

Rate Summary

The following table provides a summary of the 2018/19 rates structure. It shows the number of rateable properties within each of the rating categories (and sub-category), listed according to those to be rated at the minimum amount, the rate in the dollar applicable

to the category, the ad valorem Environmental Levy and the total rate revenue for 2018/19. The increase in rates for the 2018/19 year will permanently remain in the Council's rate base going forward.

2018/19 RATES STRUCTURE			
RATE DESCRIPTION	RATE (¢ IN \$)*	NO. OF PROPERTIES	RATE REVENUE (\$)
Residential - ad valorem	0.131665	22,824	\$38,958,339
Residential - minimum	\$805.68	27,296	\$21,991,841
Business - ad valorem	0.497140	1,406	\$12,028,072
Business - minimum	\$1,298.32	626	\$812,748
Port Botany Business - ad valorem	0.819261	26	\$4,572,501
Port Botany Business - minimum	\$1,298.32	1	\$1,298
Environmental levy - ad valorem	0.010884	52,179	\$4,385,668
TOTAL		-	\$82,750,467

Variations to rate revenue

The estimates of rate revenue for 2018/19 comply with the relevant provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, NSW Local Government Act 1993 and the Division of Local Government Council Rating and Revenue Raising Manual.

Variations will occur throughout the budget year between the estimated rate revenue and the actual income received. Reasons for these variations include:

- Properties being withheld from rating, pending revised valuation particulars from the NSW Valuer General. This occurs when properties are subdivided and new valuation particulars are requested for the newly created lots. This usually results in an increase in the valuation base for the following year.
- Properties being rated for previous years upon receipt of new valuation particulars. There is a time delay associated with requesting new valuation particulars. This may result in some properties not being rated for a particular year until subsequent rating periods. This artificially inflates the rating revenue received for the year in which the rates are actually levied.
- Previously non-rateable properties becoming rateable during the year.

Pensioner rebates

Holders of a Pensioner Concession Card who own and occupy a rateable property are eligible for a pensioner concession. The Local Government Act provides for a pension rebate of up to 50 per cent of the aggregated ordinary rates and domestic waste management service charges, to a maximum of \$250.

Under the State's existing mandatory Pensioner Concession Scheme, the State Government reimburses the Council 55 per cent (up to \$137.50 per property) of the pensioner concession. The Council funds the remaining 45 per cent (up to \$112.50 per property).

Randwick City Council has approximately 4,565 properties that receive a pensioner concession on their rates. Pensioner concessions are expected to total \$1.14 million in 2018/19. The 55 per cent pensioner subsidy received from the NSW Government will amount to approximately \$627,000.

Approximately 9.1 per cent of residential rateable properties will receive pensioner concessions in 2018/19.

An additional \$75 rebate for eligible pensioners applies in 2018-19. This rebate results in an additional annual cost of approximately \$381,100, which is not be co-funded by the State Government. The additional \$75 rebate is applied to the Domestic Waste Management Charge and forms part of the annual domestic waste reasonable cost calculation.

Interest charge 2017/18

In accordance with s.566(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the Minister for Local Government determines the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges each year.

For 2018/19, the Minister for Local Government has determined the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges will remain unchanged at 7.5 per cent. Randwick City Council applied the maximum rate in 2018/19.

Sundry debts greater than 90 days may incur interest charges at the same rate which is applicable to overdue rates and charges.

Levies and charges

Sustaining our City Environmental Levy

Randwick City Council has had an Environmental Levy in place for the past fourteen years. The levy funds the Sustaining our City Program.

The levy was originally introduced in July 2004 for five years, calculated at 6 per cent of the Council's overall rates income. Since then, the levy has been extended twice at the same rate, for consecutive five year periods, in July 2009 and June 2014. Approval for the extension of the levy was given by IPART and followed extensive community engagement. 2018/19 is the final year of the current special variation approval for the Environmental Levy.

On 30 June 2019, the Environmental Levy will be expired reducing Council's rate base by the amount of \$4,455,954.

Details of expenditure under the Sustaining our City Environmental Levy are at page 84.

Domestic Waste Management Charge

The Council levies a Domestic Waste Management Charge under s.496 of the Local Government Act 1993. This charge applies uniformly to each separate residential occupancy of rateable land (including those properties where an ex-gratia payment is applicable), for which the service is available.

For residential premises with shared facilities (shared bathroom and kitchen) one charge will apply per 10 beds. For all other residential premises with self-contained units (non-shared bathroom and/or kitchen) one charge will apply per unit.

The Council will exercise discretion from time to time in regard to s.496 and may vary the charge and/or service in evaluation of the individual circumstances and demands of a given property.

The Act limits revenue from the Domestic Waste Management Charge to reasonable costs which are required to provide the service.

The charge for 2018/19 per assessment is \$567.85. The estimated gross yield is \$32,663,817 for 2018/19. This is an increase of \$13.85 or 2.50 per cent from the 2017/18 charge of \$554. An upgrade service is offered at the charge of \$273.27.

