

Message from the mayor



For the last 15 years Council rates have included a special 5% rate levy for environmental works. This special levy, known as the 'Community Environmental Contract' (or CEC) is due to finish shortly.

Thus we as a community must decide whether to apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for a

special rate variation equivalent in value to the CEC or for any other increases outside the State Government rate peg of about 3% per annum.

Even including the CEC revenue, Council ran an operating deficit of \$3.0 million in 2011-12. I am pleased to say that we have greatly improved our operating result over the last 2 years.

However even with the levy we would most likely be running a small operating deficit over the next couple of years unless we reduce some services.

Responses to our recent biennial community survey suggest that most residents would prefer a small increase in rates to a cut in services.

We also need to be mindful that a major test of council "fitness" for continued independence is financial

sustainability. This requires, among other criteria, running balanced operating budgets and a capacity to reduce "infrastructure backlog".

With these considerations in mind, Council has decided unanimously that three options should be put to the community:

- **Option 1** – A rate increase limited to the rate peg (likely to be about 3%) and excluding the CEC levy which would effectively mean a rate reduction in 2015-16;
- **Option 2** – A replacement 5% levy plus the estimated rate peg of 3% - effectively the financial status quo for ratepayers;
- **Option 3** – Option 2 plus a further 5% rate increase which would increase service levels, including clearing Council's infrastructure backlog.

Relative to the 2014-15 rate level, the average residential rate in 2015-16 would fall by about \$21 in Option 1, rise by about \$38 in Option 2, and rise by about \$98 in Option 3.

More details about the rating options are provided in this brochure. I will also be running a public meeting at 7pm on Monday 27 October where I will respond to any questions.

Council looks forward to hearing your views and will make a decision at the December meeting about which option to pursue.

Peter Abelson
Mayor of Mosman

Giving Local Infrastructure the Priority it Deserves

In consecutive biennial Community Surveys in 2012 and 2014, the services and facilities rated most important by Mosman residents have included core infrastructure such as roads, footpaths, public spaces, car parking and parklands. Residents have also consistently rated the maintenance and upgrade of roads and footpaths amongst the top issues facing Mosman over the next 10 years.

Responses in both the 2012 and 2014 Community Surveys also illustrate significant gaps between the importance placed on infrastructure like roads and footpaths and satisfaction with service levels. While Council has worked hard to provide a high level of local amenity (and resident satisfaction is actually above NSW benchmarks in many areas), it is also recognised that more can be done to give Mosman's infrastructure the priority it deserves.



Our Current Asset Base

Council is currently responsible for managing over \$400 million worth of public assets including roads, parks and open space, buildings, stormwater drainage and marine structures. These assets vary in condition, with all assets being rated on a scale of 1 to 5 as follows:

- Condition 1 – Excellent - As new
- Condition 2 – Good - Some sign of wear and tear
- Condition 3 – Average - Some areas with defects
- Condition 4 – Poor - Extensive wear and tear
- Condition 5 – Failed - Asset unserviceable

Our 'infrastructure backlog', which refers to assets in condition 4 or 5, is estimated at \$8.6 million. This backlog has been created as Council's actual expenditure on assets has not met the required expenditure. A key rationale for considering a

special rate variation (as proposed in Options 2 and 3 in this brochure) is to progressively reduce this infrastructure backlog by increasing expenditure across Council's assets. Option 2 will reduce the backlog by approximately \$5 million over 10 years and Option 3 will clear the backlog over the same period. Under Option 1, however, Council's infrastructure backlog is estimated to increase to \$12 million after 10 years.

What could we achieve with a Special Rate Variation?

The table below shows the level of infrastructure spending possible under each option:

Asset Class

Roads



Existing Work Plan
Includes average annual capital expenditure of \$2.2 million on road related assets



Existing work plan plus an additional \$4.3 million spent over 10 years on road pavement, footpaths, kerb and gutter and retaining walls



Existing work plan plus an additional \$7.6 million spent over 10 years on road pavement, footpaths, kerb and gutter and retaining walls

Marine Structures

Existing Work Plan
Includes average annual capital expenditure of \$0.1 million on marine structures

Existing work plan plus an additional \$0.8 million spent over 10 years on baths, jetties and seawalls

Existing work plan plus an additional \$1.1 million spent over 10 years on baths, jetties and seawalls

Buildings

Existing Work Plan
Includes average annual capital expenditure of \$1.4 million on buildings

Existing work plan plus an additional \$1.4 million spent over 10 years on Council buildings and amenity blocks

Existing work plan plus an additional \$2.3 million spent over 10 years on Council buildings and amenity blocks

Parks and Open Space

Existing Work Plan
Includes average annual capital expenditure of \$0.5 million on parks and open spaces

Existing work plan plus an additional \$1.4 million spent over 10 years on parks, reserves and sporting fields

Existing work plan plus an additional \$2.3 million spent over 10 years on parks, reserves and sporting fields

Stormwater Drainage

Existing Work Plan
Includes average annual capital expenditure of \$0.8 million on stormwater drainage assets

Existing work plan plus an additional \$0.8 million spent over 10 years on pipes, pits and creeks

Existing work plan plus an additional \$1.1 million spent over 10 years on pipes, pits and creeks

What are the options?

