



# GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE  
Have your say

## Changes to your rates

RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS



**IMPORTANT – Seeking your views on changes to your rates which on average will increase by \$1 to \$3 per week**

To ensure that Council can continue to provide services and facilities to the community into the future, Council will be applying to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) as well as the creation of a consistent minimum rate for all ratepayers.

If approved, these changes would come into effect from 1 July 2020, and would increase the total rate income by 10.6% (8.1% special rate variation and 2.5% annual rate peg). The impact on individual ratepayers will vary, and on average, ratepayers will pay \$1.00 to \$3.00 extra per week.

Extensive community consultation will take place throughout October and November 2019, through face-to-face community information sessions and surveys. We would like you to be involved to help choose the best option for our future.

YOUR SAY

For more information and to register for one of the feedback sessions, visit Council's 'Your Say' portal at [yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/SRV](http://yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/SRV)

### TELEPHONE SURVEY

Council is undertaking a telephone survey, to consult with residents about three options for a Special Rate Variation to secure financial sustainability for the future. Micromex will be conducting random telephone surveys of the Georges River community between **Monday 21 October and Monday 4 November 2019**. For more information, please contact Council on 9330 6400 or via [yournrates@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au](mailto:yournrates@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au)

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

#### OVERLAND FLOW RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY AND PLAN FOR HURSTVILLE, MORTDALE AND PEAKHURST WARDS

Georges River Council is developing an *Overland Flow Risk Management Study and Plan*. This project focuses on flooding that is typically experienced in these catchments, caused by rainfall running off towards the local drainage system, creek or river. This is referred to as overland flooding, and is typically of shallow depths and short duration (less than a few hours).

In 2016, Georges River Council formally endorsed the *Overland Flow Flood Study for Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst Wards*. This Flood Study was an important first step in increasing our community's resilience to flooding.

Council is looking for community members to participate in the second step of the process, which is the preparation of the Plan. Council has engaged specialist flood consultants to deliver the Risk Management Plan that is jointly funded by the NSW Government and Georges River Council. The objective of the Plan is to investigate a range of management options to reduce both the impact and risk of flooding.

The Plan will be guided by the NSW Government's *Floodplain Development Manual 2005*. The types of management options that will be looked at include:

**Flood modification** – Changing the flood behaviour using structures such as detention basins or drainage system improvements.

**Property modification** – Modification to existing properties and seeks to better manage future development through land use planning.

**Response modification** – Increasing our resilience through better preparedness, improved warning and recovery planning.

The appointed community member(s) will form part of the Georges River Council Floodplain Risk Management Committee. The purpose of the committee is to provide advice on the development of the Plan, and other flood related plans throughout the Georges River Council area. If you are a resident or business person, living or working in the study area, and would be interested in this role, we encourage you to complete an expression of interest form. This form is available via Council's 'Your Say' portal at [yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/flood-management](http://yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/flood-management)

There will also be several opportunities for the community to provide input to the Plan through a series of consultation sessions as the project progresses.

For more information about the *Overland Flow Risk Management Study and Plan for Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst Wards* and to complete a short survey about your experience with flooding visit [yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/flood-management](http://yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/flood-management)

## AUSTRALIA DAY

AWARDS 2020

Nominations now open

The Australia Day Awards recognise the contributions of community heroes in the categories of Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Arts and Cultural Award and Green Advocate of the Year.

Winners and their nominators will receive invitations to the official award ceremony to be held on Australia Day 2020.

For more information and to submit a nomination, visit Council's website at [www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au](http://www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au) and search 'Australia Day Awards'.