The Domestic Waste Management Charge provides for existing services; charges for tipping to landfill; the ongoing operation of the Perry Street Recycling Centre; the continuation of Council's Contaminated Site Remediation Program; and Council's commitment to alternate waste technologies in an effort to increase the amount of rubbish diverted from landfill. Council can only set domestic waste charges at a level that will cover the costs to provide these services.

In 2018/19, the Council introduced a Domestic Waste 'availability' charge that applies to vacant residential land. The availability charge was introduced at 50 per cent of the cost of the full service charge. The 2018/19 Domestic Waste Management Availability Charge is \$283.93.

Stormwater Management Service Charge

In 2008, Randwick City Council introduced a Stormwater Management Service Charge to establish a sustainable funding source for providing improved stormwater management across

Randwick City. The Stormwater Management Service Charge appears as a separate charge on the rate notices. The charge is determined by the type of property.

- Residential property: \$25 per annum (approximately 48 cents per week).
- Residential strata property: \$12.50 per annum (approximately 24 cents per week).
- Business property: \$25 per annum plus an additional \$25 for each 350m² or part thereof by which the parcel of land exceeds 350m².
 - Business strata property: calculated as per a business property and apportioned by unit entitlement for business strata lot with a minimum charge of \$5.
- Company title properties: calculated in accordance with the rating category of the land and then apportioned according to the number of shares held by each shareholder.

Attachment 7
Operational Plan - pages 41-42
Public Private Partnership - Heffron Park

A Safer Randwick City

A Safer Randwick City is our crime prevention and community safety plan. It summarises the major crime and safety issues within our City and the priorities identified in consultation with NSW Police. In 2018/19 Council will continue to assist the NSW Police with the provision of CCTV footage as required, monitoring premises for compliance with Late Trading regulations, work with the local Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) to deliver harm minimisation projects to residents and vulnerable community groups and participate in the Eastern Beaches Liquor Accord and University of New South Wales Crime Prevention Partnerships.



Kokoda Memorial Park, Kensington. We are also planning to replace the softfall at the Grant Reserve playground in Coogee and the Maroubra Beach playground.

See also Heffron Park - next section.

Heffron Park

Through the ongoing remediation and redevelopment of the Heffron Park site, we are creating open space for a range of recreational and sporting activities.

In 2018/19 we will install new sports field lighting, construct a new playing field and handball facility. We will also commence construction of the Heffron Centre comprising a multipurpose sporting facility and gymnastics facility.

As part of the Heffron Centre, we are also developing a proposal for a new Community High Performance Centre (CHPC) for the South Sydney District Rugby League Football Club (The Rabbitohs). This would be delivered via a Public Private Partnership.

Council entered into a “Community Partnership”, known as the Souths Cares community program, with the Rabbitohs in 2010. The successful program assists the disadvantaged youth in the Lexington Place area, fosters a number of initiatives which the local youth identify with, and promotes improved health and fitness. Council were approached by the Rabbitohs in 2013 to consider a request to relocate their training and administration facilities from Redfern Oval to Heffron Park. An opportunity had become available for substantial grant funding from the Federal Regional Development Australian Fund (Round Five).

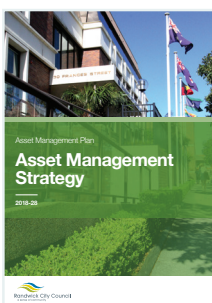
Confirmed funding towards the CHPC to date is as follows:

- The Federal Government has confirmed a funding contribution of \$10 million.
- The State Government announced on 19 December 2017 funding of \$8.696 million.
- A funding contribution of \$4 million from the Rabbitohs has been nominated at this time.
- The proposal to consolidate the facilities within the envisaged Heffron Centre adjacent to Bunnerong Road at Heffron Park was reported to Council in 2016, and adopted. A capped funding contribution of \$3 million from Council was nominated.

The Federal Government and State Government funding made available for the CHPC component of the project will be procured by the Rabbitohs.

Asset Management Strategy

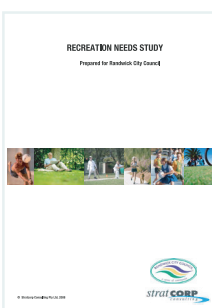
Randwick City Council owns and operates more than \$1.7 billion worth of infrastructure assets, including footpaths, roads, drainage, parks, buildings and equipment. Our Asset Management Strategy 2018-28 analyses our existing assets, allows us to properly plan necessary maintenance, and makes projections for replacement as necessary.



From this strategy we have developed asset management plans for each major category of infrastructure asset.

Recreation Needs Study

The Recreation Needs Study has enabled Council to gain a better understanding of the future role of open space for residents and visitors, and the impact changing needs may have upon the current and future provision of open space and sporting facilities across the City.



Our planning for a continuous coastal walkway is ongoing. In 2018/19, we will construct a section of coastal walkway through the NSW Golf Course to link the eastern and western portions of the Botany Bay National Park. Our planning will continue for the missing segments of coastal walkway including at Lurline Bay.