Impacts

	1	2	3
	No special rate variation. Annual rate increase in 2015-16 limited to estimated rate peg of 3%	A one-off special rate variation in 2015-16 of 8% (5% plus estimated annual rate peg of 3%)	A one-off special rate variation in 2015-16 of 13% (10% plus estimated annual rate peg of 3%)
Impact on Service Levels	Lower service levels over time	Service levels generally maintained however subject to budget shocks (Lower service levels required to achieve balanced budget)	Service levels increased including infrastructure renewal and maintenance and improvements to customer service and communications
Impact on Operating Result	Ongoing deficits up to 2024/25	Ongoing deficits or very marginal results up to 2024/25	Ongoing surpluses to 2024/25
Impact on Infrastructure	Reduced capital works program with increase in current 'infrastructure backlog' Estimated average annual works program - \$5 million* Estimated annual asset maintenance program - \$2.98 million*	Current level of capital works undertaken with some improvement in current 'infrastructure backlog' Estimated average annual works program - \$5.8 million* Estimated annual asset maintenance program - \$2.98 million*	Enhanced capital works and asset maintenance programs with 'infrastructure backlog' cleared within 10 years Estimated average annual works program - \$6.5 million* Estimated annual asset maintenance program - \$3.03 million*
Average Residential Rate 2015-16	\$1,235.16	\$1,295.12	\$1,355.08
Increase/(Reduction) in Average Residential Rate between 2014-15 and 2015-16	(\$21.59)	\$38.37	\$98.33
Total increase in average Residential Rates over next four years	\$92.95	\$158.47	\$223.39
Average Business Rate 2015-16	\$2,745.25	\$2,878.52	\$3,011.78
Increase/(Reduction) in Average Business Rate between 2014-15 and 2015-16	(\$47.99)	\$85.28	\$218.54
Total increase in average Business Rates over next four years	\$206.57	\$352.19	\$497.81
Impact on State Government 'Fit for the Future' Sustainability, Effectiveness and Efficiency Criteria	Key criteria not met	Some but not all criteria met	Most criteria met

*over next 10 years



Find out more

More information about the proposed Special Rate Variation and the rating options being considered can be found on Council's website – visit **mosman.nsw.gov.au**

You can also learn more through:

Public Exhibition

Up until Friday 14 November 2014, during business hours
Mosman Civic Centre and Mosman Library

Public Meeting

Monday 27 October 2014, 7pm
Mosman Civic Centre

Information Stall

Saturday 1 November 2014, 9am–1pm
Mosman Markets, Mosman Square

Give us your views

There are various ways you can tell us about your preferred option. You can do this in person at one of the information sessions listed above, or you can choose one of the following:

1. Return the reply paid postcard included with this booklet
2. Go to council's website at **mosman.nsw.gov.au** and visit the 'Shaping Mosman's Future' page. Here you will be able to complete a survey to indicate your preferred option and/or leave other comments for Council's consideration. This site also contains additional information on the rating options, including the impact on Mosman's services, infrastructure and rates payable.
3. Send a separate submission by regular post to
Mosman Council, PO Box 211, Spit Junction, NSW 2088.

All feedback must be received by **Sunday 16 November 2014**.



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Shaping mosman's future

Council is putting forward three rating options to the community



Have your say...

Tick the option you support and return this

Reply Paid card to Council by
Sunday 16 November 2014



- ☐ **No special rate variation.**
Annual rate increase in 2015-16 limited to estimated rate peg of 3%

Average rate decrease[†]
2014/15-2015/16 = \$21.59

Total average rate increase[†] over
the next four years = \$92.95

Lower service levels over time.



- ☐ **A one-off special rate variation in 2015-16 of 8% (5% plus estimated annual rate peg of 3%)**

Average rate increase[†]
2014/15-2015/16 = \$38.37

Total average rate increase[†] over
the next four years = \$158.47

Extra \$800,000 a year to renew and maintain infrastructure.



- ☐ **A one-off special rate variation in 2015-16 of 13% (10% plus estimated annual rate peg of 3%)**

Average rate increase[†]
2014/15-2015/16 = \$98.33

Total average rate increase[†] over
the next four years = \$223.39

Extra \$1.5m a year to renew and maintain infrastructure.

Other service improvements achievable

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Have your say



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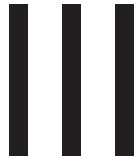
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MEDIA RELEASE

Date:	10 October 2014
Subject:	Consultation on Rating Options to Begin Next Week
Date of Release:	10 October 2014
Further Enquiries To:	Di Lawrence - 9978-4008

Council Moves to Secure Mosman's Future

At its latest meeting Mosman Council resolved unanimously to consult the community on a range of future rating options. Council is considering making application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a special rate variation in 2015, and will be seeking local views before deciding to proceed.

The key impetus for considering a special rate variation has been the impending expiry of the Community Environmental Contract (or CEC), a 5% environmental levy due to end in 2016-17. Council has pre-empted the expiry of this levy and has reviewed its long term financial forecasts to come up with three possible rating options to take Council into the future.

Following this review Council has made the decision to consider a special rate variation to fund further infrastructure works and to boost its financial health in the longer term. The three rating options Council will be consulting the community on are:

Option 1 - This assumes expiry of the current 5% environmental levy, with no replacement levy proposed. Annual rate increases will be limited to the annual State Government rate peg, which is estimated to be 3%.

Option 2 - This includes a special rate variation of 8% in 2015-16, comprising a 5% levy equivalent in value to the expiring environmental levy, plus the 3% rate peg.

Option 3 - This includes a special rate variation of 13% in 2015-16, comprising a 10% levy plus the 3% rate peg.

These options have different impacts on rates paid by residential and business ratepayers as well as the level of services and facilities delivered by Council. They will also have varying impacts on Council's financial well-being and its capacity to deliver in the short, medium and long term.

The three options and their impacts will be explained in a brochure to be delivered to residents, businesses and ratepayers in coming weeks. Reply-paid postcards will be provided with the brochure so that community members can indicate their preferred option to Council. Detailed information and opportunities for online feedback will also be available from next week on the 'Shaping Mosman's Future' page, accessible via Council's website www.mosman.nsw.gov.au

The consultation period will extend until 16 November 2014.

Note all information is correct at time of release

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MEDIA RELEASE

Date:	17 October 2014
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Date of Release:	17 October 2014
Further Enquiries To:	Di Lawrence - 9978-4008

Council consults on rates options to improve infrastructure and financial sustainability

Mosman Council is considering making application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a special rate variation in 2015, and wants to know local views on three possible rating options before deciding to proceed.

