण्ड हुने छ।

पुरानो कोगरा काउन्सिल क्षेत्रमा रहेका घरहरूले तिर्नुपर्ने करमा २५ डलरको औसत गिरावट आउनेछ भने सन् २०२०/२१ मा व्यापक कर वृद्धि भएकोरहेको बाटो हेर्नु पर्नेछ।

काउन्सिलले अहिले सम्म अपनाउदै आएको बचत र कार्यकुशलता नीतिलाई भविष्यमा पनि कायम राख्ने र उन्नत कार्यसंचालन प्रक्रियालाई लागू गराउने छ, तर कर मार्फत आर्जन हुने आयमा वृद्धि नभएर सेवाहरूमा व्यापक कटौती अपरिहार्य रहनेछ।

वर्तमान सेवा स्तरलाई कायम राख्न अधिकांश बासिन्दाहरूको समर्थन रहेको हाम्रा अघिल्ला परामर्शहरूले देखाएका छन् र यदि तपाईंलाई उपलब्ध सेवाहरूमा कटौती हुनुपर्ने लाग्छ भने, तपाईंले आफ्नो विचार निम्न जानकारीमा व्यक्त गरेको हो हामीले हेर्ने चाहनेछौं।
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तपाईंले आफ्नो विचार यहाँ व्यक्त गर्न सक्नुहुन्छ: yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au

म दर्जा प्रणाली र कर कसरी तोकिन्छ भन्नेबारे जात्रा चाहन्छु

हाम्रो वेबसाइटमा विस्तृत जानकारी, कर क्यालकुलेटर, र बारम्बार सोधिने प्रश्नहरू रहेका छन्। तपाईं माथि पर्सनले असरबारे बुझ्न सक्नुहुने सामग्रीमा जानुहोस्: www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/New-rates-2021

यदि मैले मेरो कर तिन सकिनभने के हुनेछ?

आफ्नो कर तिन कतिमाई भोग्ने रहेका मानिसहरूको सहायताका लागि काउन्सिल समर्थक विभिन्न प्रकारका उत्पादक रहेका छन्। काउन्सिलको क्रय व्यवस्थापन र कतिमाई सम्बन्धि नीतिलाई तपाईंले इन्टरनेटमा पाउन सक्नुहुनेछ।

यस प्रस्तावबारे म थप जात्रा चाहन्छु

यी प्रस्ताव बारे बुझाउन इन्टरनेट मार्फत बुई विचारहरू निम्न मितिमा आयोजना गरिने छन्:

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6-Nov-20	New rates 2021 Brochure English	Georges River Council information brochure	Distributed at Civic Centre and Libraries	500 brochures
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Working together for a better future

New rates 2021

This is an update on our plans for a new rating system from 1 July 2021 so we can

- meet the mandatory NSW Government requirement for one rating system across the Georges River local government area
- create better equity between houses and apartments
- maintain the service standards you value for future generations.

We will continue to be prudent in our spending; we have a history of strict budget management and service changes and efficiencies since amalgamation.

Council continues to be committed to reducing the burden on our ratepayers by finding savings and efficiencies in all our activities. The planned changes described in this update were developed after comprehensive community consultation in 2019. The total amount of money that can be collected in rates by a council is set by the NSW Government and any changes need the Minister's approval. Before we seek approval we want to explain the proposal and let you know what it means for you.

Current average and minimum annual rates



Residential: Hurstville \$586, Kogarah \$967, Georges River \$1,139 (Average)

Business: Hurstville \$586, Kogarah \$967, Georges River \$3,087 (Average)

Proposed 2021/22 average and minimum annual rates



Residential: Georges River \$1,169 (Average), Strategic Centre \$1,500 (Business Other), Kogarah \$965.80 (Minimum)

Business: Georges River \$3,311 (Average), Strategic Centre \$1,100 (Minimum)

For the average residential ratepayer, the proposed changes will mean around 60 cents extra per week in the first year followed by \$1.35 per week increases each year for the following 4 years.

For the average business ratepayer, the proposed changes will mean \$4.30 extra per week in the first year followed by \$5.50 per week increases each year for the following 4 years.

You told us

Our consultation with the community about possible changes to rates, as well as strategic planning revealed:

- You value the things that make Georges River special - green open spaces, our river, convenient location and transport, a diverse culture, strong social services and a varied and productive economy.
- You support one fair, equitable and consistent rating system for Georges River Council ratepayers, in which the minimum rate paid is the same across the entire local government area.
- You support a higher business minimum rate and a differential business rate between the main town centres at Kogarah and Hurstville.
- You don't want to see radical service reduction but expect to see efficient operating models and focus on the core services of Council alongside increased user-pay approaches (fees and charges).
- You would support an increase to the total rates income which Council can collect to provide the services the community value, meet the cost pressures of a growing population and address the loss of \$2.3m from lapsing old Hurstville Council income.
- You think it is unfair that Council's rate income is not permitted to increase consistent with development and population growth.

What is the proposal?

Meeting the mandatory requirement for one rating system

Currently the former Kogarah and Hurstville Council areas have different rating systems. Last year the community told us it wants a single, consistent and more equitable approach to rates across the Georges River.

Council will create a new single minimum rate which will in effect increase the minimum rate in the former Hurstville to the same level as the current Kogarah rate.

This would reduce the gap between rates charged for houses and apartments.

Sustainability

At the same time, Council is proposing to ensure service and financial sustainability by seeking permission to increase its total rates income to manage past and future population growth and increasing service demand. This is proposed as a gradual increase over 5 years.

What happens if the proposal isn't approved?