In 2018/19, we are planning on upgrading the play equipment at Frenchmans Bay, La Perouse and at

Subject to a resolution of Council, Randwick City Council will become the Principal in all contractual arrangements entered into for the delivery of the Rabbitohs CHPC as part of The Heffron Centre Building.

The ownership of the building will rest with Council. In this regard, a maximum outlay of \$3 million by Council towards the CHPC will yield a community asset valued at closer to \$25.696 million.

The multiple sources of funding granted towards the project being provided to the Rugby League Club – Federal, State and Local Governments, as well as the Club's funding – suggests that a Public Private Partnership is an appropriate means to realise a project of this nature.

Information was provided by Council to the Office of Local Government (OLG) regarding a Public Private Partnership approach and the OLG has assessed the project as not significant and not high risk, as defined by the OLG's Guidelines on the Procedures and Processes to be followed by Local Government in Public Private Partnerships (the Guidelines).

Section 94A Development Contributions Plan

The Randwick s94A Plan authorises the Council to impose, as a condition of consent, a fixed levy based on

the cost of development, when a development consent or complying development certificate is issued. Funds collected under the s94A framework are used to provide for additional or improved public facilities to meet expected demands arising from new development.

The Plan's Schedule of Works identifies ongoing and new projects for the next 10 years, such as the Coastal Walkway and implementing the plan of management at Heffron Park.

Affordable Housing Strategy

Randwick City Council's Affordable Housing Strategy and Action Plan was developed to ensure that we can maintain a mix of socio-economic groups within the City. The Affordable Housing Strategy provides a framework for responding to housing need for those households on low to moderate incomes who are facing housing stress.

The affordable housing principles are also reflected in the aims of the comprehensive LEP. Council continues to seek opportunities to increase the supply of affordable housing within the City.



Outcome 4: Excellence in urban design and development

Our places and spaces will be inviting, safe, sustainable and contribute to our City's liveability.

Actions for Outcome 4

3-Year Delivery Program		1-Year Operational Plan actions (2018/19)
4a: Improved design and sustainability across all development.		
4a.1	Require a high standard of design quality in new development in line with Council's policies.	Review development and urban design standards in relation to Light Rail. Exhibit the urban design strategy and planning proposal for Kensington and Kingsford Town Centres following DPE Gateway review. Prepare Development Control Plan (DCP) controls for Kensington to Kingsford.
4a.2	Promote and recognise design excellence and sustainability through events or other activities.	Commence preparation for Urban Design Awards and hold the 2018 Architecture Talks.

Our Community Our Future Capital Works Program



In May 2018 Council received IPART approval for a special rate variation to fund a program of major capital works over the next seven years under the Our Community Our Future Program. This program will provide major projects of a size and scope not previously undertaken by Council while ensuring intergenerational equity.

Some projects included in the Our Community Our Future Program are carried over from the Building for our Community Program which commenced in 2010. These projects are of a scale or altered design which require resourcing in excess of the funding provided by the three-year Building for our Community levy.

Major capital works projects prioritised for the first year of the Our Community Our Future Program include:

The Heffron Centre

The Heffron Park Masterplan identifies the need to rebuild the existing gymnasium and indoor sports centres located along Bunnerong Road in Maroubra. Both these buildings are dated and are no longer effectively servicing the community. Council will continue its planning for the construction of a new indoor multi-purpose sporting facility and gymnastics facility. **(See page 41 for more detail.)**

Randwick Town Hall and Administration Building

The Randwick Town Hall is a place of high local heritage significance and where a wide range of civic, community and political events have been held over the past 133 years. To ensure viable, continued use and retained significance for the building while meeting ongoing community needs and expectations, Council has developed plans ranging from conservation to remedial and upgrade works.

Council also plans to upgrade the Council administration building including new air conditioning and essential services works.

Malabar Offshore Jet Rescue

In 2017, Council completed the first stage of an extension to this facility. This year Council will complete the upgrade works to accommodate the boat and equipment required for the club to carry out their community services.

Mahon Pool

Council is planning new amenities to replace the old building facilities in Jack Vanny Reserve, Maroubra. The existing buildings are reaching the end of their useable life, are inadequate, lack disability access and sit too close to the rock shelf and cliff for safety. The new facility proposes new male, female and accessible toilets, change rooms, and facilities for the local winter swim club. Landscape works will enhance the building design and accessible footpaths will link the facility to the adjacent car park and Coastal Walkway.



Women's Refuge

Council will explore options to provide refuge for women experiencing domestic violence. This may be in the form of a dedicated refuge or affordable housing.

La Perouse Toilets and Museum

Council is proposing to provide new toilet facilities at La Perouse. Part of this planning exercise will be to consider locating toilets within the La Perouse Museum.

Substantial works are required to repair and restore the La Perouse Museum back to its original heritage fabric. This building, originally constructed in 1888 was handed over to Council for management in 2017.



Yarra Bay Bicentennial Park

Council is proposing to upgrade the existing toilet facilities located adjacent to Kooringai Avenue at Yarra Bay. This upgrade will include new change room, storage and toilet facilities.