Consideration of a special rate variation has been prompted by the impending expiry of the Community Environmental Contract (or CEC), a 5% environmental levy due to end in 2016-17. Council has reviewed its long term financial forecasts ahead of the levy's expiry to come up with three possible rating options to take Council into the future.

Following the review Council decided to consider a special rate variation to fund further works to improve local assets including roads, footpaths, buildings, parks, drainage and marine structures, reducing the current estimated \$8.6m infrastructure backlog, and to boost its financial health in the longer term.

The three rating options Council has released for community comment include:

Option 1 - This assumes expiry of the current 5% environmental levy, with no replacement levy proposed. Annual rate increases will be limited to the annual State Government rate peg, which is estimated to be 3%. Under this option average rates will fall by 2% in 2015-16 (and increase by an estimated 3% in following years). However, Council's infrastructure backlog will increase and service levels will need to reduce over time.

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MEDIA RELEASE

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Date of Release:	24 October 2014
Further Enquiries To:	Di Lawrence - 9978-4008

Council seeks feedback on rates options to improve infrastructure and financial sustainability

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The consultation period is open until 16 November 2014.

Shaping Mosman's Future

Rating Options Now on Exhibition

Council is currently seeking community views on three possible rating options for Mosman's future. The results of this consultation will assist Council in determining whether to apply for a Special Rate Variation commencing in 2015-16. An information brochure outlining three rating options, including impacts on rates, service levels and infrastructure will be delivered to ratepayers, residents and businesses next week. Information about the options can also be found on Council's website, at the Civic Centre or at Mosman Library. A public meeting will be held at the Civic Centre on Monday 27 October at 7pm.

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Council is seeking community views on three rating options for Mosman's future

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For information about the rating options visit Council's website mosman.nsw.gov.au

You can also learn more about this proposal through:

- Public Exhibition**
Information packages available during business hours up until Friday 14 November 2014 at Mosman Civic Centre and Library
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Mosman Daily Advertisement - 30 October 2014

Peter Abelson
Mayor



Have your say...

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We must now decide whether to apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for a special rate variation equivalent in value to the CEC or for any other increase outside the State Government rate peg of about 3% per annum.

We have greatly reduced the operating deficit down from \$3.0 million over the last two years. But even with the levy continuing we would most likely be running a small operating deficit over the next years unless we reduce some services.

Recent consultations suggest that residents on balance would prefer to see infrastructure improved and a small increase in rates to a cut in services.

Further, a major test of "fitness" for continued council independence is financial sustainability. This requires, among other criteria, running balanced operating budgets and a capacity to reduce "infrastructure backlog".

Accordingly, Council has decided unanimously to put three options to the community:

Option 1 - A rate increase limited to the rate peg (likely to be about 3%) and excluding the CEC levy which would effectively mean a rate reduction in 2015-16; Option 2 - A replacement 5% levy that remains permanently in the rate base plus the estimated rate peg of 3% - effectively the financial status quo for ratepayers; Option 3 - Option 2 plus a further 5% rate increase (that again remains permanently in the rate base) which would increase service levels and clear Council's infrastructure backlog.

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Please tell us your views. Council will make a decision at the December meeting about which option to pursue.



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Shaping Mosman's Future

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Mosman Daily Advertisement - 13 November 2014

Draft Long Term Financial Plan and Delivery Program on Exhibition

In October-November 2014 Council consulted the community on three rating options for Mosman's future. Community sentiment was quite evenly divided, with Option 3 (a 13% special rate variation including the rate peg in 2015-16) receiving the highest level of support. This option also produces the best outcomes for financial sustainability and infrastructure renewal.

At its meeting of 2 December 2014, Council resolved to notify the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of its intent to apply for a Special Rate Variation and to exhibit its draft Long Term Financial Plan and Delivery Program reflecting its preferred Special Rate Variation in 2015-16 of 13% (including the rate peg). This one-off rate increase is proposed to remain permanently in the rate base, which will then be subject to annual increases in accordance with the rate peg from 2016-17.

Comments on both plans can be submitted to Council up until Sunday 18 January 2015. See Council's website for further details.

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MOSMAN NOW

NEWSLETTER

Trees in the spotlight

Mosman Council has welcomed interim changes to the 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code which have resulted in the residential entitlement area being significantly reduced.

The entitlement area, in which trees can be cleared within 10m of a home without seeking approval, has been reduced from 350m to 100m for Category 1 bushfire-prone land and from 150m to 30m for Category 2 vegetation. The changes mean 10% or about 680 residential lots in Mosman are now included in the entitlement area, down from an original 57% or 3,888 lots and follows Mosman Council's submission to the NSW Rural Fire Service's (RFS) review of the Code.

"I'm pleased to see the continued representations from Council and the community have been successful in achieving this positive step which has considerably reduced the vegetation clearing entitlement area," Mosman Mayor Cr Peter Abelson said.

"Clearly the Rule was being used for purposes other than what was intended, so while I am pleased that the RFS has shown a willingness to be receptive to calls for change, the underlying flaws in the 10/50 Rule remain."

Director, Environment and Planning Craig Covich said the marked increase in tree removal since the 10/50 Rule was introduced in August had resulted in a reduction in Mosman's tree canopy with nearly a tree a day being removed.

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Mosman Mayor Peter Abelson, Councillors and staff wish everyone in Mosman the very best for Christmas and the festive season.

Apart from public holidays, the Council offices, Art Gallery and Library will be open during normal hours over Christmas with the exception of:

- 12.30pm closure on Friday 12 December and a 3pm closure Wednesday 24 and 31 December 2014
- Mosman Library will close at 5.30pm rather than 9pm on Tuesday 23 and 30 December 2014
- Mosman Occasional Care will close Wednesday 24 December 2014 and reopen Tuesday 27 January 2015
- Marie Bashir Mosman Sports Centre will be closed from 3pm 24 December and reopen for bookings on 5 January 2015
- The Mosman Rider will operate throughout the holidays, with the exception of Christmas Day.
- Waste collections will continue as normal. Rangers will also be working throughout the period and can be contacted on 9978 4000.

