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**HAVE YOUR SAY
BY 22 FEBRUARY FOR
A CHANCE TO WIN!**

We are consulting you on a proposal to pay a small additional amount of rates to help improve our sports fields, playgrounds, small community buildings and public toilets.

Council is consulting on a proposal to raise rates through a 3% Special Rate Variation (SRV) to address the poor condition of our community assets. The current 3% SRV finishes on 30 June 2013. Council is asking for feedback on a suggestion for the current SRV of 3% to continue in 2013/14, followed by a 3% rate increase in each of the next four years.

A Special Newsletter has been delivered to all homes and businesses. It provides detailed information on the current situation, what community assets we are responsible for, what we have done so far, the impact of a rate increase on ratepayers, what we would spend a rate increase on, and our three pronged approach to addressing the current community infrastructure backlog.

Please read the Special Newsletter and complete this questionnaire.



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Your Details

☐ Male ☐ Female

Your Age: ☐ 12 to 17 ☐ 25 to 34 ☐ 50 to 59 ☐ 70 to 84
☐ 18 to 24 ☐ 35 to 49 ☐ 60 to 69 ☐ 85 and over

Language you speak at home:

Name:

Phone:

Address:

Email:

Return your completed questionnaire reply paid, hand delivered to Council at 2 Bryant Street, Rockdale, or online **by Friday 22 February 2013** and your submission will be put in a draw for a chance to win one of the five prizes.

We do not require you to provide your personal details as part of your participation. Should you provide your contact details, Council will only use that information to contact you for legitimate business reasons for example to provide updates, invite you to participate in further consultations. Your contact details will not be distributed to any third party or used for any others purpose.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Submissions close Friday 22 February 2013

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**3 x Dinner at a restaurant of Your Choice
in the City of Rockdale, value of \$150 each**

2 x Kindle/eBook

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Please indicate your preferred option - 1, 2 or 3. If you select Option 2 nominate the 5 areas where you would prefer to see cuts. Send your completed questionnaire to Council reply paid, or hand deliver to the Customer Service Centre at 2 Bryant Street, Rockdale.

Option 1 ☐ **I support a 3% Special Rate Variation to renew the following types of assets:**

- ▶ Amenities Blocks Upgrades (sports amenities buildings and toilets)
- ▶ Community Building Upgrades
- ▶ Sports Fields Refurbishments
- ▶ Road Renewals
- ▶ Playground Upgrades
- ▶ Foreshore Infrastructure Upgrades
- ▶ Branch Library Upgrades

Option 2 ☐ **I somewhat support a 3% Special Rate Variation but suggest cuts such as (indicate 5 you would cut):**

- ☐ Reduce the frequency of road renewals and repairs.
- ☐ Close a number of public toilets as they become unusable.
- ☐ Remove playground equipment when it becomes unsafe.
- ☐ Do not renew sports fields and only allow playing and training on two days a week during the season.
- ☐ Stop subsidising rents for community groups using community facilities that provide services such as child care, aged care, and services for people with disabilities (which will make those services more expensive).
- ☐ Close Bexley Swimming Pool in the winter.
- ☐ Increase useage charges for hiring Community Halls and Sports Fields and swimming.
- ☐ Do not hold community events like Food 'n' Groove, Chinese New Year, CreARTivity, New Year's Eve Fireworks and Carols by the Sea.
- ☐ Other – please give details _____

Option 3 ☐ **I do not support a Special Rate Variation and accept that this means the following type of cuts:**

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- ▶ Remove playground equipment when it becomes unsafe.
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- ▶ Stop subsidising rents for community groups using community facilities that provide services such as child care, aged care, and services for people with disabilities (which will make those services more expensive).
- ▶ Close Bexley Swimming Pool in the winter.
- ▶ Increase useage charges for hiring Community Halls and Sports Fields and swimming.
- ▶ Do not hold community events like Food 'n' Groove, Chinese New Year, CreARTivity, New Year's Eve Fireworks and Carols by the Sea.
- ▶ Other – please give details _____

Prefer completing an online questionnaire? Just scan the code...



The Special Newsletter is available at Council's Customer Service Centre, Libraries and on Council's website under *Have Your Say: Your City - Your Assets - Your Rates*.

Or visit <http://haveyoursayrockdale.com.au/YourCityYourAssetsYourRates2013>



Thank you for your time!