Blenheim House Arts and Culture Centre

Randwick City does not have a dedicated arts centre. Council will explore options for an arts and cultural centre to celebrate and encourage our cultural and artistic diversity.



Malabar Junction

Council is proposing to upgrade the amenities facility at the bus stop between Anzac Parade and Prince Edward Street. This upgrade will include new male, female and accessible toilets.

Coogee Oval Grandstand

The grandstand located adjacent to Coogee Oval is in need of repairs to improve the amenity for users of the facility.



Footpath network

Council endeavours to increase accessibility by building footpaths on both sides of the street at priority locations.

Other projects to be considered as part of this seven-year Our Community Our Future Program include:

La Perouse - relocate and provide amenity facilities.

Plazas – new public plazas in Randwick and Kingsford town centres linking with light rail.

Arthur Byne Reserve/South Maroubra Surf Club - new toilet facilities.

Malabar Library– upgrade the hall including amenities.

Randwick Town Hall – restoration works and upgrade to the hall and amenities.



Randwick Literary Institute – investigate future use such as ongoing as a community centre and/or childcare centre.

Randwick Community Nursery – upgrade to the glasshouse and a new shadehouse.



Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall – improvements to the hall and the amenities.

Randwick Environment Park – upgrade.



Snape Park masterplan – including a new amenities facility.



Clovelly Senior Centre – upgrade to the hall including improvements to the amenities.

Coogee - improvements to bus shelter, kiosk and toilets.

Popplewell Park - Childcare Centre and site improvement works.

Grant Reserve, Neptune Street – beautification.



St Spyridon Anzac Parade – new car park facility.

Kingsford Town Centre – new toilet facilities.

Burnie Park Hall – upgrade to the hall and associated amenities.

Southern Suburbs Youth Facility – new community facility.

Clovelly Community and Childcare Centre.

DRLC - new splash park.

Randwick Cemetery – new toilets and storage.

Matraville Shopping Centre – new toilets.

Paine Reserve Scout Hall – upgrade.

Maroubra Beach - Community Centre.

Undergrounding powerlines – ongoing program to remove powerlines from streets to plant more trees.

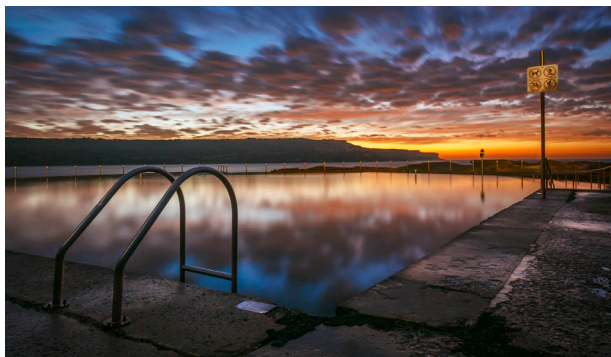
Dunningham Reserve - new toilet facilities.

New Childcare Community Centre - Broadarrow Reserve.

Digital Strategy.

National Security Measures.

Malabar rock pool – new toilet facilities.



Coogee Surf Club – refurbishment.

3-Year Delivery Program		1-Year Operational Plan actions (2018/19)
3b: The community has increased opportunities to participate in decision-making processes.		
2b.1	Develop opportunities for community input into the Council's decision-making processes.	Develop and support effective consultation plans to support the Council's projects.
		Use social media to further opportunities for the community to be part of the decision-making process and to connect with Council and other residents about Randwick City's projects, events and activities.
		Undertake consultation to gauge community support for a continuation of the Environmental Levy.
		Obtain feedback from the community on Council's Events Program.



Appendix A



NOVEMBER 2018

Environmental Levy Sustaining our City since 2004

Proposed continuation of levy
for environmental projects

**HAVE
YOUR
SAY**



Doing our bit for the environment

Let's face it, what can 25 cents buy you today? Not much you say... well what if just 25 cents a day opened up new areas of the coastline for you and your family to explore, provided lush tree canopies in parks and streets, and helped clean your beaches? Well that's exactly what's been happening for the past 15 years thanks to the Environmental Levy.

In that time it has helped extend the world-famous Coastal Walkway, deliver sustainability programs and events and irrigate our coastal parks with recycled stormwater – saving us about 450 million litres of water a year.

It's a little that goes a long way.

We're also working hard to be as efficient as possible while delivering you the best possible services, facilities, projects and events. Our coordinated & balanced strategy for delivering services and infrastructure whilst looking after our environment is ensuring a sustainable future for our community and for those generations that will come after us.

As a long-time local resident, a Councillor and now as Mayor, I've seen the progress we've been able to make as a council because of the funding from the levy.

At an average of 25 cents per day or \$7.62 a month for the average residential ratepayer, it's a small amount that makes a big difference.

I believe continuing the levy is the best option for our Council and community. Ultimately we will be guided by what you the community want.

The options are clear – continue a levy already included in your rates to deliver some great environmental programs or stop the levy for a small rate cut. Discontinuing the levy means we'll have to reprioritise our works programs – this means some of the environmental programs we've been delivering won't continue while others will take longer or result in other works programs not happening.