For further information visit Council's website.



We encourage residents to visit some of the many great shopfront displays throughout Mosman

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Trees in the spotlight

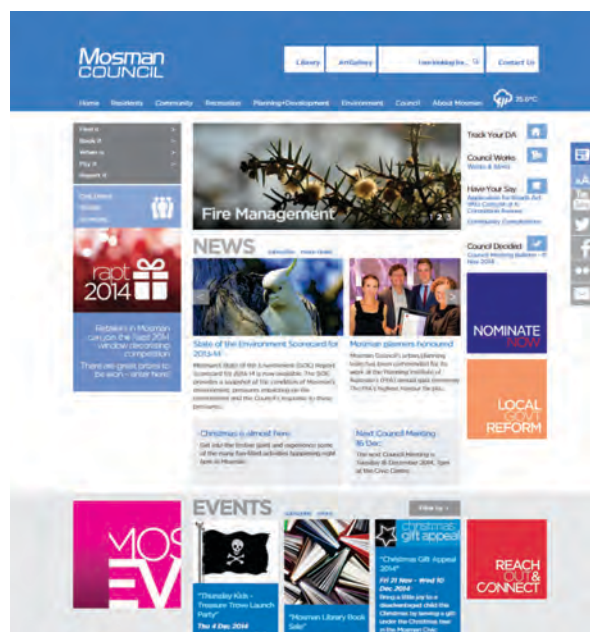
"While the interim changes will slow this trend, Mosman is still seeking to be excluded from the Rule so that we can revert to our original process which has proven effective by the fact that 70% of removals were previously the subject of tree permits refused by Council," he said.

Mr Covich warned residents that they need to be mindful of the change and that all breaches will be investigated and may result in prosecution and penalties under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act*.

"The onus is on the resident to check whether their property is still within the Vegetation Clearing Entitlement area," he said. "Residents should be aware that given the large reduction in the entitlement area they should reassess whether their property is within a clearing entitlement area using the RFS's online tool."

Mosman Council has prosecuted three cases involving both residents and contractors. In the most recent case, a contractor was convicted and fined \$10,250 plus costs.

Council launches new site



Mosman Council's website has been redesigned to make it more user-friendly for people looking for information on tablets and mobile devices as well as PCs.

The refreshed site provides a wealth of information on all things Mosman as well as presenting a contemporary look. Added to this, beautiful images showcasing the area have been used throughout the site to make the browsing experience more enjoyable.

News, upcoming events, Council works, DAs, community consultation projects and social media links are featured prominently, as well as new elements, including an easy-to-read summary of Council meetings, "Council Decided".

We hope that locating information, accessing Council services and contacting Council will now be even easier.

Supporting our youth



The newly launched Mosman Youth blog is a great reflection of the many ways young people in Mosman are active in the community. Developed by Council's Youth Services, the blog features posts from dozens of young contributors writing about events and activities they have participated in as well as key topics of interest. Content includes reviews of local gigs and events, upcoming training and career seminars as well the popular features 'Tips from an almost Doctor' and 'Ask Kartik'.

Young people from Mosman recently took part in two skills development workshops that covered the topics of event management and booking gigs and environmental sustainability. The sessions were led by two inspiring young people: Artist Voice talent agent Bec Young (Chet Faker, Horrorshow, Angus & Julia Stone) and Tim Silverwood, co-founder of the 'Take 3' movement. Other past and upcoming skills development workshops include media and marketing, barista accreditation and 'Job Ready' workshops.

One of Mosman's biggest ever youth consultations, 'It Starts with You', is happening now. The program aims to identify key areas of importance according to young people and establish a collective vision for Mosman's future. There are a myriad of ways young people aged 12-25 who live, work or study in Mosman can get involved and help shape the future direction for local youth. Whether it's simply by completing the online survey or attending a focus group held at the Mosman Youth Centre, the most important aspect is that all kinds of young people have a say.

Young people interested in finding out about any of these initiatives, including youth volunteering, blog contributing and youth consultations should head to www.mosmanyouth.com.au or call 9978 4103.

Mosman Design Awards

Nominations are currently open for the 2015 Mosman Design Awards and Council encourages architects and owners to nominate for these prestigious awards. The awards recognise and celebrate outstanding contributions to Mosman's built environment – providing opportunities for architects, builders and owners to exhibit their achievements.

The 2013 Winner for Excellence in Adaptive Reuse, architect Luigi Roselli commented: "I am a repeat award entrant and am absolutely addicted to it. It is a well-run competition, with widespread physical and online audience, and it helps the reciprocal understanding between councils and architects". Resident Josephine Skellern, owner of the 2009 award winning property in Plunkett Rd, also praised the awards: "I was thrilled that my home was selected as a winner for the Mosman Design Awards. The whole experience was positive and professional".

Nominations are free and can be made online. The closing date for nominations has been extended to Friday 30 January 2015. Contact Ben Gresham on 9978 4154 or visit www.mosmandesignawards.com.au

Upgrades to Council facilities

Council has been busy planning improvements to amenity and accessibility at both Mosman Library and Mosman Square Seniors Centre. The works, due to commence soon, will provide residents with more contemporary public spaces.

Mosman Library has some exciting improvements scheduled. The works will take place from February to the end of April 2015 including accessible toilet facilities and a modern new foyer area.

During the building period the Library will remain open, offering a reduced service from the ground floor where the Reference Library and study areas are currently located. While there will be limited access to much of the lending collection there will be unlimited loans prior to the commencement of the building works and an extended loan period during the construction period. The Library will reopen at the end of April with a brand new foyer which will include upgraded toilets, a separate returns room for library books, a new customer service desk and increased casual seating.

Mosman Square Seniors Centre's long-awaited changes are close at hand and will also result in greater accessibility and improved amenity. These refurbishment works are due to begin in mid January 2015. With improvement comes some temporary inconvenience, however Aged and Disability Services staff have been working to rehouse activities in other Council venues during the refurbishment period.

