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### Building a Stronger Future

A major challenge confronting all NSW councils is the need to increase the amount of funding they allocate to the maintenance and renewal of existing infrastructure.

Along with other councils, Blacktown City has reached the point where it needs to invest more to renew the City's infrastructure such as roads, footpaths, bridges, drainage and stormwater assets, parks and playing fields, as well as Council buildings such as libraries and community centres.

In NSW it is estimated the backlog of total council infrastructure renewal works is \$7.2 billion.

Blacktown City is responsible for over \$2.8 billion worth of public infrastructure assets and it is Council's challenge to adequately maintain and renew these vital assets. As at 30 June 2013 Council's estimate to bring the City's assets to satisfactory standard was \$68 million. This cost will grow if not addressed now.

Council's objective is to maximise the life of the infrastructure which it maintains on behalf of the community, at the lowest cost in the long term.

### Key Points for Residents

Council is proposing to apply for a special rate variation to increase residential rates by 5.3% for the 2014/15 financial year. This includes the increase of 2.3% which is permitted to all councils.

### Key Points for Businesses

- Business - Sub-category will increase by 12.3% in 2014/15 and a further 13% in 2015/16 (including the increase permitted to all councils)
- Business - General category will increase by 5.3% in 2014/15. This includes the increase of 2.3% which is permitted to all councils.

### Key Points for the Community

- The higher level of rates will be permanent.
- Without extra revenue or cuts to other services, Council is not in a position to invest the amounts required.
- By investing more now, Council can avoid much higher costs in the future.

- In addition to the extra rate revenue, Council will allocate a further \$3 million of funding from operational savings and existing capital works funding.

Council understands that some ratepayers may not be able to afford the additional costs.

If you are concerned, call Council's Rates Section on 9839 6000 or leave us your question or feedback on this page.

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## News and Events

- [The exhibition and community consultation period has concluded](#)

Council would like to thank all those who have participated and provided feedback.

The exhibition and opportunity to have your say concluded on 3 February 2014.

You can still access all the information on the site, but the Quick Poll and Forum have concluded.

All submissions received will be carefully considered by Council before it determines whether to proceed with an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a special rate increase.

A report on this matter will be considered by Council's Ordinary Meeting of 19 February 2014 and you are welcome to attend.

by SiteAdmin 04 Feb 2014, 09:26 AM

- [Have your say before 3 February 2014 - 4 days to go](#)

Time is running out to have your say on Council's proposed special rate variation

Submissions close on 3 February 2014, send an email to Council at [yoursay@blacktown.nsw.gov.au](mailto:yoursay@blacktown.nsw.gov.au) to make a formal submission

by SiteAdmin 30 Jan 2014, 12:41 PM

- [Got a minute? Fill in our Quick Poll](#)

Got a minute, fill in our Council's Quick poll, asking "How supportive are you of Blacktown City Council seeking a special rate variation to meet the city's infrastructure needs into the future?"

[Quick poll here](#)

Submissions close on 3 February 2014, send an email to Council at [yoursay@blacktown.nsw.gov.au](mailto:yoursay@blacktown.nsw.gov.au) to make a formal submission.

by SiteAdmin 24 Jan 2014, 11:21 AM

- [Community Information Sessions have concluded, but there's still time to have your say](#)

Council's Community Information Sessions have now concluded.

Council would like to thank those who attended and provided their feedback at the information sessions.

The consultation period ends on 3 February 2014, so there's still time to provide feedback. You can submit a submission by email or post at

[yoursay@blacktown.nsw.gov.au](mailto:yoursay@blacktown.nsw.gov.au) or

PO Box 63, Blacktown, NSW, 2148

A report on this matter will be considered by Council in February 2014. Members of the public will be welcome to attend the Council meeting which considers this report.

by SiteAdmin 21 Jan 2014, 09:57 AM

- [Check out this video about Council's proposed funding strategy for asset renewal](#)

A brief video on Council's proposed funding strategy.

by SiteAdmin 15 Jan 2014, 10:46 AM

- [Community Information Session today at Emerton Leisure Centre](#)

Come along to the community information session today at Emerton Leisure Centre, 27 Jersey Road, Emerton from 10am till 2pm.

It's a chance for you to ask questions and get more information from Council officers about the proposed rate increase.

Call 9839 6000 for more information.

by SiteAdmin 20 Jan 2014, 08:41 AM

- [Community Information Session today at Kings Langley](#)

Come along to the community information session today at Jim Southee Community Centre, 117 James Cook Drive, Kings Langley from 10am till 2pm.

It's a chance for you to ask questions and get more information from Council officers about the proposed rate increase.

by SiteAdmin 18 Jan 2014, 10:08 AM

- [Community Information Sessions tomorrow at Riverstone and Blacktown](#)

Come along to the community information sessions tomorrow, 16 January, at two locations:

- Riverstone Neighbourhood Centre - 10am till 2pm
- Max Webber Library from 4pm till 8pm

It's a chance for you to ask questions and get more information from Council officers about the proposed rate increase.