We've included information in this booklet to help you in providing feedback.

Your view is important and I encourage you to take the time to have your say so we can decide on the best way forward for our community.

Councillor Kathy Neilson
Mayor of Randwick



Introduction

Since 2004, Randwick City Council has been delivering a range of significant environmental programs, community initiatives and new and upgraded infrastructure as part of the Sustaining our City program funded by an Environmental Levy.

The five-year levy applies to residential and business ratepayers and is currently due to expire on 30 June 2019.

We want to know what you think about continuing the levy for another five years to 2024.

This information booklet gives you details about what the levy has achieved to date, proposed future programs and the impact to ratepayers of continuing the levy.

The Environmental Levy

The Environmental Levy was first approved by Council in 2004, and has successfully transformed the way sustainability projects and programs have been implemented across Council and the community.

Due to this success and ongoing community support, the Environmental Levy was extended for another five years in 2009 and again in 2014.

We want to continue to deliver these important environmental projects and we are considering an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) to continue the Environmental Levy for a further five years to 2024.

How much is the levy?

The Environmental Levy is calculated based on the unimproved land value of your property as valued by the NSW Valuer General.

This means the amount paid on individual properties varies depending on land value.

The levy for the average residential ratepayer is \$91.49 per year averaged over five years. If you're one of the 26,000 owners of a strata unit in Randwick City, you're likely to be paying much less.

You can check what you are currently paying by referring to your annual rates notice.

Environmental Levy achievements 2004-2018

The Environmental Levy provides funding for specific environmental programs and initiatives.

1. BEAUTIFUL COASTLINE

Major sections of our Coastal Walkway have been constructed, upgraded and repaired including the Malabar Headland Western Walking Track, South Maroubra to Maroubra boardwalk, La Perouse upgrade and Cape Banks connection at NSW Golf Course as well as links at Coogee, South Coogee and Clovelly.

2. SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN

Council supports schools to install water tanks, develop food and native gardens, install bike racks, native bees, solar panels and have classes visit our sustainability education hub at the Randwick Community Centre.

3. CLEAN BEACHES

Innovative technology treats and re-uses stormwater to improve water run-off into our beaches.

4. NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

We are preserving remaining bushland areas, enhancing Randwick Environment Park, restoring the last remaining dunes in the eastern suburbs, increasing native tree plantings in our streets and parks and protecting important areas of native vegetation.

5. PRESERVING PRECIOUS RESOURCES

We are saving 450 million litres of water annually through our wastewater and stormwater re-use, recycling and park irrigation projects – this is equivalent to 180 Olympic swimming pools of water per year.

6. REDUCING ENERGY CONSUMPTION

We have contributed to solar installations on 2,600 homes, representing 9,600 kilowatts of solar power, generating up to 14 million kilowatt hours and saving residents about \$1,500 off their energy bills each year.

7. CLEANER AIR

There are now 6,000 residents participating in the local car share program reducing car ownership by an estimated 900 vehicles and achieving a reduction in greenhouse gases.

8. A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Every year almost 15,000 residents participate in sustainability workshops, events and activities with about 9,000 attending the annual Eco-Living Expo.



200 kilowatts
solar panels on 12 buildings



450,000,000
litres water
saved each year



6 Gross Pollutant Traps
stopping pollutants and
rubbish entering our
beaches each year



2,000
trees, plants and shrubs



20 food gardens
in local schools

Proposed projects 2019-2024

If the Environmental Levy continues, it will fund the following projects:

Coastal \$9m

Coastal Walkway

Working towards a continuous Coastal Walkway from Clovelly to La Perouse. Funds will help design and implement walkways at South Coogee, Lurline Bay, Randwick Golf Course, The Coast Golf Course and St Michael's Golf Course.

Gross Pollutant traps

Installation of five additional pollutant traps to increase water quality at local beaches.

Water \$6m

Saving water

Future proofing wastewater re-use program at Maroubra Beach, Des Renford Leisure Centre, Purcell Park Matraville, Nagle Park Maroubra and Pioneers Park Malabar.

Other \$620k

Reducing waste and consumption of natural resources

Continuation of Council's Compost Revolution, Switch your thinking on Plastics and other Green events.

Energy \$2.36m

Energy efficiency program

Energy efficiency program for Council building upgrades, community renewable energy, smart monitoring and carbon offset program.

Greenhouse \$3.1m

Solar power, composting, electric vehicles and cycleways

Installation of solar panels on five Council buildings, increased rates of composting, installation of public electric vehicle charging locations and funding for improved cycleways.

Biodiversity \$1.12m

Green Corridor program

Planting more native trees in streets and parks, continuing Native Havens program and additional flora and fauna monitoring and WIRES relocation and interpretive centre.

Food \$500k

Sustainable food

Funding support for eight community gardens and 22 school food gardens.

