

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MATERIALS

SPECIAL RATE VARIATION APPLICATION APPENDIX

Media release statement distributed to local media outlets following the Council meeting

Possible change to Rates applicable to units and apartments

Council tonight reached a decision to seek feedback from the community about a possible intention to increase rates for units and apartments in Sutherland Shire to address the rising costs of power, need to maintain and renew community assets and provide services into the future.

Units or apartments pay substantially less than detached house owners across Sutherland Shire. A recent independent community survey found that a large majority of residents believed the amount of rates paid to Council should be fair between units or apartments and houses.

There are currently over 20,000 unit or apartment owners paying the current minimum rate of \$602.30. This is significantly lower than comparative minimum rates in similar beach or bayside suburbs.

Under the proposed model, the minimum rate paid by unit and apartment owners would increase to \$900.

We need to be responsible now in planning for financial sustainability and considering our current rates model is a key part of this. We will also look into ways to address its long-term financial position, such as ongoing efficiency improvements, user fees and charges and asset consolidation.

We will also look at the best way we can support the most vulnerable members of our community.








We currently offer pensioners a voluntary rate rebate and will consider further rebates to for those suffering hardship to reduce the impact of any potential rate increase.

Over the coming months, we will undertake extensive community consultation and provide opportunities for feedback on the rate model.

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A FAIRER WAY FORWARD

KEY SERVICES PROVIDED BY COUNCIL FOR OUR COMMUNITY

-  BEACHES & LEISURE CENTRES
-  PARKS & FIELDS
-  PLAYGROUNDS
-  ROADS & FOOTPATHS
-  STORMWATER
-  LIBRARIES
-  ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CENTRES

We want to hear what you think about the proposed new model.

For further details about the proposal, and to provide your feedback visit bit.ly/SSCJTC

Drop-in to one of our Information Sessions:



Mon 17 December 12pm-2pm
Sutherland Library
30-36 Belmont Street, Sutherland.

Tues 18 December 10am-12pm
Menai Library
Menai Marketplace,
Allison Crescent,
Menai.

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	Current Annual Rates	Proposed Annual Rates
Same Market Value \$ 1.7M	 <p>\$2032 \$602 per unit</p>	 <p>\$2032 \$900 per unit</p>

We will look at ways to minimise the impact on those in our community experiencing hardship.

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SUTHERLANDSHIRE

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JOIN THE CONVERSATION

- To provide your feedback and view all our current community consultations, please visit our Join The Conversation website: bit.ly/SSCJTC
- For full details on Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, including our Delivery Program 2017-21, Long Term Financial Plan and Asset Management Plans, please visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/plans.

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Drop-in Information Sessions:

Two Drop-In information sessions were held earlier this week at our libraries.


Additional information sessions will be advertised here and online in the new year.

If you would like to speak directly with a Councillor call 02 9170 0333 or visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Councillors-Wards


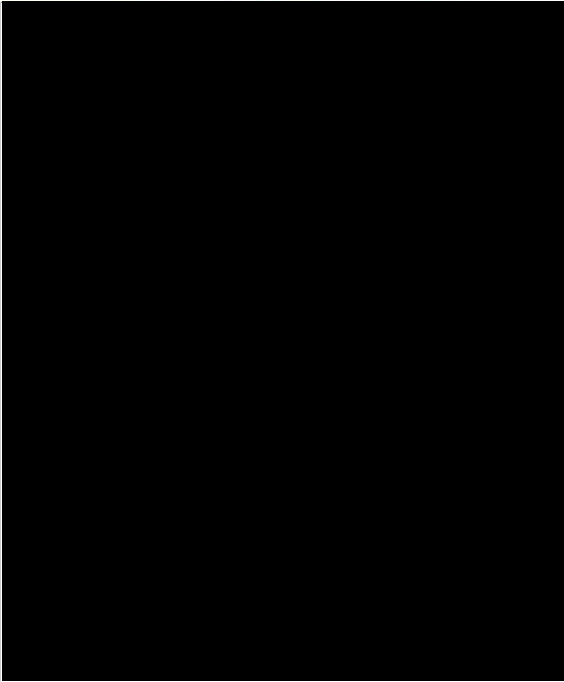
SUTHERLANDSHIRE



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GET INVOLVED, HAVE YOUR SAY!
UPCOMING COMMUNITY DROP IN SESSIONS


It's a chance for you to have your say, speak with Councillors and have your questions answered.

- **Friday 11 January 2019, 12pm-2pm**
Engadine Library, 116E Caldarra Avenue, Engadine.
- **Saturday 12 January 2019, 10am-12pm**
Southgate Shopping Centre, Port Hacking Rd, Sylvania.
- **Saturday 12 January 2019, 11am-1pm**
Cronulla Library, Cronulla Central, Croydon St, Cronulla.
- **Tuesday 15 January 2019, 12pm-2pm**
Menai Library, Menai Marketplace Allison Cres, Menai.