Council's service portfolio is complex and diverse. It provides 200 services which our community members value, and are essential to a thriving and growing community.

If the Council's total rate income does not increase over the next 5 years as proposed by this rate increase, we will be forced to reduce or cease many services. We will be unable to respond to the needs of future population growth which will continue to strain service quality. This will result in higher use/overuse of current assets and poorer condition standards.

Houses in the old Kogarah Council area will pay almost three times what an apartment currently pays (an average increase of \$300) and apartments will drop - broadening the inequity instead of addressing it.

Houses in the old Hurstville Council area will have an average decrease of \$25 and those who had a large rate increase in 2020/21 will not receive a reduction.

Council has and will continue to find savings, efficiencies and implement improved operating models but without the rate income increase, deep cuts to services will be inevitable.

Our previous consultations have told us that the majority of residents support maintaining current service standards but if you think there should be service reductions, we want you to have your say at yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au.

Did you know that the rates do not increase as development and population increases?

I want more information

The tables below summarise the impact of the proposed rate increase and minimum changes.

Former council's average rate	Current Year	2021/22	
Total council rate income increase %	2.6%	5.8%	
Residential	Kogarah	\$1,221	\$1,251
	Hurstville	\$1,081	\$1,110
Business	Kogarah	\$3,167	\$3,006
	Hurstville	\$3,043	\$3,477

	Current Year	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Residential average	\$1,139	\$1,169	\$1,233	\$1,300	\$1,372	\$1,447
Residential minimum						
Kogarah	\$967	\$966	\$990	\$1015	\$1,040	\$1,066
Hurstville	\$586					
Business average	\$3,087	\$3,311	\$3,558	\$3,822	\$4,105	\$4,408
Minimum for Kogarah and Hurstville CBD						
Kogarah	\$967	\$1,500	\$1,538	\$1,576	\$1,615	\$1,656
Hurstville	\$586					
Business minimum other						
Kogarah	\$967	\$1,100	\$1,128	\$1,156	\$1,185	\$1,214
Hurstville	\$586					
Total council rate income increase %	2.6%	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%
Total council rate income increase \$		\$4.1 million	\$4.3 million	\$4.6 million	\$4.9 million	\$5.1 million

Note: The figures contained in the tables above are based on harmonisation of the rating system, new minimum rates and the application of a special rate variation (SV) to increase Council's total rate income above the rate peg. The new proposal's total increase is equivalent to Council's 2019 proposal of a permanent one-off 10.6% increase (rate peg of 2.5% and 8.1% SV) that did not proceed. The new proposal is a permanent multi-year SV spread over 5 years. The total Council rate income increase is 29% (inclusive of 16.5% SV and assumed rate pegs of 2.5% per year or total of 12.5%). The proposed SV will result in additional rate income of approximately \$23 million over 5 years. If the proposed new rating system is not approved the average residential rate would be \$1,138, the average business rate would be \$3,074 and the minimum rate would be \$588. For future year impacts please refer to our website www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/New-rates-2021.

Disclaimer: Houses and apartments may be on the minimum, though the majority of minimum rate properties are apartments. The averages quoted within this document have been developed from financial modelling based on current property data and land values as of 1 July 2020. A new set of land values will be supplied by the NSW Valuer General and applied from 1 July 2023. The final 2021/22 rate levels may vary due to Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) decisions and marginal movements due to model sensitivity.

I want to have input

You can have your say at yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au

I want to know about the rating system and how rates are calculated

Our website contains more detailed information, a rates calculator, and FAQs. See how you may be affected by visiting www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/New-rates-2021

What if I can't pay my rates?

Council has a range of measures to assist individuals who have difficulty paying their rates. You will find details of Council's Debt Management and Hardship policy online.

I want to find out more about this proposal

There will be two webinars explaining the proposals on:

Wednesday 4 November 2020, 6.00pm-7.30pm
Saturday 7 November 2020, 10.00am-11.30am

Register here. www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/New-rates-2021

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7-Nov-20	New rates 2021	Georges River Council Facebook post	Georges River Council Facebook	1,573 people reached 100 engagements 6 likes and reactions 9 comments 1 shares

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UPDATE - new webinar added

You've told us that you value green open spaces, our river, convenient location and accessible transport. You also value our diverse culture, strong social services and a varied and productive economy.

This is why it's important that we maintain current service standards for our growing community. We want Georges River to remain a great place to live, work and play and this isn't possible without changing our existing rates system.

The proposed new rates system will mean that we can continue to deliver our wonderful community events, keep improving our infrastructure, and provide ongoing services and programs.

If you're interested in learning more about our proposed rates system you can attend a webinar:

- Thursday 12 November, 6.00pm-7.30pm
- Saturday 21 November, 10.00am-11:30am or

To register go to <https://yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/>

If you think there should be service reductions, we want you to have your say at yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au