Education \$2.2m













Sustainability events and workshops

Continuation of Council's Eco-Living Expo, Earth Hour, World Environment Day, Best Gift Markets, NOX Night Sculpture Walk, Marine and Coastal School Holiday Activities, school grants, Eco Heroes program, sustainable schools exchange and workshops at Randwick Community Centre, Barrett House and libraries.

Total \$24.9m

Note: Administration activities including staff salaries and costs have been distributed throughout the proposed levy program.

Impact of continuing Environmental Levy

Option 1 Continue Levy					Option 2 Discontinue Levy				
Under this option, ratepayers will continue paying an Environmental Levy. These funds will deliver a range of environmental programs and projects for the Randwick City community.					This option proposes discontinuing the Environmental Levy. Ratepayers would receive a small reduction. Environmental programs and projects will be reprioritised within Council's budget. This means some won't happen, some will take longer to implement and some may affect the timing and scope of other capital works programs.				
Coastal Walkway  Environmental events/workshops  Water reuse projects  Additional tree plantings  Gross pollutant traps  Energy efficiency programs 					Coastal Walkway  Environmental events/workshops  Water reuse projects  Additional tree plantings  Gross pollutant traps  Energy efficiency programs 				
Environmental Levy ^o residential	\$91.49 per year	\$1.76 per week	\$0.25 per day	<u>cost</u>	\$91.49 per year	\$1.76 per week	\$0.25 per day	<u>savings</u>	
Cumulative overall rate increase (including/excluding Environmental Levy) over 5 years	Overall cumulative increase including: • IPART approved rate increase years 1 & 2 • Assumed rate peg for years 3-5 • Environmental Levy				Overall cumulative increase including: • IPART approved rate increase years 1 & 2 • Assumed rate peg for years 3-5 • No Environmental Levy				
	19.91%				12.44%				

For average residential ratepayers

	2018/19 Current	2019/20 Year 1	2020/21 Year 2	2021/22 Year 3	2022/23 Year 4	2023/24 Year 5
% rates increase		5.52%*	5.52%*	2.5%**	2.5%**	2.5%**
Average annual rate		\$1,214	\$1,281	\$1,352	\$1,386	\$1,421
Annual rate increase		\$67	\$71	\$34	\$35	\$36
Total rates	\$1,214	\$1,281	\$1,352	\$1,386	\$1,421	\$1,457
Environmental Levy	\$81	\$85	\$90	\$92	\$94	\$96
Total rates and Environmental Levy	\$1,295	\$1,366	\$1,442	\$1,478	\$1,515	\$1,553

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Environmental Levy	\$81	X	X	X	X	X
Total rates and Environmental Levy	\$1,295	\$1,281	\$1,352	\$1,386	\$1,421	\$1,457

For average business ratepayers

	2018/19 Current	2019/20 Year 1	2020/21 Year 2	2021/22 Year 3	2022/23 Year 4	2023/24 Year 5
% rates increase		5.52%*	5.52%*	2.5%**	2.5%**	2.5%**
Average annual rate		\$8,452	\$8,919	\$9,411	\$9,646	\$9,887
Annual rate increase		\$467	\$492	\$235	\$241	\$247
Rates	\$8,452	\$8,919	\$9,411	\$9,646	\$9,887	\$10,134
Environmental Levy	\$161	\$170	\$179	\$183	\$188	\$193
Total rates and Environmental Levy	\$8,613	\$9,089	\$9,590	\$9,829	\$10,075	\$10,327


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Annual rate increase		\$467	\$492	\$235	\$241	\$247
Rates	\$8,452	\$8,919	\$9,411	\$9,646	\$9,887	\$10,134
Environmental Levy	\$161	X	X	X	X	X
Total rates and Environmental Levy	\$8,613	\$8,919	\$9,411	\$9,646	\$9,887	\$10,134

* IPART approved special variation increase of 5.52% in years 1 and 2

** Assumed rate peg of 2.5% in years 3, 4 and 5

o Average over five years

 Denotes projects that may not occur, take longer to implement or affect the timing of other projects.

Your questions answered

Didn't IPART already approve an SRV in May 2018?

Earlier in 2018, IPART approved Council's Our Community Our Future Special Rate Variation of 19.85% cumulative over three years – 2018/19 to 2020/21. This increase is already in place in your rates now.

Our Community Our Future is funding anti-terrorism measures to make our public places safer, addressing domestic violence, upgrading the La Perouse Museum, creating an arts and cultural centre, building a new indoor sports centre and gymnastics centre at Heffron Park and implementing Council's digital strategy.

The continuation of the Environmental Levy is different. The Environmental Levy is a levy on top of your rates. You have been paying it for the past 15 years.

Why is the cumulative overall rate increase figure so similar to the Our Community Our Future levy increase?

IPART require that when we present information to the community about rates, we show the community the total cumulative impact. This helps you get a better idea of the real impact over the time period.

We are required to show you how your rates are increasing in total due to the already approved rate variation as well as the potential continuation of the Environmental Levy.

The figure is similar because we're showing you the same rates increase information. This doesn't mean your rates will again increase by 19.85%, we're just showing you how your rates are changing.