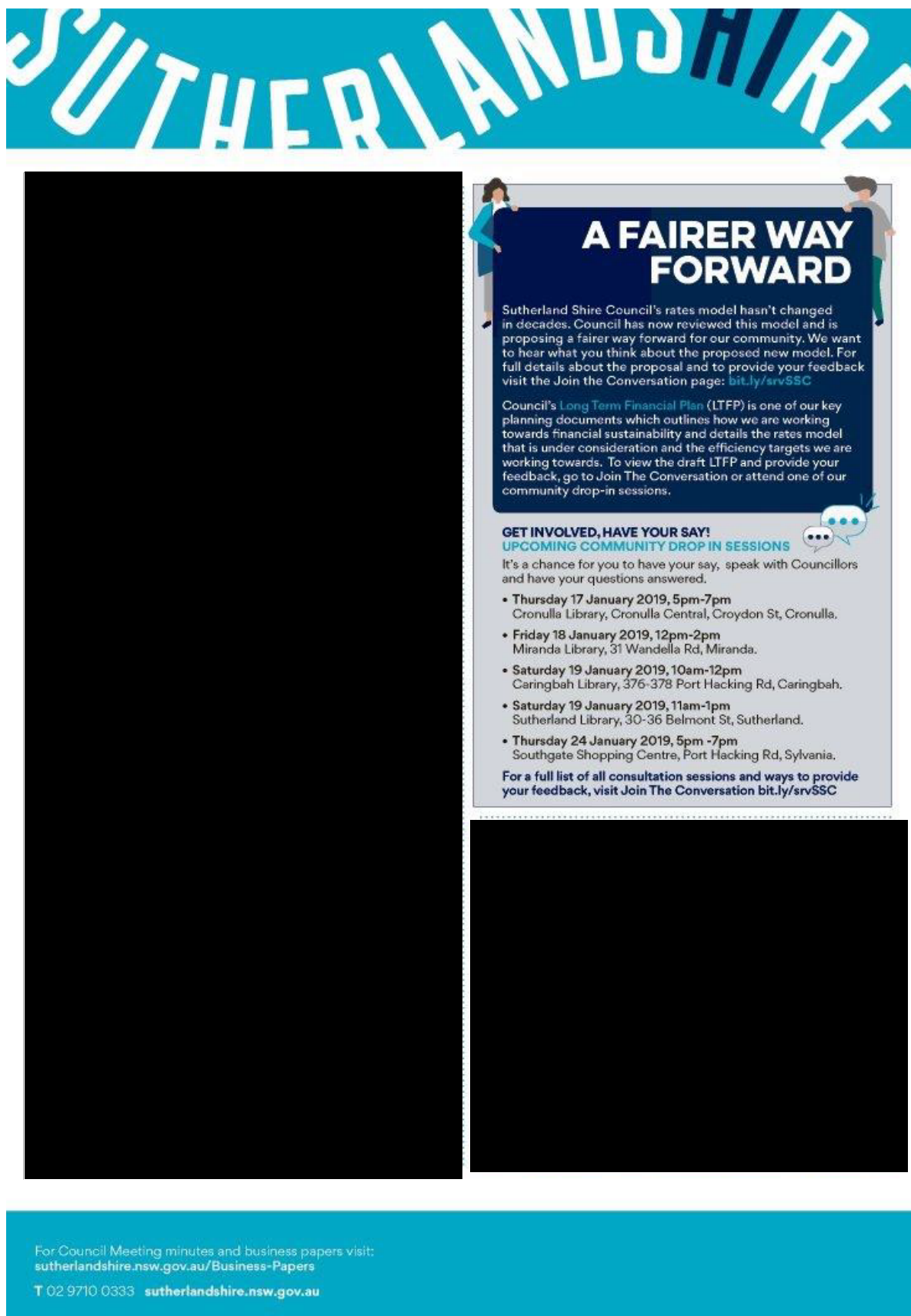


For Council Meeting minutes and business papers visit:
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Council's **Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)** is one of our key planning documents which outlines how we are working towards financial sustainability and details the rates model that is under consideration and the efficiency targets we are working towards. To view the draft LTFP and provide your feedback, go to Join The Conversation or attend one of our community drop-in sessions.