Call 9839 6000 for more information.

by SiteAdmin 15 Jan 2014, 03:00 PM

- [Community information session today at The Mount Druitt Hub](#)

Come along to the community information session today, 14 January, at The Mount Druitt Hub between 4pm - 8pm.

It's a chance for you to ask questions and get more information from Council officers about the proposed rate increase.

The Mount Druitt Hub, located on Ayres Grove, Mount Druitt.

by SiteAdmin 14 Jan 2014, 09:46 AM

- [Funding Strategy for Infrastructure Asset Renewal](#)

Have a look at this Powerpoint presentation, providing more information on the infrastructure renewal issue and the rates proposal.

by SiteAdmin 14 Jan 2014, 10:36 AM

- [Important Information about rates](#)

Click here for Important Information about your rates

by SiteAdmin 12 Dec 2013, 12:40 PM

- [Public Exhibition](#)

Council is exhibiting revised Integrated Planning and Reporting documents which include Council's proposed rate increase in 2014/2015 for infrastructure renewal.

The revised Long Term Financial Plan 2013-2023 and revised Delivery Program 2013-2017 information are the formal documents which show Council's planning for this purpose.

by SiteAdmin 18 Dec 2013, 05:27 PM

- [Businesses in Blacktown](#)

This map outlines the proposed Business sub-categories that will receive a a rate increase of 12.3% in 2014/15 and a further 13% in 2015/16 (including the increase permitted to all councils)

For further information please click on the business maps on the right or contact Council [here](#) for more information.

Blacktown City Proposed Business Rates Sub-Categories



by SiteAdmin 11 Dec 2013, 11:30 AM

- [Need more information? Come to our Community Information Sessions](#)

#### [Attend a community information session](#)

Information sessions are being held to give rate payers an opportunity to speak one on one with Council Officers about the rate rise proposal

by SiteAdmin 06 Dec 2013, 03:28 PM

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- [Closing date of exhibition and submissions](#)  
03 February 2014

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## Information relating to Business rates

- [Overview of Business Rates Proposal \(136 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [Information for Business - General Category \(175 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [Information for Business - Sub-Category \(272 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [Business Sub-category- All Council area- Map \(1.86 MB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [Business Sub-category- Blacktown North Map \(470 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [Business Sub-category- Rooty Hill & Glendenning Map \(343 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [Business Sub-category- Marsden Park North Map \(286 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [Business Sub-category- M4 Corridor Map \(1.67 MB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [Business Sub-category- Mount Druitt Map \(160 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [Business Sub-category- Riverstone North Map \(366 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [Business Sub-category- Seven Hills Map \(389 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)

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## Information relating to Residential rates

- [Information for Residential Ratepayers \(328 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(3.93 MB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [What your rates provide \(2.77 MB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [Recent Works in your Ward \(9.61 MB\) \(pdf\)](#)

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## Important Links

- [Blacktown City Council Website](#)
- [Integrated Planning and Reporting](#)
- [Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal](#)
- [Council Annual Report](#)
- [Financial Statements](#)

## Document Library

- [Long Term Financial Plan 2013-2017 Proposed \(1.68 MB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [Delivery Program 2013-2017 Proposed \(761 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [Blacktown City 2030 \(3.46 MB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [2013/23 Asset Management Plan - Transport \(1.66 MB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [2013/23 Asset Management Plan - Buildings \(977 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [2013/23 Asset Management Plan - Open Space \(990 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [2013/23 Asset Management Plan - Drainage \(798 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)

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## How important is it that Council renews and maintains the City's infrastructure?

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by SiteAdmin 09 Dec 2013, 01:33 PM

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## Quick Poll

### [How supportive are you of Blacktown City Council seeking a special rate variation to meet the city's infrastructure needs into the future?](#)

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Very Supportive

9%

Supportive

6%

Somewhat Supportive

6%

Strongly Unsupportive

46%

Not at all Supportive

33%

Total Votes : 54

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19 February 2014

The first Community Information Session regarding Council's rate rise proposal is today between 4pm and 8pm at The Mount Druitt Hub, Ayres Grove, Mount Druitt.

The Community Information Sessions are an opportunity for ratepayers to speak one-on-one with Council Officers about the rate rise proposal.



**Blacktown City Council - Information Session - The Mount Druitt Hub**

[www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au](http://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au)

This is an opportunity for you to ask Council officers your questions about Council's Special Rate Variation application.

The next Community Information Sessions regarding Council's rate rise proposal will be held tomorrow - Thursday, 16 January 2014 - in Riverstone and Blacktown.

10am to 2pm

Riverstone Neighbourhood Centre, cnr Park and Market St, Riverstone.

4pm to 8pm


Max Webber Library, cnr Flushcombe Road and Alpha Street, Blacktown.

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