

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF WARRINGAH, MICHAEL REGAN



There's no doubt that over the last five years, Warringah Council delivered improved services and facilities to our community.

We delivered \$69m worth of new assets – such as the all-weather surface at Cromer Park and the new Child Care Centre at Brookvale.

Warringah residents have told us loud and clear they want their Council to work even harder, to do even more for our natural and built environments, to increase services and accelerate the delivery of key major projects. Residents want improvements and facilities that reflect our changing lifestyle and the continued growth of our region.

Our heightened awareness of environmental issues means we want to protect the lagoons. Our increased participation in sport means we need better sporting fields. Technology advances mean libraries need upgrading. Expectations of the Warringah Aquatic Centre and Glen Street Theatre mean Council needs to improve these wellloved but ageing community facilities. We are dedicated to responding to our residents.

All these things cost money. Funding for local councils is limited. We are asking ratepayers for a rate increase and in return Council will bring forward projects and improvements.

For less than a cup of coffee per week, we will be able to provide upgraded roads, new footpaths, develop facilities such as more all-weather sportsfields, surf club upgrade, revamp the Aquatic Centre, beautify parks and reserves as well as restore our natural environments

There will also be more funds for youth facilities and improved playgrounds.

You will receive more information about the proposed increase shortly. You can also visit our website to look at the list of projects identified.

We will be holding various community meetings where you will have the opportunity to get more information, ask questions and give your feedback.

I look forward to discussing these exciting improvements with you and getting on with making Warringah even better.

Michael Regan mayor@warringah.nsw.gov.au



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\$2.24m

A Special Rate Variation from 2014/15 would provide for improved services across the following areas:

\$11.26m NEIGHBOURHOODS

Cleaner town centres, beaches and reserves plus improved roads and footpaths. Upgrades to playgrounds and a new youth facility.

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More facts and figures to help you decide what service level you want.

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Rates increase in accordance with the rate cap, this is the increase determined annually by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART). Rates will need to rise above the 'rate cap' no later than 2017/18 if Council is to maintain current service levels.

IMPACT ON AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL RATES

The average annual rate for a household in Warringah (valued at \$566,823) under each option over the next four years. The figures in brackets are the additional increase to maintain or improve services.

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	*2017/18
IMPROVE SERVICE		\$1,208 (\$34)	\$1,280 (\$71)		
MAINTAIN SERVICE	\$1,138	\$1,174	\$1,209	\$1,245	\$1,362 (\$81)
DECLINE IN SERVICE	\$1,138	\$1,174	\$1,209	\$1,245	\$1,281

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KEY DATES

Information Sessions from 6.00-7.30pm

28 Oct YOYO's, Frenchs Forest

29 Oct Civic Centre, Dee Why

5 Nov President's Lounge, Brookvale Oval, Brookvale

18 Nov Last day for submissions

Find out more at warringah.nsw.gov.au

HAVE YOUR SAY

View more detail about the proposed service level increases and new projects that would be funded by a Special Rate Variation

Information is on display at the Dee Why Civic Centre and Warringah's libraries

Go to warringah.nsw.gov.au to let us know what you think or write to Warringah Council, Dee Why NSW 2099.

HELP MAKE WARRINGAH BETTER

- Iry volunteering with: Friends of the Bush Stony Range Regional Botanic Garden Home Library Service Family History Research Graffiti Patrols Tree Planting Days Manly Dam Mountain Bike Track Volunteers



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Thanks to everyone who has come to our first public meetings about the Special Rate Variation. The theme from the community has thus far been positive.

People have told me that the rise would create benefits for everyone.

You told us that you want to bring the Aquatic Centre into the new century; cater for new demographics and future growth. You told us that you want more money spent on bush regeneration, local reserves and other environmental improvements and services. You told us to deliver more footpaths, dredge Narrabeen Lagoon, put more money towards the arts, create better roads, have more street sweeping and more all-weather sportsfields.

The last five years have been spent getting Council's house in order and our assets back up to speed. It's been about cutting out the fat, using technology and working smarter. In that time, Council paid back all of its debts, spent \$95 million on renewing its assets and \$69 million on new assets. You have seen what we have been able to deliver and you have asked for more.

Now, together, we have created a plan that can accelerate the delivery of these things and much more for about \$3 a week extra per household. Not bad. It takes into account future predicted increases in expenses, services levels and assets. It even factors in any shocks as best as one can predict. It avoids reducing services and maintains our commitment to continuous improvement and lean, business-like operations.

We have one more public meeting and I hope to see you there. Otherwise, get online and have your say. Hear the ideas, the feedback... It's all there. Over to you and thank you again for your input. Have a great weekend

Michael Regan mayor@warringah.nsw.gov.au



SPECIAL RATE VARIATION

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Media Release - Change for the Better

Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 Release:

Change for the Better

Warringah Community Consulted on Increased Services

Warringah Council is asking residents whether they support bringing forward a special rate increase to provide greater services.

"Warringah residents have told us, loud and clear, that they want Warringah's natural and built environments to look more attractive," said Warringah Mayor, Michael Regan.

"In the past five years, we have delivered \$69m worth of new assets, spent \$92m renewing older assets, paid off all loans and put Warringah in a financial position that is the envy of Councils around the State. Now, we want to build on this success and make a Warringah that every resident can be proud of.

"Residents do have a choice. We are offering a clear choice of increasing, maintaining or reducing Council services and showing what rate rises apply to each scenario."

"An extra increase in rates in the next financial year will mean additional footpaths, improved local roads, more playgrounds, gardens and cultural programs as well as more cleaning of our public spaces and extra environmental programs. It will also mean that, by 2018, we will have more all-weather playing fields, recreational dredging of Narrabeen Lagoon and upgrades of the Warringah Aquatic Centre and Glen Street Theatre. There will be something for everyone.

"I invite everyone to see the details on our website or come to our final information session at Brookvale Oval," he added.

Council will need to increase rates above the rate cap, set by the State Government, by 2017/18 to stay financially viable. However, increasing rates above the cap in 2014/15 means a range of 8

extra services can be delivered and several key projects can go ahead faster.

For less than the cost of a coffee a week, Council will over the next four years be able to offer better roads (\$2.17m) fast-track new footpaths (\$2.78m) and a cleaner environment (\$2.95m).

Those who love Warringah's natural environment will win from the variation which will see \$1.45m spent on beautifying parks and reserves; \$1.48m spent on waterway and coastal care; and \$700k for the restoration and upkeep of bushlands.

Extra funding will direct more than \$400k to youth facilities and, for the very young, \$1.28m will be spent on new and improved playgrounds.

Council would be able to develop facilities such as an all-weather sportsfield (\$1.5m), upgraded surf club (\$1m), a revamp of the Aquatic Centre (\$10m borrowing) and a more accessible Narrabeen Lagoon (\$1.3m) that welcomes greater recreational use.

Residents have one final chance to ask questions of Councillors and staff at an information session.

Final Information Session

Tuesday 5 November

6.00-7.30pm

President's Lounge, Brookvale Oval, Brookvale

Estimated rate increase for each scenario

2014/152015/162016/172018/19^{Cumulative}

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Impact

IMPROVE SERVICE	6.1%	6%	6%	5.9%	26.25%
MAINTAIN SERVICE	3.1%	3%	3%	9.4%	19.66%
DECLINE IN SERVICE	3.1%	3%	3%	2.9%	12.55%

Note: all scenarios include the estimated rate cap adjustment, set by IPART. 'Decline in Services' is the estimated rate cap.

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