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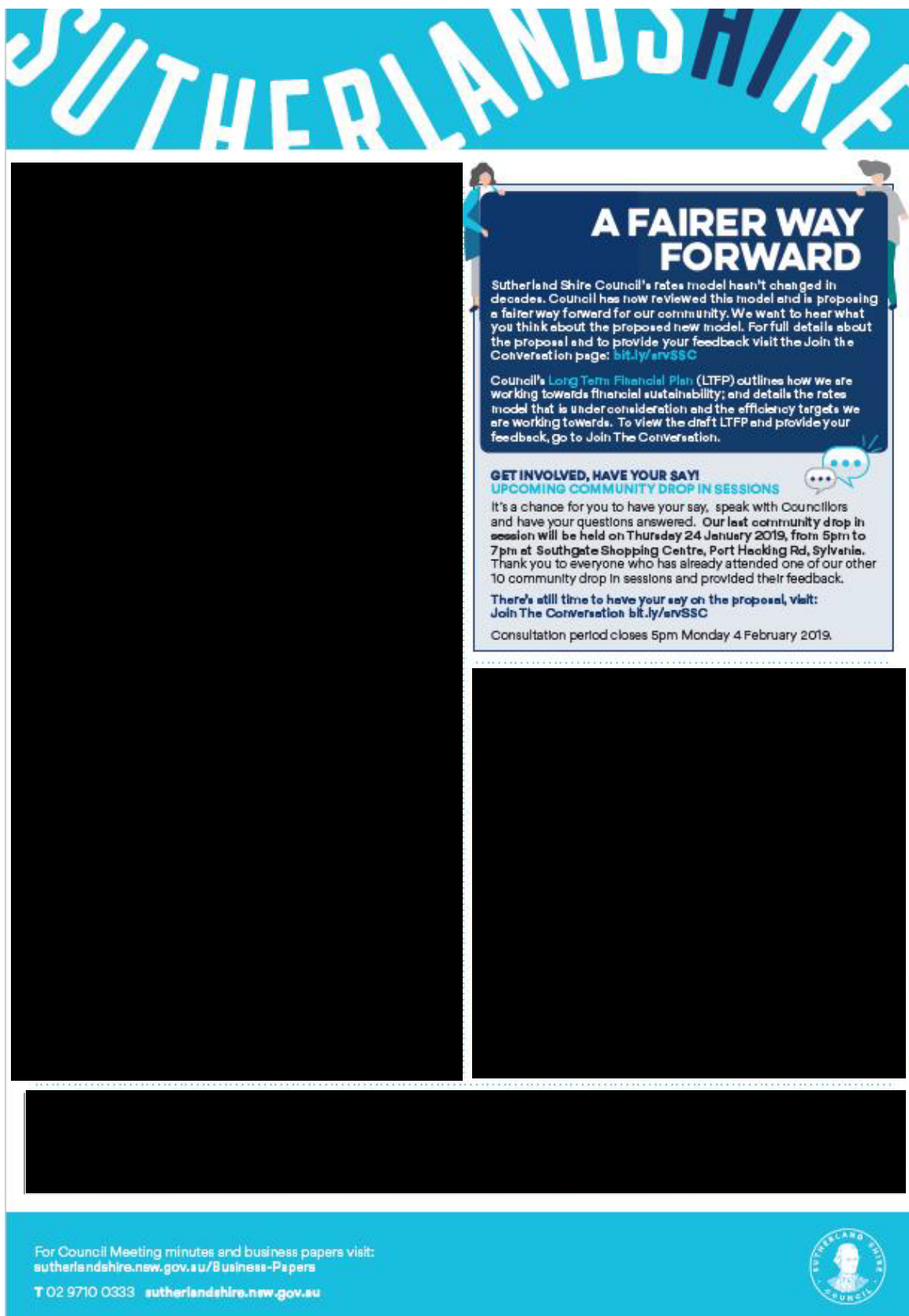
- **Thursday 17 January 2019, 5pm-7pm**
Cronulla Library, Cronulla Central, Croydon St, Cronulla.
- **Friday 18 January 2019, 12pm-2pm**
Miranda Library, 31 Wandella Rd, Miranda.
- **Saturday 19 January 2019, 10am-12pm**
Caringbah Library, 376-378 Port Hacking Rd, Caringbah.
- **Saturday 19 January 2019, 11am-1pm**
Sutherland Library, 30-36 Belmont St, Sutherland.
- **Thursday 24 January 2019, 5pm-7pm**
Southgate Shopping Centre, Port Hacking Rd, Sylvania.

For a full list of all consultation sessions and ways to provide your feedback, visit Join The Conversation bit.ly/srvSSC

For Council Meeting minutes and business papers visit:
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The advertisement features a large blue banner at the top with the text 'SUTHERLANDSHIRE' in white, stylized letters. Below the banner, on the left, is a large black rectangular area. To the right of this area is a blue box containing white text. The box is flanked by two cartoon characters, a woman on the left and a man on the right, who appear to be holding the box. The text inside the box is as follows:

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY DROP IN SESSIONS


It's a chance for you to have your say, speak with Councillors and have your questions answered. Our last community drop in session will be held on Thursday 24 January 2019, from 5pm to 7pm at Southgate Shopping Centre, Port Hacking Rd, Sylvania. Thank you to everyone who has already attended one of our other 10 community drop in sessions and provided their feedback.

There's still time to have your say on the proposal, visit:
Join The Conversation bit.ly/srvSSC