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16 Likes, Comments & Shares 

6 Likes	6 On Post	0 On Shares
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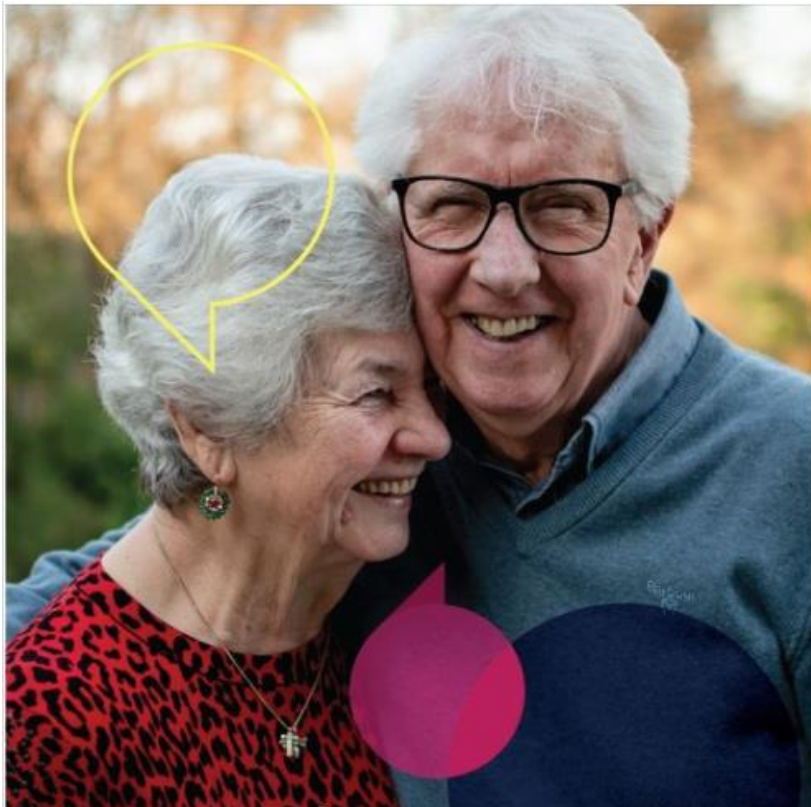
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8-Nov-20	Video: New rates 2021 – hear from GM Gail Connolly	Video post to Georges River Council Facebook	Georges River Council Facebook	2,300 people reached 101 engagements 56 comments 39 reactions



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 **Title** **New Rates 2021 - hear from General Manager Gail Connolly**

 General Manager Gail Connolly talks about the reasoning behind our proposed new rates system and how it will help our community to thrive both now and into the future.



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Date	Article title	Format	Outlet	Reach
9-Nov-20	New rates 2021	Georges River Council Facebook post	Georges River Council Facebook	423 people reached 24 engagements 0 likes and reactions 2 comments 0 share

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423 People Reached

2 Likes, Comments & Shares

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Date	Article title	Format	Outlet	Reach
10-Nov-20	New Rates 2021 Consultation	Your Say Newsletter	Your Say newsletter	2,462



New Rates 2021 Consultation

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10-Nov-20	GRC New Rates 2021 webinar recording	Webinar recording	Georges River Council YouTube	30 Views

New rates 2021 Webinars

Webinars explaining the proposals are being presented on the following dates:

6.00pm - 7.30pm
Wednesday 4 November 2020

10.00am - 11.30am
Saturday 7 November 2020

6.00pm - 7.30pm
Thursday 12 November 2020

10.00am - 11.30am
Saturday 21 November 2020

The content is the same for each webinar.



Date	Article title	Format	Outlet	Reach
11-Nov-20	It's time to have your say on rates	Georges River Council Leader ad	St George & Sutherland Shire Leader	181,000



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It's time to have your say on rates

We are asking the community for input on the proposal for a new rate system for the Georges River area. For more information about the proposed changes and what they mean for you, visit www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/New-rates-2021



RSVP for a rates webinar and have your say:

Go to yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au to have your say. You can also RSVP your attendance for one of our upcoming rates webinars on Thursday 12 November and Saturday 21 November, where you can ask questions and find out more about what the proposed changes mean for you. Submissions on the proposed changes close **24 November 2020**.

NOTICES OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Council has received Development Applications for the following:

Premises: Carss Park, 78 Carwar Avenue, Carss Park

Development Application No: DA2020/0405

Proposed development: Demolition of existing pool and ancillary structures, remediation of contaminated land, earthworks and associated landscaping works (including memorial wall). The application is integrated development under Section 60 of the *Heritage Act 1977* and will be assessed by Heritage NSW. The application will be determined by the Sydney South Planning Panel.

Applicant: Georges River Council

Premises: 1 Tarrilli Street, Beverly Hills

Development Application No: DA2020/0415

Proposed Development: Increase in the school population to 630 students (86 additional students) and 60 staff (10 additional staff); Change of use of 6 Tarrilli St from residential to an educational establishment use, and construction of a new staff car park and play area on 6 and 8 Tarrilli St with associated engineering, earthworks and landscaping.

Applicant: Robinson Urban Planning

The applications and accompanying plans are available for viewing until **Wednesday 2 December and Wednesday 9 December 2020 respectively**. The plans and supporting documentation can only be accessed online, but can be viewed using the self-service computer kiosk at Customer Service, Georges River Civic Centre, MacMahon Street Hurstville.

Submissions to Council can be made via eForm on our website at www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au and must be received by Council no later than **5.00pm**, on the closing dates specified.

A submission by way of objection must set out the grounds for objection. We do not keep submissions confidential. Requests to access submissions will be considered in accordance with the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* and the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW RATES 2021 TELEPHONE SURVEY

Georges River Council is undertaking a telephone survey to consult with residents about a proposal for a new rating system in 2021. IRIS Research will be conducting random telephone surveys of the Georges River Community between Saturday 14 November and Tuesday 24 November 2020. For more information, please contact Council on 9330 6400 or newrates@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2019 TO 30 JUNE 2020

The Audited General Purpose Financial Statements and the Auditor's Reports for the period ended 30 June 2020 will be presented in accordance with Section 418 of the *Local Government Act 1993* at a Council Meeting to be held on 23 November 2020.