For additional information on the upgrades please visit Council's website, mosman.nsw.gov.au.

Connecting our community



For those of us lucky enough to be at Hugh Mackay's author talk on his new book 'The Art of Belonging' at Mosman Library in October, the importance of connecting ourselves and others in the community was clear. The central message was that communities don't just happen, we have to create, build and nurture them. While there is a strong sense of community spirit in Mosman, there may be more we can do to connect with and support our neighbours and ourselves. This includes reaching out to others who may be at risk of social isolation.

To promote community connectedness and increase awareness Council is developing new resources under the branding of 'Mosman Connects'. A forum with community groups is planned for March next year to look at ways of bringing locals together. For information visit mosman.nsw.gov.au

Parking: seeking solutions

Council has recently completed a series of consultations on parking in Mosman. Councillor workshops, community meetings and stakeholder consultations have discussed four main options as follows:

- Remain as is
- Improve use of existing supply with things like dynamic signage and reviewing restrictions on the street
- Increase the supply with Council currently looking at options at the Civic Centre site and Raglan West car park
- Promote use of alternative transport

Each of the options has a variety of actions and these are currently being prioritised in line with community feedback, cost and implications to the community. The findings along with a parking strategy will be presented to Council in early 2015.

Library lighting retrofit

Picture 51,000 smart phones, all plugged into a powerpoint charging to full capacity every day. It's a crazy thought, and equates to 1.7 smartphones for every Mosman resident. Yet this is the amount of electricity saved over the past year as a result of a lighting upgrade in Mosman Library.

In May 2013, Council retrofitted the old fluorescent lights in Mosman Library. The project saw 463 lights replaced with energy efficient LED lights, in order to save money and reduce energy consumption and corporate greenhouse gas emissions. Since the lighting retrofit, the monthly electricity usage for the Library has been significantly reduced.

This retrofit was the last stage of the building retrofit program, with the Civic Centre building retrofitted in 2011.

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The project was funded by the NSW Waste and Sustainability Improvement Payment (WaSIP) Program

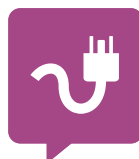


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AT THE END OF YEAR 1...



11% reduction in electricity consumption



102 MWh saved annually



\$41,888 electricity bill reduction

THIS EQUATES TO...

108 tonne saving of CO₂ emissions



Planting 335 trees to offset emissions



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Holiday Fun

Don't miss out on the many fun and interesting events taking place in Mosman over the Summer. Visit events.mosman.nsw.gov.au for more.

Here is a sample of what's on offer –

Balmoral Carols by Candlelight 2014

Bring a picnic rug on Saturday 20 December and spend an evening under the stars at the Rotunda in beautiful Balmoral singing to your favourite Christmas carols. Free shuttle bus via Spit Junction, Military Rd and Raglan St from 5.30pm. Carols start at 7.45pm. Organised by St Clements Church, office@stclements-mosman.org.au

Bard on the Beach

Live performances of Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Rotunda, Balmoral. Friday and Saturday shows start at 8pm, while Sunday evenings start at 7pm. The season runs from 16 January until 8 March 2015. Performances run alternate nights, admission is by donation. For more information, visit www.bardonthebeach.net or call 0414 906 734.

Australia Day Celebrations

Sunday 26 January 2014, 10am-12.30pm
Drill Hall Common, Cross Street, Mosman

Activities will begin with a Citizenship Ceremony recognising new citizens. This will be followed by an Australia Day Address by Mosman's Australia Day Ambassador Todd Greenberg NRL Head of Football.

Mosman's 2014 Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year will be announced with guests invited to join in a community barbecue supported by the Lions Club of Mosman.

200th Anniversary of Bungaree's Land Grant

January 31, 2015 will mark the 200th anniversary of Governor Macquarie's land grant to Bungaree at Mosman, the oldest such land grant to an Aboriginal person in Australia. To commemorate this important occasion, a number of events and activities have been planned, including a series of exhibitions and on-site activities.

Bungaree: The First Australian exhibition
13 December 2014 – 22 February 2015 at Mosman Art Gallery

Bungaree's Farm exhibition
31 January – 8 February 2015 at Camouflage Fuel Tanks – T5, Headland Park, Georges Heights

Traditional Whale Dreaming Ceremony
31 January 2015, Balmoral Beach

National Parks and Wildlife Aboriginal Heritage Walks
31 January and 1 February 2015 at Middle Head

The Royal Australian Navy's Bungaree Performance Group
31 January 2015 at Georges Heights, Headland Park

Bungaree Historical Display
Mosman Library, late January 2015

For more details (and bookings) please go to the Mosman Events website - events.mosman.nsw.gov.au

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Shaping Mosman's Future – Draft Long Term Financial Plan and Delivery Program on Exhibition

Thank you to the 900 residents and ratepayers who made submissions to Council during October and November on three rating options for Mosman's future.

Of the 900 submissions received, 884 'votes' were submitted for a preferred option. The voting results were as follows:

Option	Description	No. of Votes	% of Votes
1 (Base)	No special rate variation and cessation of the temporary Community Environmental Contract levy (i.e. 5%). Annual rate increases limited to estimated rate peg of 3%.	271	30.65%
2	A one-off special rate variation in 2015-2016 of 8% (5% plus estimated annual rate peg of 3%)	297	33.60%
3	A one-off special rate variation in 2015-2016 of 13% (10% plus estimated annual rate peg of 3%)	316	35.75%

At its meeting of 2 December 2014, Council resolved to notify the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of its intent to apply for a Special Rate Variation and to exhibit its draft Long Term Financial Plan and Delivery Program reflecting its preferred Special Rate Variation in 2015-16 of 13% (including the rate peg). This one-off rate increase is proposed to remain permanently in the rate base, which will then be subject to annual increases in accordance with the rate peg from 2016-17. Of the options considered by Council, the proposed 13% special rate variation received the highest level of overall community support and will produce the best results for both financial sustainability and infrastructure renewal.