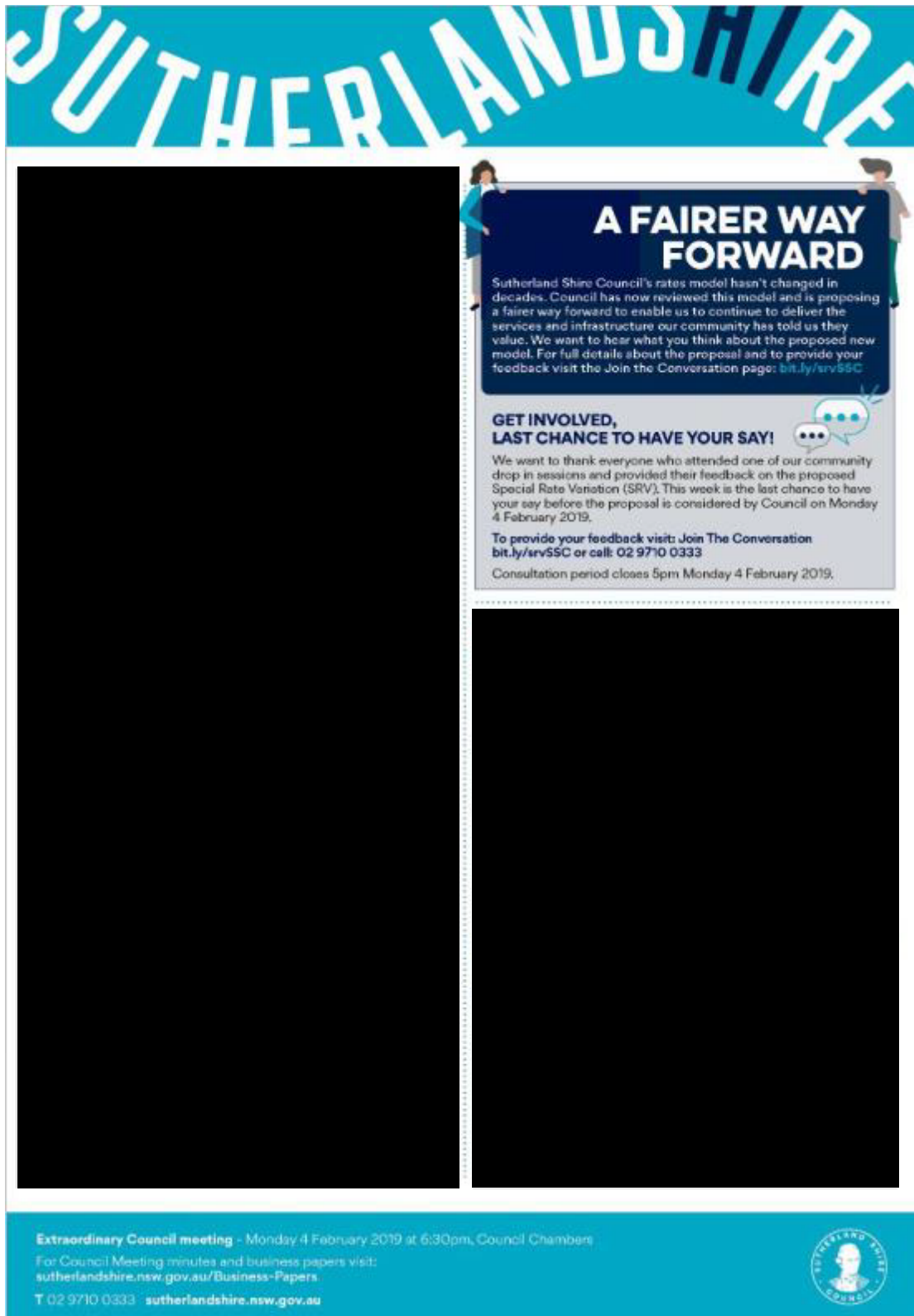
Consultation period closes 5pm Monday 4 February 2019.

Below the blue box is another large black rectangular area. At the bottom of the advertisement is a blue footer bar containing contact information and the Sutherland Shire Council logo.

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Sutherland Shire Council's rates model hasn't changed in decades. Council has now reviewed this model and is proposing a fairer way forward to enable us to continue to deliver the services and infrastructure our community has told us they value. We want to hear what you think about the proposed new model. For full details about the proposal and to provide your feedback visit the Join the Conversation page: bit.ly/srvSSC


GET INVOLVED, LAST CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY!

We want to thank everyone who attended one of our community drop in sessions and provided their feedback on the proposed Special Rate Variation (SRV). This week is the last chance to have your say before the proposal is considered by Council on Monday 4 February 2019.

To provide your feedback visit: Join The Conversation bit.ly/srvSSC or call: 02 9710 0333

Consultation period closes 5pm Monday 4 February 2019.

Extraordinary Council meeting - Monday 4 February 2019 at 6:30pm, Council Chambers
For Council Meeting minutes and business papers visit:
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COMMUNITY NOTIFICATIONS – Letterbox drop, 17 December 2018 & 14 January 2019

Double-sided A4 flyer distributed to all residents as a direct letterbox mailout, and also as part of the rates notice distribution.

SUTHERLAND SHIRE

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\$2032

\$602 per unit

Proposed Annual Rates

\$2032

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WHERE WE ARE NOW

TOTAL POPULATION

227,546

MORE COUPLES WITH CHILDREN HOUSEHOLDS (38.8% COMPARED TO 36.5% GREATER SYDNEY)

12.3% YOUNG WORKFORCE (MUCH LOWER THAN GREATER SYDNEY 15.4%)

MORE COUPLES WITHOUT CHILDREN HOUSEHOLDS (24.7% COMPARED TO 22.4% GREATER SYDNEY)

22.8% AGED 60+ (HIGHER THAN GREATER SYDNEY)

3% SLOW GROWTH

22.7% AGED UNDER 17 YEARS (SAME AS GREATER SYDNEY)

3.5% LOW UNEMPLOYMENT

WHERE WE WILL BE IN 10 YEARS

DECREASE IN HOUSEHOLD SIZE TO 2.66

23% AGED 60+ (INCREASE OF 16,762 PEOPLE)

LONE PERSON HOUSEHOLDS (+4,348)

23% AGED UNDER 17 YEARS (INCREASE OF 7,239 PEOPLE)

INCREASE IN DWELLINGS +12,300

INCREASE IN COUPLES WITHOUT CHILDREN +4,557 HOUSEHOLDS (Projections prepared by Profile 10 for SSG)

YOUR COUNCILLORS

Your Councillors are always happy to talk to you about your interests or concerns about our community. If you would like to talk to your ward Councillor, their contact details are below:

A WARD

Cr Michael Fenkew (ALP)
T: 02 9623 8278
M: 0418 119 526
E: mfenkew@ssc.nsw.gov.au

Cr Carol Provan (LIB)
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Cr Marie Simons (LIB)
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C WARD

Cr Tom Croucher (LIB)
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Cr Daniel Nicholls (LIB)
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E: dnicholls@ssc.nsw.gov.au

Cr Ray Plikersek (ALP)
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E WARD

Cr John Ried (LIB)
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Cr Peter Scaybrook (ALP)
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Deputy Mayor
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S WARD

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Cr Karl Johns (LIB)
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E: kjohns@ssc.nsw.gov.au

D WARD

Cr Greg McLean OAM (ALP)
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Mayor
Cr Carmelo Pace (LIB)
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E: cpace@ssc.nsw.gov.au

Cr Diedra Stierwald (ALP)
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E: dstierwald@ssc.nsw.gov.au

MAP

To find out what ward you are in call us or check on our website.