Summary of 2019/2020 Financial Statements	\$'000
Income Statement	
Total Income from Continuing Operations	162,686
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	(147,968)
Operating Result from continuing operations	14,718
Net Operating Result for the period	14,718
Net Operating Result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	(9,484)
Statement of Financial Position	
Total Current Assets	117,713
Total Current Liabilities	(41,712)
Total Non-Current Assets	1,464,137
Total Non-Current Liabilities	(5,971)
Total Equity	1,534,167
Other Financial Information	
Unrestricted Current Ratio (x)	2.44x
Operating Performance Ratio (%)	(8.19)%
Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio (%)	77.17%
Building and Infrastructure Renewals Ratio (%)	83.30%
Debt Service Cover Ratio (x)	20.36x
Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding Ratio (%)	4.26%

Where to view these documents:

The audited Financial Statements and the Auditor's Report are available to view on Council's Your Say website at yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/Audited-2019-20-Financial-Statements and can also be viewed at Council's service centres and libraries.

In accordance with Section 420 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, any person wishing to make a submission with respect to Council's audited Financial Statements and/or the Auditor's Reports must do so in writing and lodge it with Council by 7 December 2020. Copies of all submissions will be referred to Council's Auditor.

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HURSTVILLE LIBRARY AND SERVICE CENTRE | Corner of Queens Road and Dora Street, Hurstville
CLIVE JAMES LIBRARY AND SERVICE CENTRE | Kogarah Town Square, Belgrave Street, Kogarah
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11-Nov-20	New Rates 2021	Bulk email to last years Rates Consultants registrants	Georges River Council	2,096
11-Nov-20	New rates 2021	Georges River Council Facebook post	Georges River Council Facebook	1,650 people reached 114 engagements 2 likes and reactions 9 comments 0 share



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Our proposed new rates system will mean that we can continue to deliver our wonderful community events, keep improving our infrastructure, provide ongoing community services and programs as well as make sure that your rubbish is collected, your streets are cleaned and parks are maintained.

If you're interested in learning more about our proposed rates system you can attend a webinar where the rates system will be explained, the proposed changes will be explained and you can ask questions about how you might be affected:

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11-Nov-20	Webinars to explain Georges River Councils new rates system	Article in the St George and Sutherland Shire The Leader	The Leader	131,818

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Webinars to explain Georges River Council's new rates system

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Georges River Council will hold two webinars this month explaining its proposed changes to rates.

The webinars are part of the council's public consultation program as it prepares to implement a new rates system from July 1, 2021.

The NSW Government requires the council to harmonise the differing minimum residential and business rates of the former Kogarah and Hurstville local government areas.

The council has been unable to increase rates for the past four years and the Special Rates Variation of the former Hurstville Council will end on June 30, 2021 causing the council to suffer a decrease of \$2.3 million in its total rate income.

Last February, the council deferred its proposal to apply for a 10.6 per cent rate rise, comprising a Special Rate Variation (SRV) of 8.1 per cent on top of the 2.5 per cent rate peg, until the next financial year while it investigated cost savings and efficiencies.

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12-Nov-20	Georges River Council's General Manager explains New Rates 2021	Short video explaining new rates	Georges River Council YouTube	26 Views

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 Georges River Council's General Manager explains the New Rates 2021 proposal

Date	Article title	Format	Outlet	Reach
17-Nov-20	Georges River Council New Rates 2021 (30 sec)	video	Georges River Council YouTube	277 views

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Georges River Council New rates 2021 promotional video

Date	Article title	Format	Outlet	Reach
17-Nov-20	New rates 2021	Georges River Council Facebook post	Georges River Council Facebook	1,582 people reached

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We're proposing a new rates system so that we can continue to deliver wonderful community events, improve our infrastructure, provide ongoing community services and programs as well as make sure that your rubbish is collected, streets are cleaned and parks are maintained.

Learn more about our proposed rates system by attending a webinar explaining how rates work and the proposed changes, and you can ask questions about how you might be affected.

Saturday 21 November, 10.00am - 11.30am
 Register via <https://yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/>



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18- Nov- 20	It's time to have your say on rates	Georges River Council Leader ad	St George & Sutherland Shire Leader	181,000



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RSVP for a rates webinar and have your say:

Go to yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au to have your say. You can also RSVP your attendance for our upcoming rates webinar on Saturday 21 November, where you can ask questions and find out more about what the proposed changes mean for you. Submissions on the proposed changes close **30 November 2020**.

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Applicant: Georges River Council

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AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2021

Nominations now open

Nominations close **Friday 4 December 2020**. Visit the events page at www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au



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How to provide feedback:

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You can make your submission through Council's Your Say Portal or in writing to the General Manager, Georges River Council, PO Box 205, Hurstville BC NSW 1481. Submissions should quote: **SF20/3839**

Submissions close: Friday 27 November 2020

For enquiries please contact Council's Strategic Planning Section on 9330 6211 or mail@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au.



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Music lovers rejoice as Hurstville Entertainment Centre plays host to a stellar lineup of artists this November, as part of *Great Southern Nights*, a music event bringing 1,000 COVID-safe performances to live music venues in Greater Sydney and regional NSW.