This consultation is really asking whether you want to keep paying the Environmental Levy or not? For the average residential ratepayer over five years, continuing the levy will cost \$1.76 per week or \$91.49 per year.

How can I find out how much the Environmental Levy for my property will be?

The Environmental Levy is based on the unimproved land valuation of your property as determined by the NSW Valuer General. Please note this figure is different to the market value of your land.

The table on page 6 (left) provides the Levy increase for the average residential and business ratepayers. But if you want to know the specific increase for your property, you can use the table below if you know your land value.

You would have received a notification from the Valuer General in 2017 with your most recent valuation. You can also find out your land valuation by visiting www.valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au

Estimated Environmental Levy based on land value

Land value	2018/19 Current	2019/20 Year 1	2020/21 Year 2	2021/22 Year 3	2022/23 Year 4	2023/24 Year 5
50,000	\$5	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$7
150,000	\$16	\$17	\$18	\$19	\$19	\$20
250,000	\$27	\$29	\$30	\$31	\$32	\$33
350,000	\$38	\$40	\$42	\$43	\$45	\$46
450,000	\$49	\$52	\$55	\$56	\$57	\$59
550,000	\$60	\$63	\$67	\$68	\$70	\$72
650,000	\$71	\$75	\$79	\$81	\$83	\$85
750,000	\$82	\$86	\$91	\$93	\$95	\$98
850,000	\$93	\$98	\$103	\$106	\$108	\$111
950,000	\$103	\$109	\$115	\$118	\$121	\$124
1,250,000	\$136	\$144	\$151	\$155	\$159	\$163
1,750,000	\$190	\$201	\$212	\$217	\$223	\$228
2,500,000	\$272	\$287	\$303	\$311	\$318	\$326
3,000,000	\$327	\$345	\$364	\$373	\$382	\$392
4,000,000	\$435	\$459	\$485	\$497	\$509	\$522

58% of ratepayers pay an Environmental Levy in this range.

How much Environmental Levy am I currently paying?

The Levy appears on your annual rates notice as a separate line item.

If you cannot find your annual rates notice, please call Council's Rates Team who can advise your current levy amount.

You can also calculate your current Environmental Levy by multiplying your land value by 0.010884%.

Have your say

The Environmental Levy is on public exhibition for community comment for 28 days from 20 November to 18 December 2018.

Copies of the Environmental Levy consultation material are available to view at www.yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au or at Council's Administration Centre at 30 Frances St Randwick, Margaret Martin Library Randwick, Lionel Bowen Library Maroubra or Malabar Library.



Survey

Randwick City ratepayers will receive a letter and survey in the mail. Complete and mail the survey back using the included reply paid envelope or follow the instruction to complete the survey using the website link provided.

You can also make submissions using the following channels. Please note if you return the survey, this is counted as a submission and you do not need to make another submission.



Online

Visit www.yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au to view the consultation website where you can find out more, ask a question and lodge a submission.



Email

Submissions can be emailed to council@randwick.nsw.gov.au titled "Environmental Levy submission".



Writing

Submissions may be made in writing to Randwick City Council, "Environmental Levy submission", 30 Frances St Randwick NSW 2031.

If you'd like to speak with a Council officer about the Environmental Levy please call us on 1300 722 542.

Information sessions

Information sessions are being held to provide people with the opportunity to learn more about the Environmental Levy and discuss directly with Council officers.

Wednesday 28 November 2018

6.30pm-7.30pm,
Randwick Community Centre

Thursday 6 December 2018

6.30pm-7.30pm,
Lionel Bowen Library, Maroubra

Wednesday 12 December 2018

6.30pm-7.30pm,
Prince Henry Centre, Little Bay

No registration is required.

16 OCT 2018

Council resolves to seek community feedback

20 NOV – 18 DEC 2018

Public exhibition and consultation

FEB 2019

Council considers community feedback and determines whether to continue Environmental Levy

11 FEB 2019

SRV applications due to IPART

FEB-MAR 2019

IPART publicly exhibit applications

14 MAY 2019

IPART determinations announced

1 JULY 2019

Environmental Levy continues or concludes



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Appendix B

Technical information sheet

Possible continuation of the Environmental Levy

This sheet is supplementary to the 'Environmental Levy – Sustaining our City since 2004 – Proposed continuation of the levy and environmental projects' booklet November 2018, distributed to ratepayers as part of the community consultation about the continuation of the Environmental Levy. This sheet has been designed as an additional tool in explanation of technical matters related to the special variation process, including the expiry of the current levy and the minor revision of Council's Integrated Reporting suite of plans.

How is the current Environmental Levy expired from the Council's rate base?

The current Environmental Levy approved by IPART in June 2014, was a temporary approval for five years commencing 1 July 2014 and ending on 30 June 2019.

At the time of approval the levy component of total rates income was \$3.8 million, then representing 6 per cent of Council's rates revenue (rate base). On 30 June 2019 at the end of its fifth and final year, the levy which now represents 5.38 per cent of the rate base, will be expired by a reduction of \$4.45 million to Council's rates base.

