



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE
Have your say

Changes to your rates RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS



We're seeking your views on the proposed special rate variation (SRV) across all rateable properties and a new consistent minimum rate.

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) to seek approval to apply a consistent minimum rate for all ratepayers across our local government area, and to increase the total rate income by 10.6% (8.1% special rate variation and 2.5% annual rate peg). These changes will come into effect from 1 July 2020. 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 in 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 the future.

Information and Feedback Sessions:

Wednesday 23 October, 7.00pm-8.00pm
Mortdale Community Centre, Mortdale

Tuesday 29 October, 7.00pm-8.00pm
Club Rivers, Riverwood

Thursday 31 October, 7.00pm-8.30pm
Hurstville Library and Service Centre, Hurstville
Chinese interpreter available at this workshop

Monday 4 November 7.00pm-8.00pm
Georges River Council Civic Centre, Hurstville

Thursday 7 November, 7.00pm-8.00pm
Kogarah School of Arts, Kogarah

Saturday 9 November 11.00am-12noon
Oatley RSL, Oatley

Drop-in event dates (No booking required)

Friday 25 October 4.00pm-8.30pm
Peakhurst Foodies and Farmers Market, Peakhurst

Saturday 2 November 10.00am-12.00noon
The Green Playground, Kyle Bay

Business Information and Feedback Session

Wednesday 30 October 7.00pm-8.00pm
Georges River Civic Centre, Hurstville



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

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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

Georges River Council is currently developing an Overland Flow Risk Management Study and Plan. The Plan 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 interested community members to participate in the preparation of the Plan as the second step in this process. 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 of flooding and flood risk.

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 – this approach looks at changing the flood behaviour using structures such as detention basins or drainage system improvements.

Property modification – this approach includes modification to existing properties and seeks to better manage future development through land use planning.

Response modification – this approach focuses on increasing our resilience through better preparedness, improved warning and recovery planning.

The appointed community member(s) will represent on 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

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

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2020

Nominations now open

The Australia Day Awards recognise the contributions of local 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 complete the form, visit Council's website at www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au and search 'Australia Day Awards'.

DISCOVERY FESTIVAL

28 SEPT -
2 NOV 2019

ART
CULTURE
DIVERSITY

For a full list of events, visit the 'What's On' page at www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au