Upcoming shows:

- Steve Clisby with special guest Lauren Dawes, Friday 20 November
- Budjerah, Saturday 28 November

For tickets and further information head to www.hec.org.au

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18-Nov-20	New Rates 2021 ad	Georges River Council new rates 2021 ad	Greek Herald	12, 200

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New rates 2021

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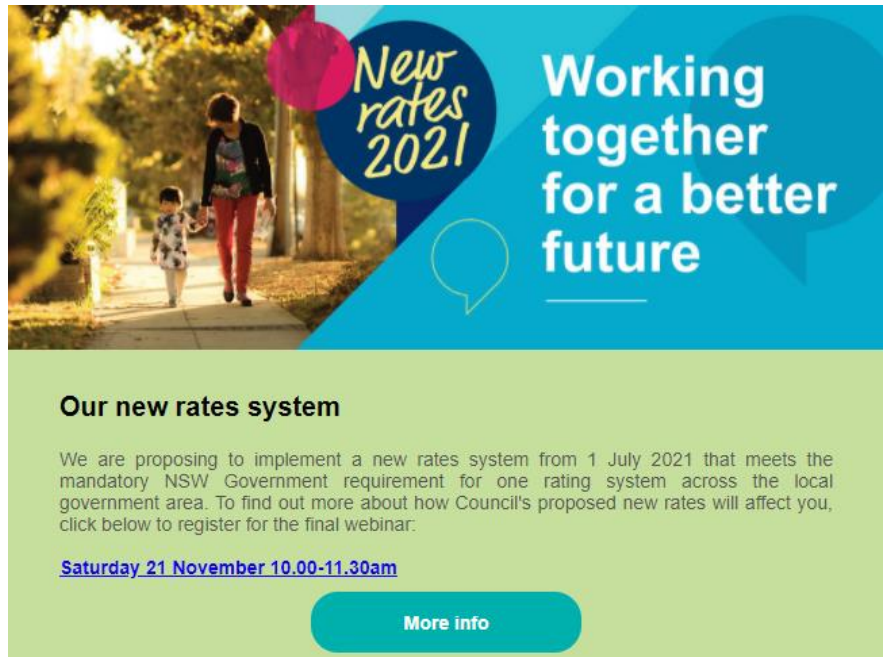


Date	Article title	Format	Outlet	Reach
20-Nov-20	Our new rates system	Georges River Council e-newsletter	Community e-newsletter	15,743

Changes to your rates consultation October/November 2020 – Community e-newsletter coverage

Information regarding Council’s proposed rate changes was featured in four issues of the Community e-newsletter.


Friday 20 November 2020



Community e-newsletter Friday 20 November 2020

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MESSAGE



Subject: Christmas ice skating rink coming to the Georges River area!
List: Community Subscriber
Total Recipients: 15,743

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15,743

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Date	Article title	Format	Outlet	Reach
21-Nov-20	New Rates 2021 ad	Georges River Council new rates 2021 ad	Australian Chinese Daily	23,000

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New rates 2021

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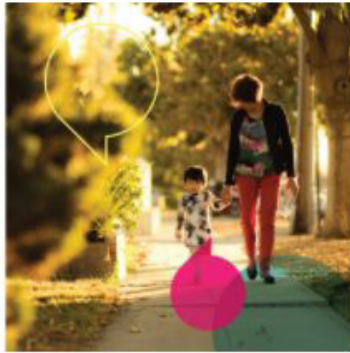
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Date	Article title	Format	Outlet	Reach
23-Nov-20	New Rates 2021 Consultation	Your Say newsletter	Your Say newsletter	2,505

Consultations closing soon



[New Rates 2021 Consultation](#)

We are asking the community for input on the proposal for a new rate system for the Georges River area. Our previous consultations have told us that the majority of residents support maintaining current service standards but if you think there should be service reductions, we want you to have your say by filling in the survey

Visit georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/New-rates-2021 for more information about the proposed changes and what they mean for you.

Consultation open until **30 November 2020**.

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25- Nov -20	It's time to have your say on rates	Georges River Council Leader ad	St George & Sutherland Shire Leader	181,000



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Submissions close: Friday 27 November 2020

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON BIODIVERSITY

Council has partnered with Total Earth Care to undertake a Biodiversity Study of the entire Georges River LGA to identify areas of high biodiversity value and importance and to ensure its protection.

A questionnaire is available to share your knowledge and experience of biodiversity in your neighbourhood. We would love to hear about areas that you think are important to support our native plants and animals, any plant or animal sightings of importance and any other comments or suggestions you may have. Your input will contribute to the results of the Biodiversity Study and help guide our field survey.

Go to yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au to complete the questionnaire. Hardcopies are also available at Council's Civic Centre and the Hurstville, Clive James and Penshurst Libraries. Submissions close Friday 11 December 2020.

For further information, please contact Total Earth Care consulting@totalearthcare.com.au or 9913 1432.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE TO BUILDING APPLICATION LODGEMENTS VIA NSW PLANNING PORTAL

From Friday 1 January 2021 certain building applications to Council will be required to be lodged via the NSW Planning Portal. Application types include Construction Certificates, Complying Development Certificates, Building Information Certificates, Subdivision Certificates, Basix Certificates and Occupation Certificates. For more information on lodgement of documentation please visit www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/certificates

Payments for Planning Portal applications can be made via Council's website at www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/Council/Rates-and-Payments/Pay-DA-MOD-lodgements

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Applicant: Georges River Council
Submissions close: Wednesday 2 December 2020

Premises: 9 Edna Avenue PENSURST NSW 2222
Development Application No: DA2020/0439
Proposed Development: Construction of an outbuilding
Applicant: Mr P Wilsher
Submissions close: Wednesday 16 December 2020

The applications and accompanying plans are available for viewing until **Wednesday 2 December 2020 and Wednesday 16 December 2020 respectively**. The plans and supporting documentation can only be accessed online, but can be viewed using the self-service computer kiosk at Customer Service, Georges River Civic Centre, MacMahon Street Hurstville.