This expiration of the temporary five year levy is mandatory and will occur irrespective of whether the Environmental Levy is continued or not. It effectively means that Council's rates revenue is forced down before it is able to go up again (by the application of the 2019-20 approved increase of 5.52 per cent).

The table below shows the impact of the expiring levy, the existing special variation in years 1 and 2 and a continued Environmental Levy. In Year 1, the current Environmental Levy expires at 5.38 per cent, and then the existing special variation increase of 5.52 is added, resulting in a negative 1.1 per cent reduction in total rates, prior to a new Environmental Levy being applied (should the Environmental Levy be continued in 2019-20).

IMPACT OF THE EXPIRING VARIATION + EXISTING SPECIAL VARIATION+ PROPOSED CONTINUED LEVY

		BASE YEAR	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	CUMULATIVE INCREASE
Expiring current Environmental Levy	Average Residential rates under the existing SRV path of 5.52% going forward with and expired Environmental levy of 5.38% end of 2018-19	\$1,295	\$1,281	\$1,352	\$1,386	\$1,421	\$1,457	12.44%*
	Annual increase (%)		-1.10%	5.52%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	
Expiring current Environmental Levy before replacing with a continued Environmental Levy + existing SRV	Average Residential rate with a 5.38% expiring Environmental levy + existing approved SRV of 5.52% (in years 1 and 2) + a continued Environment levy of 5.9% commencing in 2019-20	\$1,295	\$1,366	\$1,442	\$1,478	\$1,515	\$1,553	19.91%*
	Annual increase (%)		5.52%	5.52%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	

Didn't Council just get an IPART approval to increase rates?

Yes – In May 2018 Council received IPART approval to increase rates over three years to fund the projects and services associated with the \$27 million, seven-year, Our Community Our Future Program. This program is separate to the Sustaining our City Program, which has been running for the past 15 years funded by the Environmental Levy. These two programs may sound similar but are quite different hence their separate and dedicated funding paths.

Our Community Our Future program – existing special variation

YEAR	APPROVED INCREASE %
2019-20	5.52%
2020-21	5.52%

The Environmental Levy has been approved and replaced on three separate occasions since 2004. Each time temporarily for a five year period, with each expiring levy reducing Council's rate base before a new levy was applied. Each special variation application process and application to IPART involved considerable community consultation and the support of the elected Council. Historically Councillors of Randwick City have taken a five year temporary approach to the levy as a means to ensure that the program is periodically evaluated in conjunction with significant community participation.

Does the Environmental Levy affect the Minimum rate?

No – the Environmental levy bears no relationship to the 'minimum rate'. Council's rating structure is subject to minimum rates for both residential and business properties. Rates are determined by multiplying the land value of a property by a rate-in-the-dollar amount. The minimum rate is applied when the rate-in-the-dollar calculation does not reach a predetermined (or 'minimum') amount. Just over half of all residential ratepayers paid the minimum rate in 2018-19 of \$805.68.

The Environmental Levy is a special rate which must be shown as a separate line item on the Rates Notice. If the Environmental Levy is not replaced the line for the Environmental Levy will disappear from rate notices in 2019-20. Irrespective of whether the levy is continued or not minimum rates will remain unchanged, unaffected by the expiration of the existing levy or by a continuation of the levy.

Council will increase the minimum rate each year in line with the annual increase percentage. Council already has approval to increase rates by 5.52 percent for the next two years 2019-20 and 2020-21. The table below shows minimum rate amounts for this next five years, assuming a rate-peg of 2.5 per cent in years 3 – 5.

MINIMUM RATES FOR NEXT FIVE YEARS

	INCREASE %	RESIDENTIAL	BUSINESS	PORT BOTANY
Year 0 2018-19		\$805.68	\$1,298.32	\$1,298.32
Year 1 2019-20	5.52%	\$850.15	\$1,369.99	\$1,369.99
Year 2 2020-21	5.52%	\$897.08	\$1,445.61	\$1,445.61
Year 3 2021-22	2.5%*	\$919.51	\$1,481.75	\$1,481.75
Year 4 2022-23	2.5%*	\$942.50	\$1,518.79	\$1,518.79
Year 5 2023-24	2.5%*	\$966.06	\$1,556.76	\$1,556.76

Why is Council exhibiting revised Integrated Planning & Reporting documents at the same time as the Environmental Levy consultation?

Council's Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) has been updated to include a financial modelling scenario for the case of a continued Environmental Levy. There are a number of financial scenarios within the LTFP, including scenarios that model variations for a discontinued levy. In keeping with a revised LTFP the City Plan and 2018-19 Operational Plan & Delivery Program 2018-21 has also been amended to reflect the possible continuation of the Environmental Levy. As these documents are Council's significant strategic plans that sit at the core of Council's planning and service delivery, it is industry best practice to publically exhibit the revised content for 28 days.

These revisions were not included in the last review of these documents adopted by the Council in February 2018, because at that time it was not appropriate for the Council to assume and model a scenario for a continuing Environmental Levy without first initiating a conversation with the community about its replacement.