For full details on Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, including the Delivery Program 2017-21, Long Term Financial Plan and Asset Management Plans, please visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Council/Strategies-Plans-and-Reports

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Sutherland Shire Council's *Join the Conversation* webpage:

<https://jointheconversation.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Proposed-Special-Rate-Variation> included an online survey for community members to provide feedback, as well as a range of information available to the community that was updated as feedback was received to respond to the community's needs. This included:

- Ways to get involved and provide feedback to Council
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- An example of the community flyer that was distributed
- An example rates notice and where to find the rate charged listed, and how to know if paying min
- Important documents including:
 - o Special Rate Variation Glossary
 - o Financial Statements
 - o Annual Reports
 - o Ratepayers Reports
 - o Draft Long Term Financial Plan
 - o Sutherland Shire Council's Socio Economic Analysis
 - o Resourcing Strategy – Part A
 - o Asset Management Strategy – Part C
 - o Workforce Strategy – Part D
- Link to the IPART website
- Links to Council's website for more information regarding:
 - o Sutherland Shire Council's Community Strategic Plan
 - o Sutherland Shire Council's Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Operational Plan 2018-2019
 - o Resourcing Strategy
 - o Council Rates
- Outline of the SRV application process

DIGITAL CHANNELS – Council webpage live 11 December 2018


A full list of the FAQs was listed on the Council website and linked through form, and to, the *Join the Conversation* page: <http://www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Rates/Special-Rate-Variation-Frequently-Asked-Questions>

The *Join the Conversation* page was also promoted on the home page of Sutherland Shire Council's webpage from 11 December 2018 to 4 February 2019:
<http://www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Home>



DIGITAL CHANNELS – Social media, 28 November

The first post on Council’s Facebook page followed the Council meeting decision to consider applying to IPART:

**Sutherland Shire Council**
November 28, 2018 · 🌐


Council this week decided to consider looking at our current rates model as one way to address the financial challenges we are facing including the rising costs of maintaining and renewing community assets and providing services into the future.

Soon we will be seeking your feedback on a proposal to consider an increase in rates for units and apartments in Sutherland Shire above the minimum rate currently applied.

No decision has been made yet on a rates increase, and over the coming months we will provide opportunities for you to give feedback on the proposed rate model.

We will also provide a one stop destination for all of the information and how you can have you say – so please stay tuned!




To view the minutes from the Council meeting click here: bit.ly/2BCIIZ6



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5,871
People Reached

1,355
Engagements


   44

39 Comments 4 Shares

Like

Comment






Share



Performance for Your Post

5,871 People Reached

136 Reactions, Comments & Shares

20  Like	17 On Post	3 On Shares
3  Haha	3 On Post	0 On Shares
1  Wow	1 On Post	0 On Shares
1  Sad	1 On Post	0 On Shares
22  Angry	22 On Post	0 On Shares
85 Comments	75 On Post	10 On Shares
4 Shares	4 On Post	0 On Shares

1,219 Post Clicks

79 Photo Views	29 Link Clicks	1,111 Other Clicks
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NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

1 Hide Post	0 Hide All Posts
0 Report as Spam	0 Unlike Page

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The second post on Council’s Facebook page promoted the *Join the Conversation* webpage and other ways to provide feedback:




Sutherland Shire Council
December 11, 2018 · 🌐

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4,635
People Reached

1,025
Engagements

[Boost Post](#)

👍👎 [Redacted] and 15 others · 22 Comments · 5 Shares

Performance for Your Post

4,635 People Reached

75 Reactions, Comments & Shares

11 Like	11 On Post	0 On Shares
1 😂 Haha	1 On Post	0 On Shares
7 😡 Angry	7 On Post	0 On Shares
51 Comments	45 On Post	6 On Shares
5 Shares	5 On Post	0 On Shares


950 Post Clicks

59 Photo Views	137 Link Clicks	754 Other Clicks
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NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

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The third post on Council’s Facebook page promoted the first two community drop-in information sessions as well as the *Join the Conversation* webpage and other ways to provide feedback:



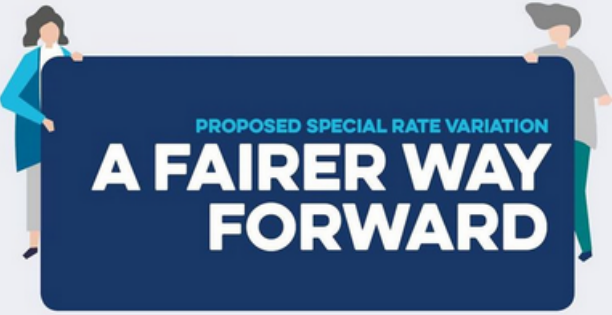
Sutherland Shire Council
December 14, 2018 · 🌐

The first 2 community drop-in sessions will run next week, to provide an opportunity for discussion and feedback about the Proposed Special Rate Variation (SRV).

Details are as follows:

- 17 December from 12-2pm at Sutherland Library (30/36 Belmont St, Sutherland)...