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Visit the Covid safe events page at of Council's website at www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au to nominate someone doing great things in our community

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27-Nov-20	New rates 2021 webinar	Georges River Council advertisement	El Telegraph (Arabic Newspaper)	30,000

تخفيض قيود التباعد الاجتماعي في نيو ساوث ويلز



غلايس بيريجيكليان

خففت ولاية نيو ساوث ويلز القيود على التباعد الاجتماعي وأصبح مسموحاً للطعام والمقاهي استقبال الزبائن والمعد بينهم مئتين بعد أن كانت ٤ أمتار. وضمن القيود المخففة حضور ٣٠ شخصاً في زيارة المنازل بدلاً من ٢٠. والتجمع في الأماكن العامة ٥٠ شخصاً.

وتأتي التغييرات في أعقاب إعلان حكومة كوينزلاند السماح لدخول سكان سيدني اعتباراً من الأول من ديسمبر/ كانون الأول، وتشمل التغييرات أيضاً إلغاء قرار العمل من المنازل إذ اعتباراً من ١٤ ديسمبر/ كانون الأول يمكن للعمال والموظفين العودة إلى مكان العمل كوضع طبيعي.

وقالت رئيسة الولاية غلايس بيريجيكليان إن سكان الولاية قاموا بعمل رائع في ظروف صعبة فترة الركود الاقتصادي جراء كورونا، والتخفيف الجديد للقيود سوف يمنح العائلات التخطيط للاحتفال بعيد الميلاد.



كريس بوين

المعارضة العمالية تطالب الحكومة بالتعامل مع الصين دبلوماسياً

قالت المعارضة العمالية أنها تدعم الحكومة في دعوتها للتحقيق في أصل نشوء كورونا في الصين ولكن في ذات الوقت كان يمكن التعامل مع الأمر بطريقة أكثر دبلوماسية مع الصين. وتريد استراليا إجراء تحقيق في أصل كورونا إلا أن هذه الخطوة أغضبت الصين وادت إلى توتر العلاقة بين البلدين. وقال النائب العمالي كريس بوين إن مصالح استراليا يجب أن تظل الأولوية مع الحفاظ على الاحترام المتبادل مع الصين. لكن بوين أكد أنه في ذات الوقت ستظل خلافات بين الصين واستراليا مثل حفاظ استراليا على قيمها ومصالحها.

اللحاح بكورونا قبل السفر على متن الطائرات



بينما قال وزير الصحة غريغ هانت إن الحكومة لم تتخذ أي قرار بشأن السفر الدولي واللحاح بكورونا إلا أن المدير التنفيذي لمؤسسة كوانتاس السن جويس قال إن جميع المسافرين إلى الخارج والعائدين على متن طائرات كوانتاس عليهم إثبات أنهم تحصنوا بلقاح كورونا قبل السفر. وأضاف جويس أنه ربما من الممكن تطبيق هذا القرار على الرحلات الداخلية في استراليا ويقول ذلك على وشح لقاح كورونا. وأضاف جويس إذا رفضت الدول مثل اليابان وسنغافورة تطبيق هذا النظام على طائراتها فإن كوانتاس مستعدة أن ترسل طائراتها. ومع بدء الرحلات الجوية بين فيكتوريا ونيو ساوث ويلز وفتح الحدود بين الولايات والمقاطعات مع حلول عيد الميلاد من المتوقع إزدهار قطاع السفر الجوي الداخلي. فهناك ضرورة في إعادة جمع شمل أفراد العائلات الذين ابتعدوا عن بعضهم في مختلف الولايات والمقاطعات بسبب كورونا.



بقلم هاني الترك

By Hani Elturk OAM

استراليات

سجل استراليا في جرائم الحرب



بن روبرتس

بن روبرتس سمحت الجندی الاسترالي المميز الحاصل على أعلى وسام للخدمة فيكتوريا كروس... قد نجح من الوسام ويستحقه منه. وذلك إثر صدور تقرير عن جرائم الحرب التي ارتكبتها القوات الاسترالية الخاصة في أفغانستان. وروبرتس سمحت هو أحد ١٩ جندياً استرالياً تم إحالة ملفاتهم إلى جهاز الشرطة للتحقيق معهم. إستناداً إلى قتلهم للمدنيين والأسرى في أفغانستان. فقد أوصى المحقق في جرائم الحرب القاضي بول ميريرون بتجريد المتورطين في جرائم الحرب من وسام الشجاعة وإحالتهم إلى القضاء. وقد نجح من ذلك سجنهم إستناداً إلى أن جرائمهم لا تتفق مع المعايير القيم الاسترالية. والواقع أن استراليا هي إحدى الدول الواقعة على المعاهدة الدولية بمنح قتل الأسرى والمدنيين في الحرب. وقد التزمت استراليا بتطبيق نصوص المعاهدة التي أن ما بدر من نتائج التحقيق في الحرب في أفغانستان. فالتاريخ يقول لنا إن في حرب البوير التي خاضتها القوات الاسترالية مع القوات البريطانية في جنوب إفريقيا أنه تم إدانة ٣ جنود استراليين في جرائم حرب. وهم هانكوك ومورانت ويديكون. فقد اتهموا بقتل أسرى الحرب واعترفوا بذلك الزمن. ولكن بناء على أوامر قائد القوات البريطانية في وقت إعدامهم وقال مورانت جملته المشهورة وقت إعدامه: «انطلقوا النار أيها اللغاة».