Comments on both plans can be submitted to Council up until Sunday 18 January 2015. See Council's website for further details.

Retailers embrace Rapt2014

Thanks to the large number of local businesses that entered the Rapt2014 Christmas Window Decoration Competition, with many imaginative displays adding some festive cheer to Mosman's retail areas. The competition, run by Council in conjunction with the Mosman Chamber of Commerce, is now in its fourth year. Winning businesses were announced at the Chamber's Christmas Party at Mosman Art Gallery on 10 December 2014.

Help support our local retailers with your last minute Christmas shopping and enjoy the many window displays. All participating businesses along with the winners are listed in the 18 December 2014 edition of the Mosman Daily.

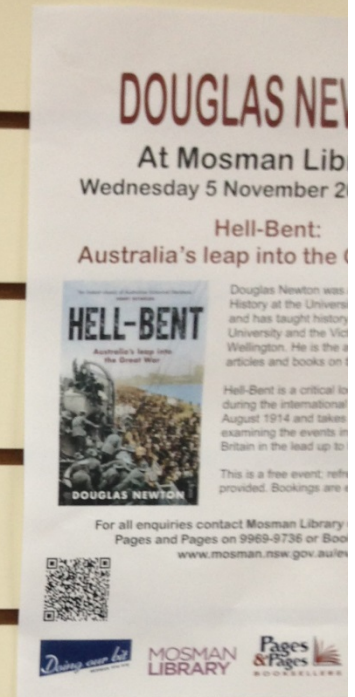
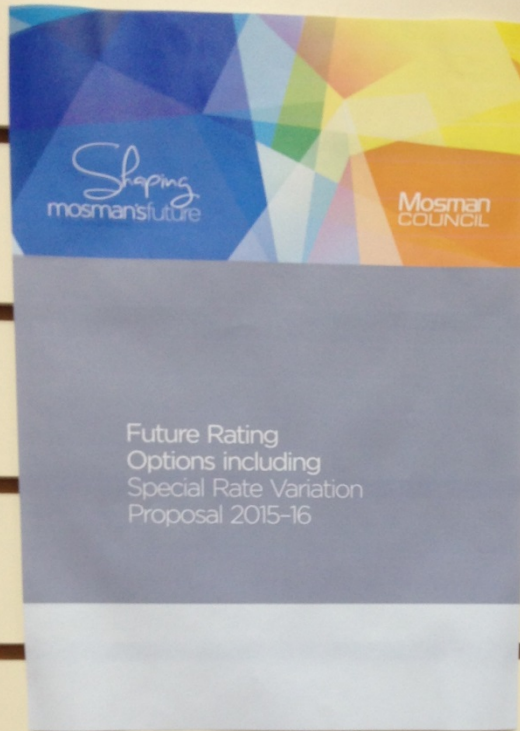
We wish to thank all businesses that have kindly donated prizes for this year's competition and the Mosman Daily for its continued support.

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Monday 27 October, 7pm

Mosman Civic Centre

A public meeting is being held to discuss the three future rating options being considered by Council.

Come along to learn more and share your views.

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Survey **Discussion Forum** **News Feed**

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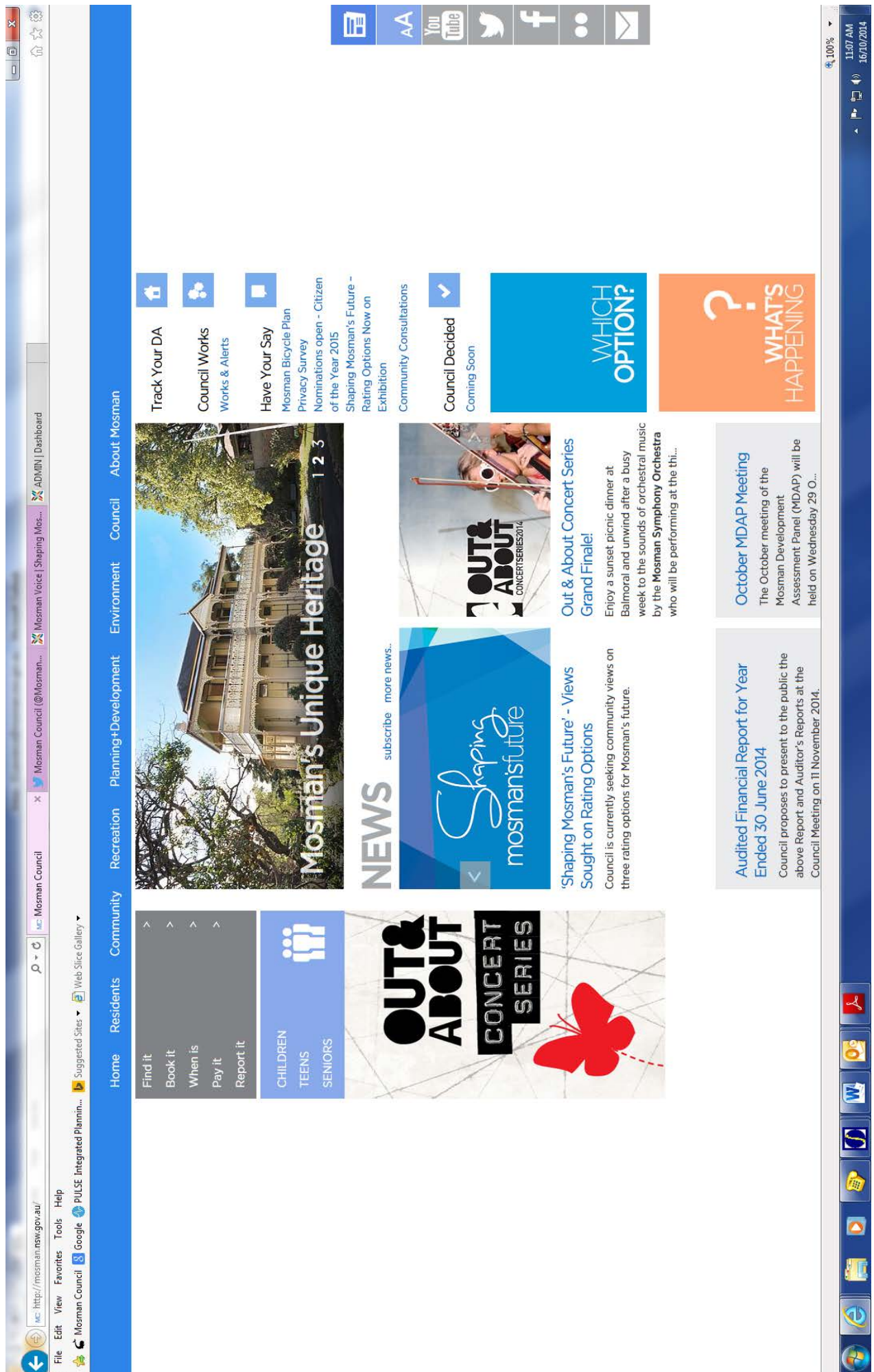
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At the bottom of the page, there is a "News" section with a list of links: "From the Mayor", "Mosman Now", "Planning and Development", "Environment", "Council Decided", "Public Notices", "Library News", and "News Archive".