[See More](#)





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Call Now

2,313
People Reached

173
Engagements

and 4 others

6 Comments 1 Share

Performance for Your Post

2,313 People Reached

28 Reactions, Comments & Shares

7 Like	5 On Post	2 On Shares
2 Angry	2 On Post	0 On Shares
16 Comments	14 On Post	2 On Shares
3 Shares	1 On Post	2 On Shares

145 Post Clicks

8 Photo Views	10 Link Clicks	127 Other Clicks
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NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

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The fourth post on Council’s Facebook page promoted the additional community drop-in information sessions as well as the *Join the Conversation* webpage and other ways to provide feedback:

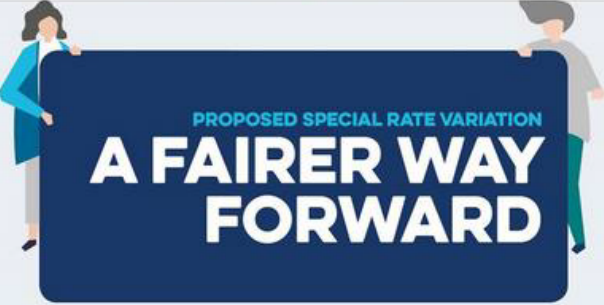



Sutherland Shire Council
January 7 at 10:00 AM · 🌐

Proposed Special Rate Variation Community Drop-in Sessions.

If you would like the opportunity to discuss and provide feedback on the Proposed Special Rate Variation, we will be holding a number of community drop-in sessions for residents.


It's a chance for you to have your say, speak with your elected Councillors and have your questions answered. ... [See More](#)





3,240
People Reached

333
Engagements



and 3 others

7 Comments 1 Share

Performance for Your Post

3,240 People Reached

35 Reactions, Comments & Shares

1 Like	1 On Post	0 On Shares
4 Angry	4 On Post	0 On Shares
29 Comments	20 On Post	9 On Shares
1 Shares	1 On Post	0 On Shares

298 Post Clicks


62 Photo Views	0 Link Clicks	236 Other Clicks
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NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

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The fifth post on Council’s Facebook page further promoted the additional community drop-in information sessions as well as the *Join the Conversation* webpage and other ways to provide feedback:



Sutherland Shire Council
January 17 at 11:30 AM · 🌐



Remaining Proposed Special Rate Variation Community Drop-in Sessions:
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1,808
People Reached


44
Engagements


Boost Post


 

1 Comment

 Like


 Comment

 Share




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4 Likes, Comments & Shares 

1 Likes	1 On Post	0 On Shares
2 Comments	2 On Post	0 On Shares
1 Shares	0 On Post	1 On Shares

40 Post Clicks

2 Photo Views	4 Link Clicks	34 Other Clicks 
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NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

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FACE-TO-FACE – Community Drop in sessions, December 2018 & January 2019

There were 11 two-hour community drop in sessions arranged for members of the community in all Wards to come and speak with Councillors, and Council staff, ask questions and find out more. iPads were also available at each location for people interested in completing an online feedback form on the day.

Approx. 134 community members attended in total across all sessions at local libraries and shopping centres.

Date	Time	Location	Ward	Councillor attending
Monday, 17 December 2018	12pm – 2pm	Sutherland Library	D	Mayor, Cr Pesce Cr Simpson
Tuesday, 18 December 2018	10am – 12pm	Menai Library	E	Mayor, Cr Pesce Cr Simpson
Friday, 11 January 2019	12pm – 2pm	Engadine Library	D	Mayor, Cr Pesce Cr Steinwall Cr McLean
Saturday, 12 January 2019	10am – 12pm	Sylvania Southgate	C	Cr Croucher Cr Plibersek
Saturday, 12 January 2019	11am – 1pm	Cronulla Library	A	Cr Forshaw Cr Provan Cr Simone
Tuesday, 15 January 2019	12pm – 2pm	Menai Library	E	Cr Scaysbrook
Thursday, 17 January 2019	5pm – 7pm	Cronulla Library	A	Cr Forshaw Cr Provan
Friday, 18 January 2019	12pm – 2pm	Miranda Library	B	Cr Scaysbrook
Saturday, 19 January 2019	10am – 12pm	Caringbah Library	B	Cr Boyd
Saturday, 19 January 2019	11am – 1pm	Sutherland Library	D	Cr McLean Cr Steinwall
Thursday, 24 January 2019	5pm – 7pm	Sylvania Southgate	C	Cr Croucher Cr Plibersek Cr Scaysbrook Cr Nicholls

Images of some consultation drop in sessions:





INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS – Staff Intranet (Compass) and Social Platform (Yammer), 10 January 2019

As more than 70% of Council's employees are local to the Sutherland Shire, Council shared posters around the workplace sites and promoted the *Join the Conversation* page on the staff intranet, *Compass*.

Staff intranet page:

Sutherland Shire COUNCIL | compass STAFF INTRANET

Welcome Connie! Logout

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Corporate News > Special Rates Variation Proposal

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- SSC News
- Local Government News

Looking for development opportunities in 2019?

Have a look at what training is currently available in our internal program, as well as some exciting new free online courses on offer.

[Read more...](#)

Special Rates Variation Proposal

Do you know that Council is considering making an application to the State Government's Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) to increase the minimum rates payable in Sutherland Shire?

Do you know we are holding public drop-in sessions in December and January for people to provide feedback and ask for more information?