وفي عام ١٩٤١ في الحرب العالمية الثانية صدرت الأوامر إلى البحرية الاسترالية والبرية بإحتلال نيوجيني الكافية. ووجهت الإتهامات للقوات الاسترالية بقتل الأسرى. وجرت محاكمة ولكن ثبت إدانة جندي واحد بالجريمة. وهناك تقارير في الحرب العالمية الثانية أيضاً إن قوات الحلفاء ومن بينها القوات الاسترالية قتلت الأسرى اليابانيين. ولكن لم تثبت بعد التحقيقات تلك الإتهامات. وفي حرب فيتنام قال المؤرخون أنه عام ١٩٦٨ قد ارتكبت القوات الاسترالية جرائم الحرب بقتلها للأسرى الفيتناميين. ولكن بعد التحقيقات لم تثبت صحة التهم. وهكذا فإن سجل استراليا تخلف بعدم قتل الأسرى والمدنيين عبر تاريخها في الحروب التي خاضتها خارج حدودها. بحثاً ملاحظة هامة وهي أن الجنود الاستراليين الذين قتلوا الأسرى والمدنيين في أفغانستان هم من القوات الاسترالية الخاصة. وهم مدربون تدريباً شاقاً جداً. وليسوا من الجيش الاسترالي العام. وقد أحيلت ملفاتهم إلى جهاز الشرطة والنيابة العامة للتحقيق في مدى صحتها. وإذا ثبتت التحقيقات فأنهم سوف يخضعون للمحاكمة وقد تُفرض عليهم عقوبة السجن. إضافة إلى سحب الأوسمة منهم. مثل بن روبرتس سمحت الحاصل على أعلى وسام الشجاعة في الدولة. فهم ارتكبوا جرائم حرب ولا يجب أن تسمى إلى سمعة استراليا سمعة من السموات الأتوار الذين خرقوا قواعد معاهدة عدم قتل الأسرى والمدنيين في الحرب. فإن سجل استراليا خالي من وصحات النار إلا في هذه الحالة في أفغانستان.

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أردت ردة معرفة كم ستدعم القوات المسلحة أيها مهدي عندما قرأ أن يزوج، والآن بعد أن أصبحت له أسرة صغيرة التفتت بنده مدى مودة الجيش وساعده إنهما.

والم يكن ذلك الأمر الوحيد الذي اكتشفته لأنه في الحقيقة القوات المسلحة تساعد كافة المتسربين إليها من مختلف الديانات والثقافات والمخيمات الأبية

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NEW RATES 2021 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Why are these rate changes required? +
- Why is the Hurstville variation finishing – what was the reason? +
- What is the current Hurstville rate variation? +
- How much additional income will Council get from the Special Rate Variation? +

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I WANT TO KNOW MORE

Our engagement on the New Rates 2021 proposal has now closed.

We are reviewing and analysing all community feedback from those who have made a submission, completed a survey or attended a webinar, and these will be incorporated into a final report to Council.

Make a submission to IPART

There will be a further opportunity to provide your feedback directly to the [Independent Pricing and Regulatory Authority \(IPART\)](#) once Council has decided to lodge applications.

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Oct-Nov- 20	New Rates 2021 Why does Council need to increase its rates	Georges River Council New Rates 2021 webpage	Georges River Council website	Web page visits - 155



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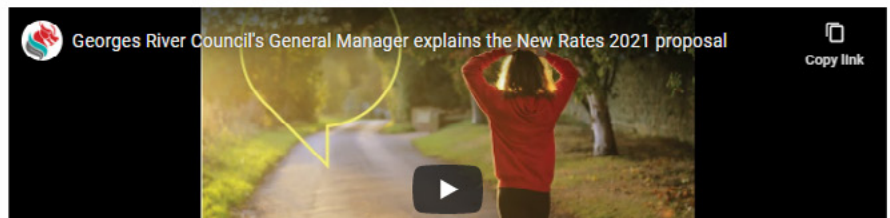
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WHY DOES COUNCIL NEED TO INCREASE ITS RATES?



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WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

We have prepared a calculator that will show you how your current rates will be impacted by the new proposal for 2021. You can find out the land value of your property by checking your rates notice as shown below.



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NEW RATES 2021

This is an update on our plans for a new rating system from 1 July 2021 so we can:

- meet the mandatory NSW Government requirement for one rating system across the Georges River local government area
- create better equity between houses and apartments
- maintain the service standards you value for future generations.

As highlighted in the [Amalgamation Journey Report](#), Council continues to be committed to reducing the burden on our ratepayers by finding savings and efficiencies in all our activities. The planned changes described in this update were developed after comprehensive community consultation in 2019. The total amount of money that can be collected in rates by a council is set by the NSW Government and any changes need the MINISTER's approval. Before we seek approval we want to explain the proposal and let you know what it means for you.

Date	Article title	Format	Outlet	Reach
Oct-Nov-20	Council Services Survey – Hard copy	New Rates 2021 Council Services survey – hard copy	Civic Centre and Libraries	100 hard copies



New Rates 2021 Consultation

Have your say on Council Services

Our previous consultations have told us that the majority of residents support maintaining current service standards but if you think there should be service reductions, we want you to have your say by filling in this survey.

Name [optional]

If you would like to be added to Council's email list, please provide your email.

Email



Suburb [required]


Please select your Ward (if known)

Blakehurst Ward
Hurstville Ward
Kogarah Bay Ward
Mortdale Ward
Peakhurst Ward

Are you:

Owning/buying your home
Renting your home








For each service, please tell us if you think Council should keep the service, reduce the service, or stop the service completely.

