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News

Sydney metropolitan councils stand up to State Government cash grab

The NSW Government is attempting to take up to half of local government "developer contributions" - the money councils levy developers to help pay for local infrastructure such as playgrounds, sports fields, libraries and parks. Find out how proposed changes could affect Hunters Hill.

[Read more](#)

Community views sought on future rate increases

Community views are sought on potential rate increases for 2022-23 and beyond as Hunter's Hill Council faces the challenge of balancing the growing gap between the cost of services and available funding.

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Boronia bike track

A bike track is coming soon to Boronia Park.

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September 9, 2021

MEDIA RELEASE

Community views are sought on potential rate increases for 2022-23 and beyond as Hunter's Hill Council faces the challenge of balancing the growing gap between the cost of services and available funding.

The Council is considering four options, each with a varying impact on the services it can deliver.

It has engaged independent research group Micromex to conduct an [online survey](#), open until 30 September, for community members to provide feedback.

Micromex will also conduct a random telephone survey between 23 and 30 September.

Information about the options under consideration is available on the Council's website: www.huntershill.nsw.gov.au/specialrate.

Brochures are also being distributed to households.

The Council requires approval from the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) to apply a preferred option.

The Council's Acting General Manager Nick Tobin said the organisation was facing the challenge of balancing community expectations with future financial sustainability.

"We're seeing a growing gap between the cost of providing services and facilities and the available funding from rates to meet those costs," he said.

"The Council has undertaken considerable work in the past three years to implement a range of productivity savings and reduce costs across our operations.

"But there are no easy solutions to addressing the gap between costs and the availability of funds to meet these costs."



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Hunter's Hill Council website – online survey

https://app.keysurvey.com/I/41585497/43b8/

Hunter's Hill Council Community Survey



Q1a. Do you or an immediate family member work for Hunters Hill Council?

Yes
 No

Q1b. Which suburb do you live in?

Gladesville
 Henley
 Huntleys Cove
 Huntleys Point
 Hunters Hill
 Woolwich

Q1c. Which of these age groups do you fit into?

18 - 34
 35 - 49
 50 - 64
 65+

Q1d. Please select your gender:

Male
 Female

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SPECIAL VARIATION TO RATES

Options for 2022-23 and beyond

Our Council is considering rating options for 2022-23 and beyond and is consulting ratepayers about the options under consideration.

Learn more about what is proposed and share your views.

Participation options

- **Online survey:** fill in the [survey/feedback form](#) by independent research group Micromex between 6 – 30 September 2021.
- **Telephone survey:** you may be contacted by independent research group Micromex to participate in a random survey between 23 – 30 September 2021. Your information will be protected under the Privacy Act.
- **Phone:** 9879 9400 and you will be directed to a Council Officer to answer your query
- **Email:** specialrate@huntershill.nsw.gov.au
- **Write:** PO Box 21. HUNTERS HILL. NSW 2110.

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- What is proposed?
- Why is Council considering different rating options?
- What is a Special Variation (SV) to Rates?
- What SVs are currently in place?
- What are the potential scenarios?
- What are your rates spent on?
- What will be the average increase for each rating option?
- Given everything that's happening with COVID, why is Council considering rate changes?
- How do Hunter's Hill Council rates compare to other councils?
- What productivity improvements has Council put in place?
- How will I know how much my rates will increase by?
- Wouldn't we be better off if we merged with Ryde and Lane Cove councils?
- What will happen if Council does not continue SVs?
- What if I cannot afford for rates to increase?
- Where can I get further information?

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The Weekly Times Newspaper

Article on rating options consultation – 15 September

Hunter's Hill Council considers rate rises

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Councillor Weekly Bulletin

Councillor Weekly Bulletin 10 September 2021

2. FINANCE AND CORPORATE STRATEGY

2.1 Special Variation (SV) to Rates

We are commencing community engagement about 4 SV rating options that ratepayers can consider.