Do you know you can read FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) and find out more about this proposal?

If you have a question that's not already in the FAQs and you think should be added, please send an email with your query to engagement@ssc.nsw.gov.au.

Or you can provide your feedback on the proposal at Join the Conversation - <https://jointheconversation.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Proposed-Special-Rate-Variation>

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SUTHERLAND SHIRE

A FAIRER WAY FORWARD

KEY SERVICES PROVIDED BY COUNCIL FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- BEACHES & LEISURE CENTRES
- PARKS & FIELDS
- PLAYGROUNDS
- ROADS & FOOTPATHS
- STORMWATER
- LIBRARIES
- ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CENTRES

We want to hear what you think about the proposed new model.

For further details and to provide your feedback visit bit.ly/SSCJTC or contact your Ward Councillor to discuss (see over) or attend an information session at your local library.

Sutherland Shire Council's rates model hasn't changed in decades. Council has now reviewed this model and is proposing a fairer way forward for our community.

Council's services are available for the whole community to utilise and enjoy, and as a community everyone needs to share the costs fairly.

Council's current rate structure is based upon land value only, not the market value (land and dwelling). A minimum rate is applicable for units and apartments, and this is currently set at \$602. For the majority of units and apartments in the Sutherland Shire, this amount is significantly less than houses of comparable market value. The proposal is to raise the minimum to \$900 as shown below:

Current Annual Rates
<p>Same Market Value \$ 1.7M</p> <p>\$2032</p> <p>\$602 per unit</p>

Proposed Annual Rates
<p>Same Market Value \$ 1.7M</p> <p>\$2032</p> <p>\$900 per unit</p>

We will look at ways to minimise the impact on those in our community experiencing hardship.

Council created a number of graphics to assist our community to understand key elements of the special rate variation proposal, and how to further contact Council or their Ward Councillor for more information. These graphics were included in the summer edition of Council's community newsletter (December 2018) as well as on our social media platforms and *Join the Conversation* page.

The need to address Council's asset backlog with a growing population

OUR LOCAL ASSETS

Council manage and maintain local infrastructure assets worth over \$2.7 billion that helps shape the quality of life enjoyed by our community. The Asset Management Strategy is a key component of Council's Resourcing Strategy and focuses on four asset classes – Roads & Footpaths, Stormwater & Waterways, Buildings, and Open Spaces. Here is a snapshot of these assets:

ROADS AND FOOTPATHS



800+^{km} Roads

560+^{km} Footpaths

27^{km} Shared Pathways

Gross Replacement cost **\$1.2 billion**

THE ASSET CHALLENGE

In the same way the family car needs to be serviced, maintained and ultimately replaced, so too do our local assets.

The costs of keeping our assets in their current condition are increasing and it's important we consider how to manage these increasing costs into the future.

Through responsible planning, we are continually working to strengthen our long-term position so we can deliver and maintain these assets to meet the needs of our community into the future.

If we don't address these financial challenges now, inevitably our assets will deteriorate and the service we are able to provide the community will ultimately be reduced.

Through on-going planning, we are looking at a range of options to address this challenge.

To read more about our asset management, visit sutherland.nsw.gov.au/Resourcing-Strategy

STORMWATER AND WATERWAYS

612+^{km} Stormwater Pipes

25,000+ Stormwater Pits

219 Water Quality Devices

4.5^{km} Under Road Culverts

2,101 Stormwater Headwalls



Gross Replacement cost **\$904 million**



569
BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Gross Replacement cost **\$508 million**

OPEN SPACES AND RECREATION



30 Wharves, Boat Ramps, Jetties and Pontoons



804^{ha} Natural Areas



158 Playgrounds



859 Green Spaces



13.3^{km} Beaches



5 Skate & BMX Parks



9 Tidal Pools



119 Sports fields



3 Horse Riding Areas

Gross Replacement cost **\$160 million**

Councillor Contact Details

YOUR COUNCILLORS

Your Councillors are always happy to talk to you about your interests or concerns about our community. If you would like to talk to your ward Councillor, their contact details are below:



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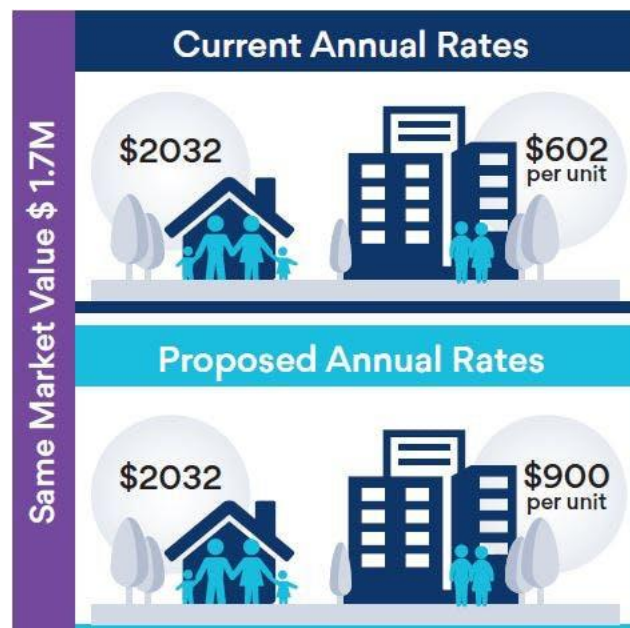
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MAP



To find out what ward you are in call us or check on our website.