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These three options are explained in more detail on this site - we want your views about which option you think is best for Mosman, its residents and ratepayers.

Don't forget the Public Meeting at 7pm, Monday 27 October 2014 at Mosman Civic Centre if you want to learn more and/or share your views!

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Take this quick survey to give us your views on the three rating options proposed, or consider leaving some more detailed comments in the [Discussion Forum](#).

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A screenshot of a web browser displaying the Mosman Council website. The browser's address bar shows the URL "http://www.mosman.nsw.gov.au/news/2014/10/16/shaping-mosmans-future-views-sought". The page has a blue header with the "Mosman COUNCIL" logo on the left and navigation links (Home, Residents, Community, Recreation, Planning+Development, Environment, Council, About Mosman) on the right. Below the navigation links are four white boxes labeled "Library", "ArtGallery", "I am looking for...", and "Contact Us". A weather widget indicates "22.6°C". The main content area features a large graphic with the text "Shaping mosman's future" and a sidebar with social media icons (Facebook, Twitter, Google+, LinkedIn, Email). The headline reads "'Shaping Mosman's Future' - Views Sought on Rating Options", dated "Posted Thursday 16 October 2014". The article text states that the council is seeking community views on three rating options for Mosman's future, with a decision due in December. It lists two primary reasons for considering these options: the impending expiry of the 5% Community Environmental Contract levy and opportunities to improve local infrastructure. The page footer includes a "From the Mayor" section with links to various council services and a "News" section.

Option 1

Maintain rates in accordance with the State Government's annual rate peg (estimated at 3% per year), allowing for the expiry of the temporary Community Environmental Contract levy (i.e. 5% in 2015-16. This will result in a 2% reduction in rates next year

Option 2

Continue to levy rates in accordance with the State Government's annual rate peg (estimated at 3% per year) plus a one-off rate increase for infrastructure works equivalent to the value of the expiring Community Environmental Contract Levy (5% in 2015-16 that remains permanently in the rate base – meaning an 8% rate increase next year

Option 3

Continue to levy rates in accordance with the State Government's annual rate peg (estimated at 3% per year) plus a one-off rate increase of 10% to fund additional infrastructure works (8.5%) and allow for a financial sustainability component (1.5%) in 2015-16 that remains permanently in the rate base – meaning a 13% rate increase next year

Both Options 2 and 3 will require that Council makes application for a Special Rate Variation. Additional funding through a Special Rate Variation will enable Council to progressively address its current infrastructure backlog of \$8.6 million. Option 2 will go some way towards reducing the current backlog, while Option 3 will remove the backlog altogether over a 10 year period. Under Option 1 Council's infrastructure backlog could be expected to increase to \$12 million over the next 10 years.

More detail on the rating options are available on the [Shaping Mosman's Future](#) page on this website. This engagement page gives opportunities to vote on the preferred option or to leave other comments. An information brochure will also be delivered to households in the week commencing 20 October, together with a reply-paid postcard on which votes can be recorded and returned free of charge to Council.

A Public Meeting will be held to discuss the 'Shaping Mosman's Future' rating options at 7pm on **Monday 27 October** at Mosman Civic Centre. The deadline for community feedback is **Sunday 16 November 2014**.

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Screenshot of the Mosman Council website (http://mosman.nsw.gov.au/) as displayed in a web browser window on December 17, 2014. The browser's address bar shows the URL, and the taskbar at the bottom displays various application icons including Internet Explorer, Word, and Outlook.

The website features a blue header with the Mosman Council logo and a navigation menu: Home, Residents, Community, Recreation, Planning+Development, Environment, Council, and About Mosman. A temperature indicator shows 23.4°C.

Below the navigation menu, there are several sections:

- Library, ArtGallery, I am looking for...:** A search bar with a magnifying glass icon and a "Contact Us" button.
- Track Your DA:** A link to track Development Applications.
- Council Works:** A link to view council works, with a sub-link for "Bay Street Civil Works" scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2014, to Friday, December 23, 2014.
- Have Your Say:** A link to provide feedback on the Draft Local Government Financial Plan 2015-16 and the Draft Local Government Strategic Plan 2015-16 (revised) 2013-2017 Delivery Program.
- Council Decided:** A link to view council decisions, with a sub-link for the "Council Meeting Bulletin" dated 2 Dec 2014.
- WHAT'S HAPPENING:** A large orange box with a question mark icon.