Services:	Keep	Reduce	Stop
Planning			
Environment and Sustainability			
Aquatic sport and recreation			
Parking			
Community Centres and halls			
Animal management			
Development and buildings			
Libraries, art, cultural services and economic development			
Health and regulation			
Parks			
Children's services			
Customer service and communications			
Environmental protection			
Street lighting and other amenities			
Youth, aged persons, disabled and community support			
Footpaths			
Street cleaning			

Thank you for completing the survey.

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Oct-Nov-20	Smart signs	Georges River Council Smart Signage	Georges River Council Smart Signage Kogarah and Hurstville	50,000

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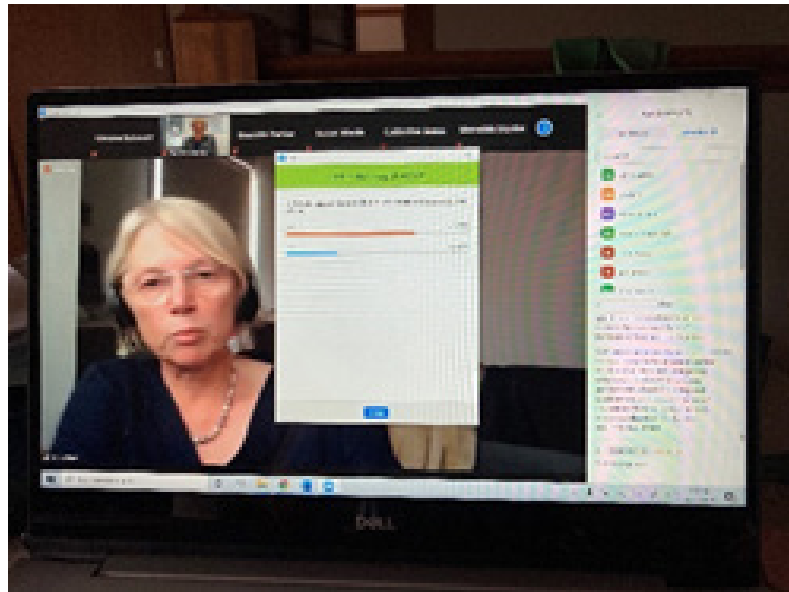
Working together for a better future

There will be webinars explaining the new rates proposals on:
 Thursday 12 November 2020 | 6.00pm-7.30pm
 Saturday 21 November 2020 | 10.00am-11.30am

Register via:
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Nov-20	New Rates 2021 webinars (x4)	Georges River Council Eventbrite page	Georges River Council Eventbrite	342 Eventbrite page views



Date	Article title	Format	Outlet	Reach
Nov-20	New Rates 2021 A1 Corflute signs	New Rates 2021 corflute signs	Georges River Council corflute signs	35 distributed throughout the LGA



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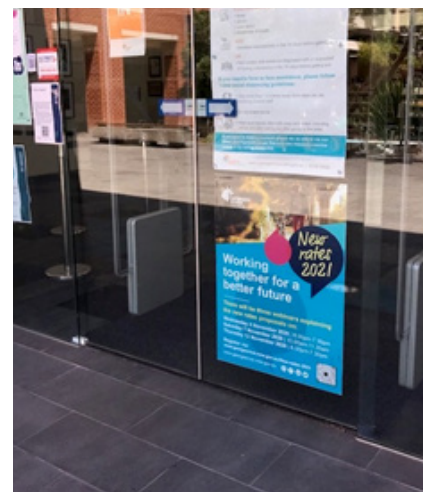
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1-Dec-20	'New Rates 2021 webinars well received'	Article	Georges River Council Community magazine	50,000

YOUR COUNCIL

New Rates 2021 webinars well received

During November, Council hosted a series of webinars to support its community consultation on New Rates 2021 by providing information to the community about the proposed changes to rates.

The webinars provided the opportunity for residents to ask questions and provide feedback live.

The consultation provided the community an update and built on community engagement undertaken last year where a number of 'myths' around rates were uncovered. For example, contrary to popular belief, rates don't increase as development and population increases, because the total amount of rates we can collect is restricted by the NSW Government.

The New Rates 2021 must be introduced to meet the mandatory NSW Government requirement for one rating system across the Georges River local government area. Additionally, the new rating system will create better equity between houses and apartments and maintain the service standards you value for future generations.

Dozens of residents took up the opportunity, and given the positive response, we will be looking at providing future webinars in which the community can participate.

Feedback included:

"Thank you for running these webinars :)"

"Thank you for a very informational session."

A recording of a New Rates 2021 webinar is available on our website, along with a video explaining how rates work. A rates calculator which can provide an approximation of the new rates for your property is also available on our website.



Highly Commended in LGNSW Excellence in Environment Awards

We were recently awarded Highly Commended in the Local Government NSW's Excellence in Environment Awards, in the Towards Net Zero Emissions category, in recognition of our actions and commitment to achieving 100% renewable energy in our operations by 2025, as well as the implementation of mitigation initiatives to progress towards net zero carbon emissions.

We will report on progress towards achieving net zero emissions by 2025 annually and provide information to Council to inform carbon offset initiatives that could benefit from Council's support, such as reforestation projects or renewable energy schemes either locally, nationally or internationally.

Our continued efforts to install solar PV on Council-owned facilities further supports our commitment to renewable and emission free power sources. Our progress towards achieving net zero emissions will be significantly enhanced through the uptake of 100% renewable electricity in all of our operations.

Ongoing improvements to our renewable energy initiatives continue, including the recent installation of new solar panels at Oatley Childcare Centre and Oatley Park with a combined capacity of 34.3 kW, which will save Council around \$10,000 per year.





TOTAL Engagements:

1,575,239