An example of the current rate comparisons and proposed changes



The following graphics were included on Council's *Join the Conversation* page and hard copies were available at the community drop in sessions.

Rates notice example and identification of minimum rate

Administration Centre and Rate phone enquiry hours: Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm
Hearing (133 677) or speech (1300 555 727) impaired? Call us via the National Relay Service
4-20 Eton Street, SUTHERLAND NSW 2232
Locked Bag 17 SUTHERLAND NSW 1499
RATES: 02 9710 0585
GENERAL: 02 9710 0333
SBC: SBC.nsw.gov.au
sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au
ABN: 52 018 204 808

RATE NOTICE
Period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019
GST FREE

SUTHERLANDSHIRE

SUTHERLAND NSW 2232

PROPERTY NO:
FIRST
INSTALMENT
AMOUNT DUE: \$267.70
DUE DATE: 31/08/2018
ISSUE DATE: 19/07/2018
WARD: D

PROPERTY LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION
SUTHERLAND NSW 2232

RATING CATEGORY SEE BELOW	CURRENT VALUATION	VALUATION BASE DATE 1/07/2016
RATES AND CHARGES	RATEABLE VALUE / SERVICE	RATE IN \$
Residential Rate	143,910	@ Min Rate
Stormwater Management Services Charge	1	\$602.30
Domestic Waste Shared Service Charge		\$12.50
		\$456.30

This will appear on your rates notice if you are paying the minimum rate.

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$1,071.10

INSTALMENT DETAILS:	Due 31/08/2018	Due 30/11/2018	Due 28/02/2019	Due 31/05/2019
	\$267.70	\$267.80	\$267.80	\$267.80

NOTE: INTEREST CHARGES ACCRUE ON A DAILY BASIS AT 7.5% P.A. ON OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES.
PLEASE DEDUCT ANY PAYMENTS MADE SINCE 10 JUL 2018

For other methods of payment see over

Name: _____

Council now has an online change of address form
sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/rateschangeaddress

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Bill Code: _____ Credit cards are NOT accepted.
Reference: _____
BPAY® this payment via Internet or phone banking.
BPAY View® - View and pay this bill using internet banking.
BPAY View Registration No.: _____

Direct Debit Payments
Credit Cards are NOT accepted.
Download the application form from
sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au

Credit Card Payments via Internet or Automated Telephone Service
Phone 1300 886 435
We accept Visa and Mastercard. Amex payments are only accepted via
Automated Telephone Service. A merchant/service fee of 0.45% will be
applicable for Visa/Mastercard and 1.40% will be applicable for American Express.
Reference number: _____

Post Billpay Pay in-store at Australia Post
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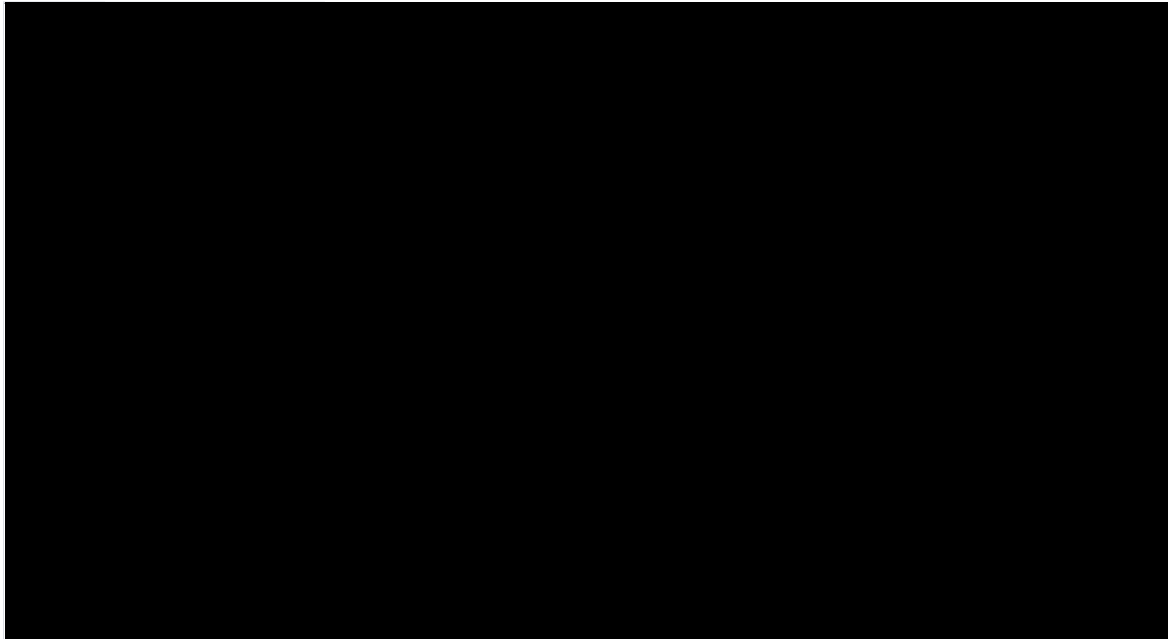
PROPERTY NUMBER	ANNUAL BALANCE	INSTALMENT PAYMENT
117	\$1,071.10	\$267.70

INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS – Staff Social Platform (Yammer), 11 & 17 December 2018

As more than 70% of Council's employees are local to the Sutherland Shire, Council also promoted the *Join the Conversation* page on the staff social platform, *Yammer*.

Staff social platform post – 11 December 2018:

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Staff social platform post – 17 December 2018:

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