The main content area is divided into two columns:

- Left Column:** Features a large image of a bushfire with the headline "Bushfire season be prepared" and a "NEWS" section with a sub-headline "A Message from the Mayor" by Peter Abelson.
- Right Column:** Features a "Merry Christmas and Opening Hours" announcement from Mosman Mayor Peter Abelson, Councilors, and staff, wishing everyone in Mosman the very best for Christmas and the festive season. Below this is a "Christmas is almost here" section with a link to "Get into the festive spirit and experience some of the many fun-filled activities happening right here in Mosman."

At the bottom of the page, there is a "Mosman Council" logo and a "Web Slice Gallery" link. The footer includes a "Filter by" dropdown menu and a "subscribe more" link.

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Rates plan to boost works, sustainability

Posted Friday 12 December 2014

Following a detailed community engagement strategy that resulted in 900 submissions, Council resolved to advise the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) of its intention to make application for a Special Rate Variation in 2015-16 of 13% (including the rate peg).

Mosman Mayor Councillor Peter Abelson said the actual impact on local rates would be much lower.

"While we are proposing a 13% Special Rate Variation, this does not equate to a 13% rate increase as previously reported," Cr Abelson said.

"The Special Rate Variation also needs to take into account the 5% Community Environmental Contract that will expire, meaning that any rate increases will actually be in the order of 8%."

"Also, taking into account the 2.4% rate peg recently announced by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal, and assuming we had applied this to last year's rates without seeking a special rate variation, what we are proposing in fact equates to a 5.6% increase on the 'status quo'."

The Mayor said that the additional rates, as well as providing a significant boost to Council's infrastructure works and longer term financial sustainability, will also place Mosman in a much better position to respond to the State Government's 'Fit for the Future' reforms.

"If Mosman wants to remain independent we must be able to clearly demonstrate to the State government that we have the means to do so," Cr Abelson said.

The next step in the process is to place on public exhibition drafts of the Delivery Program and Long Term Financial Plan that reflect Council's intention to seek a Special Rate Variation. These documents are on public exhibition for a period of six weeks until 18 January 2015. The community are invited to comment on these documents and they are available at the Civic Centre, Library and on this website.

Following this period of exhibition Council will at its meeting on 3 February 2015 consider any submissions received and decide whether to proceed with an application to IPART for a Special Rate Variation. Should Council resolve to proceed applications are due to IPART

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**Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2015 – 2025
and Draft (revised) 2013-2017 Delivery Program**

In October-November 2014 Council consulted the community on three rating options for Mosman's future. A summary of engagement activities, including the votes lodged and comments made during the engagement period is now available:

- [Community Engagement Summary \(368KB\)](#)

Community sentiment was quite evenly divided, with Option 3 (a 13% special rate variation including the rate peg in 2015-16) receiving the highest level of support. This option also produces the best outcomes for financial sustainability and infrastructure renewal and also places Council in the best position to meet the NSW Government's Fit for the Future criteria.

At its meeting of 2 December 2014, Council resolved to notify the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of its intent to apply for a Special Rate Variation and to exhibit its draft Long Term Financial Plan and Delivery Program reflecting its preferred Special Rate Variation in 2015-16 of 13% (including the rate peg).

This one-off rate increase is proposed to remain permanently in the rate base, which will then be subject to annual increases in accordance with the rate peg from 2016-17. Given the expiry of the temporary 5% Community Environmental Contract levy, the proposed Special Rate Variation will result in an increase of 8% on 2014-15 rate levels.

- [Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2015 – 2025 \(2MB\)](#)
- [Draft \(revised\) 2013-2017 Delivery Program \(3MB\)](#)

Comments on both draft plans can be submitted to Council up until Sunday 18 January 2015.

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Windows 7 desktop environment showing an email client window titled "Mosman Now - Summer 2014/15 - Message (HTML)". The email is from "Mosman Council" to "Diane Lawrence" with the subject "Mosman Now - Summer 2014/15". The email content includes a "Draft Long Term Financial Plan and Delivery Program on Exhibition" section with a table of options, a "Balmoral Carols by Candlelight 2014" section, and a "Council Decider" section.

Draft Long Term Financial Plan and Delivery Program on Exhibition

Thank you to the 900 residents and ratepayers who made submissions to Council during October and November on three rating options for Mosman's future. Of the 900 submissions received, 884 'votes' were submitted for a preferred option. The voting results were as follows:

Option	Description	No. of Votes	% of Votes
1 (Blue)	No special rate variation and costation of the Temporary Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) at 0.5% Annual rate increases limited to estimated rate pay of 3%	271	30.65%
2	A one-off special rate variation in 2015-2016 of 8% (0% plus estimated annual rate pay of 3%)	297	33.60%
3	A one-off special rate variation in 2015-2016 of 13% (0% plus estimated annual rate pay of 3%)	316	35.75%

At its meeting of 2 December 2014, Council resolved to notify the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of its intent to apply for a Special Rate Variation and to exhibit its draft Long Term Financial Plan and Delivery Program reflecting its preferred option. The rate variation will be 13% (0% plus estimated rate pay). This one-off rate increase will be used to remain permanently in the rate base, which will then be subject to annual increases in accordance with the rate pay from 2015-17. Of the options considered by Council, the proposed 13% special rate variation received the highest level of overall community support and will produce the best results for both financial sustainability and infrastructure renewal.

Comments on both plans can be submitted to Council up until Sunday 18 January 2015. See Council's website for further details.

Balmoral Carols by Candlelight 2014

Bring a picnic rug on Saturday 20 December and spend an evening under the stars at the Rotunda in beautiful Balmoral singing to your favourite Christmas carols. Free shuttle bus via Spit Junction, Military Rd and Raglan St from 5.30pm. Carols start at 7.45pm. Organised by St Clements Church, contact

Council Decider

We hope that locating information, accessing Council services and contacting Council will now be even easier.

beautiful images showcasing the area have been used throughout the site to make the browsing experience more enjoyable.

News, upcoming events, Council works, DAs, community consultation projects and social media links are featured prominently, as well as new elements, including an easy-to-read summary of Council meetings, "Council Decider".

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