

YOUR RATES INFORMATION

Rates and Charges for 2018/2019

Council has resolved to maintain the basic current rating structure, which prevailed during 2017/2018. This rating structure utilised both base amounts and the rates in the dollar levied on land value for rating categories Residential, Farmland and Business.

IPART has approved the application for a Special Rate Variation, on a permanent basis.

This means the rate increase of 13.2% that had been applied last year, will be retained with a further increase of 5% (which includes the rate peg for the next three years is also applied).

This will mean that for the average residential ratepayer the increase is about \$59 per year for the 2018/2019 financial year or \$1.10 per week and about \$2 per week for business rates and farmland.

Q Difficulty making payments?

A Council has a firm debt recovery process that is automatically implemented when an account is not paid and no contact has been made with Council.

Council can negotiate regular payment arrangement plans with ratepayers who are having difficulty meeting payment deadlines for rates, water or general invoices.

If you would like to discuss a payment plan, please ensure you contact Council to implement an arrangement that supports your financial situation. It is important that we hear from you to ensure the automatic referral to commence the debt recovery process is not implemented where no payment or no contact has been made by you.

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How are general rates calculated?

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Rates are levied in accordance with NSW legislation and calculated by using:

- The unimproved land value which is determined by the NSW Land and Property Information (Valuer General).
- The rate in the dollar adopted each year by Council that is specific to your rate category.
- The Base Amount adopted each year by Council.

To calculate your rates the 'rate in the dollar' is multiplied against your land value and added to the applicable Base Amount. Applicable services charges are then added to your rate amount (see the schedule in the table following).

2018/2019 Rates and Charges		
	Base Amount	Cents in \$
Residential	\$611.00	0.22800
Residential Non-Urban	\$48.00	0.22800
Farmland	\$611.00	0.19805
Farmland Dairy Farmers	\$611.00	0.10073
Business – General	\$0.00	0.33235
Business – Nowra	\$611.00	0.69876
Commercial/Industrial	\$611.00	0.31998
Sussex Area Special Rate	\$0.00	0.03409
New Works Waste Management Charge (Vacant Land Charge)	\$69.00	
80 Litre Waste Bin Charge	\$260.00	
120 Litre Waste Bin Charge	\$343.00	
240 Litre Waste Bin Charge	\$601.00	
Stormwater Charge	\$25.00	
Stormwater Charge - Strata	\$12.50	