The 4 options we are seeking community feedback on are:

- Base Case – RATE DECREASE – no special variation. Existing SVs expire with only an annual statutory rate peg increase. Roads and our other assets will decline.
- Option 1 – NO CHANGE TO RATES - existing SVs continue permanently in the rate base with an annual statutory rate peg increase of 2.5%. The total advertised percentage including existing SVs and the rate peg will be 14.57% above the rate base. Existing asset backlog levels continues to increase in future years.
- Option 2 – AN INCREASE TO RATES - existing SVs continue permanently in the rate base with an additional 9.53% and the annual 2.5% statutory rate peg increase to improve roads, footpaths, environmental management, playgrounds, kerbs and gutters, seawalls and parks and reserves. The total advertised percentage increase, including existing SVs and the rate peg will be 24.1% above the rate base.
- Option 3 - AN INCREASE TO RATES - existing SVs continue permanently in the rate base with an additional 15.27% and the annual statutory rate peg increase. Not only will this option improve roads, footpaths, environmental management, playgrounds, kerbs and gutters, seawalls and parks and reserves, it will also help to clear the backlog. The total advertised percentage increase, including existing SVs and the rate peg will be 29.84%.

Community feedback will be sought via an online survey, which will be open until 30 September 2021 and is available on Council's designated website page:

[Special Variation to Rates – Hunter's Hill Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

Council's website will also host a comprehensive Q&A style response to queries about SVs.

An independent telephone survey will be conducted from 23 – 30 September, which will also enable ratepayers to have a say on their preferred option. In addition, ratepayers can write or email Council and we will also host an online information session - with a date to be confirmed over the next couple of weeks.

Hunter's Hill Council Newsletter to Residents

HUNTERS HILL NEWS September 2021

BIKE TRACK BORONIA PARK

In the latest Plan of Management for Boronia Park, our Council included a bike circuit on the grassed area between ovals 2 and 3. We have heard and seen the demand from our community to get this built and, during September, will be engaging with locals to help design this space. In the meantime, we have marked out the site and there will be an interim track within a month.

Complete the survey and subscribe for updates:
huntershill.nsw.gov.au/biketrack

MAJOR PROJECTS STAY UP TO DATE

Planning is progressing for a Sports and Community Facility at Boronia Park, with a development application on exhibition until 17 September. The latest round of community consultation for the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program project for Figtree Park has concluded. The valuable feedback received will be considered in developing a concept design, which will be publicly exhibited, providing further opportunity for community participation. Plus, an inclusive playspace at Riverglade is opening soon.

Read more and subscribe for updates:
huntershill.nsw.gov.au/projects

SPECIAL VARIATION TO RATES OPTIONS FOR 2022-23 AND BEYOND

Our Council is considering rating options for 2022-23 and beyond and is consulting ratepayers about the options under consideration. We are facing the challenge of balancing community expectations with future financial sustainability. There is a growing gap between the cost of providing services and facilities and the available funding from rates to meet those costs. Over recent years, we have implemented a range of productivity savings, and reduced costs across our operations, but there are no easy solutions to addressing this increasing funding gap. If Council does not address this gap now, our community assets will deteriorate. To address this situation, Councils are able to apply for rate increases. This is called a Special Variation to Rates (SV). Council is considering a number of SV options for 2022-23 and beyond, including applying for a permanent SV.

Find out more about what is proposed:
huntershill.nsw.gov.au/specialrate

We will also be distributing hard copy brochures to letterboxes to provide this information.


PARTICIPATION OPTIONS

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https://mailchi.mp/huntershill/gladesville-masterplan-consultation-extended

Survey: Special Variation to Rates



Community views are sought on potential rate increases for 2022-23 and beyond as our Council faces the challenge of balancing the growing gap between the cost of services and available funding.

Our Council is considering four options, each with a varying impact on the services we can deliver.

Information about the options under consideration is available on the [project page](#).

Independent research group Micromex is conducting an [online survey](#) for community members to provide feedback.

Other participation options include:

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https://mailchi.mp/huntershill/free-workshops-for-home-business-and-kids

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Have your say



A reminder that the public exhibition periods for the Gladesville Masterplan and Boronia Park Sports and Community Facility development application close tomorrow (17 September).

You can find details of these and other public notices, exhibitions and consultations on the [Participate page](#) of our website.

An online survey that seeks community views on potential rate increases for 2022-23 and beyond is open until 30 September.

[Participate now](#)

Library competition winners

