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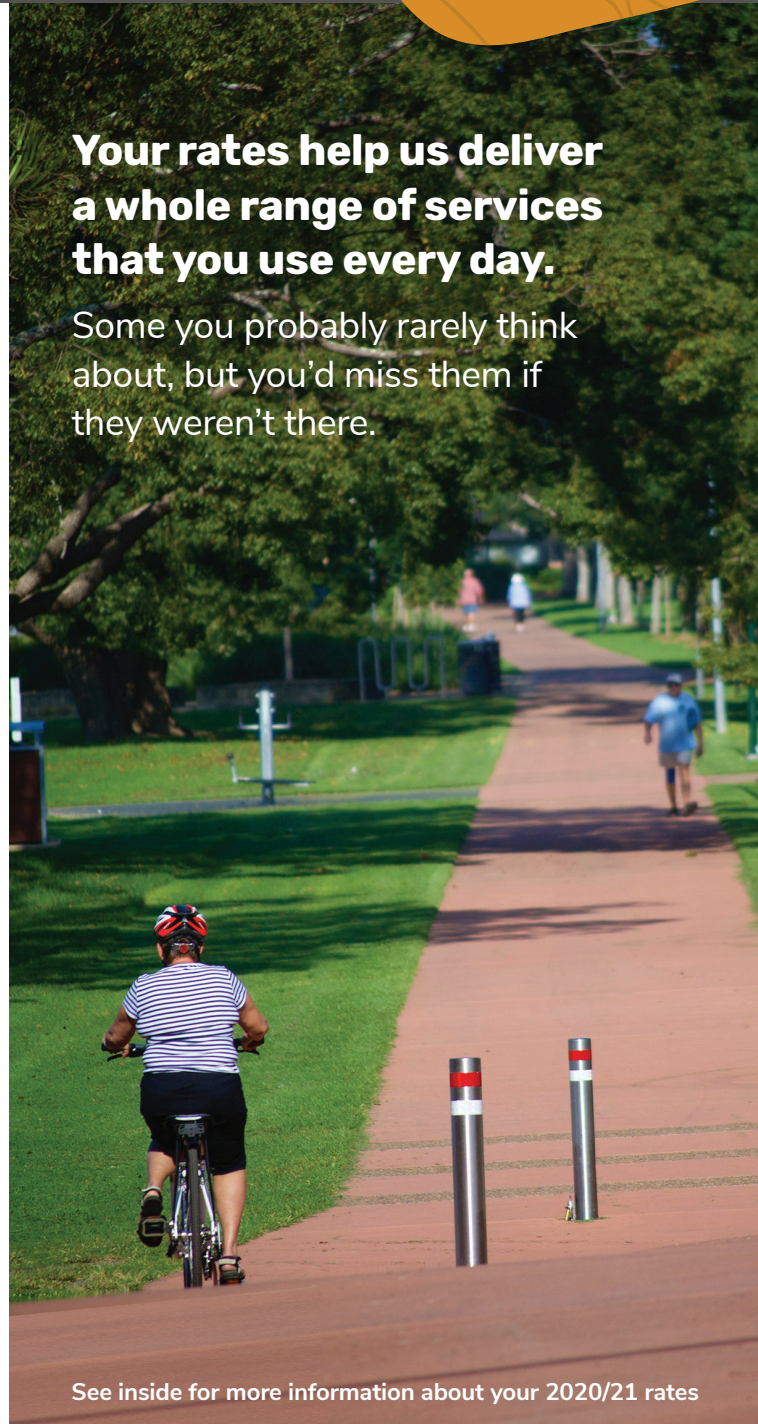
Your Council: profile and performance

Last year the NSW Government launched a new website that measures the performance of Councils across the State.

Visit yourcouncil.nsw.gov.au to see how we compare to the rest of NSW and other regional councils.

**Your rates help us deliver
a whole range of services
that you use every day.**

Some you probably rarely think about, but you'd miss them if they weren't there.



Much more than roads and rubbish

Your rates help us make the MidCoast a vibrant and enjoyable place to live, work and play.

- Rates assist in delivering the things you've told us are important to your community, like improvements on our roads and initiatives that protect our natural environment.
- They also contribute to a diverse range of ongoing services that can sometimes be taken for granted, such as our libraries, playgrounds and sports fields.
- And there are some services we are required by legislation to provide - things like rubbish collection, stormwater and drainage maintenance, and town planning.

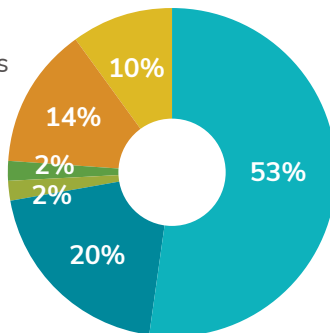


But that's only the half of it

Revenue generated from rates and annual charges makes up about half of the total funds we invest back into our community each year.

In 2020/21, our operating budget of \$270 million comes from a range of different sources as shown:

- Rates and annual charges
- User charges and fees
- Interest and investment
- Other
- Operational grants
- Capital grants



How have my rates changed in 2020/21?

General rates attract the 5% special rate variation (SRV) increase, now in its final year. This is inclusive of the rate peg set by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART).

There are no changes to:

- Waste charges - 0% change
- Sewer charges - 0% change
- Water access charges - 0% change
- Water usage charges, first step - 0% change



What does the 5% special rate variation deliver?

SRV income is used exclusively to improve our transport network and has facilitated a \$100 million Road Upgrade package in conjunction with the NSW Government.

In 2020/21 it will contribute to the \$48 million we are investing in capital works on our roads, bridges, drainage and footpaths (which complements our extensive annual roads maintenance program).



Does land valuation impact on rates?

All property owners in the MidCoast would have received new property valuations from the NSW Valuer General's Office recently, which will apply in 2020/21.

Land valuations can play a role in how the "total rates" for our region are distributed among individual property-owners, but they do not impact how much we can collect (the "total rates" amount is regulated by IPART's rate peg, in our case the 5% SRV).

Your property rates may vary based on how the change in your land value compares to the average.

- An increase in value higher than the average will attract a rate increase above the 5%
- Properties that have increased in value below the average will see their rates increase less than 5%

Find out more at midcoast.nsw.gov.au/YourRates