

Keeping rates manageable.

INFLATION OF COUNCIL COSTS

↑ **1.89%**

Local Government Cost Price Index

AVERAGE GENERAL RATES



↑ **\$29** p.a. or 1.89%
(residential properties)

The average general rate for residential properties will increase by 1.89% (\$29) per annum.

However, rates for individual properties will vary, due to fluctuations in land valuations, determined by the Valuer-General. The distribution of land values has resulted in:

- 41% of properties experiencing a rate reduction or no increase
- 6% experiencing a rate increase equivalent or lower than CPI (1.89%)
- 22% of properties experiencing a rate increase of up to 5%
- 30% of properties' rates increasing 6-10%

Council's pensioner concession will continue at 50% of the general rate up to a maximum of \$290 per annum.

Average general rate revenue from the business, commercial and industrial sectors will increase by 1.89%. To bring the average rate for rural and residential properties in line with one another, the average rate for the rural sector will increase by 8%.

GARBAGE COLLECTION CHARGE



↑ **\$30.50** p.a.
10.3% increase

The cost of recycling across Australia has increased, largely due to China no longer accepting our nation's recyclable materials.

Domestic garbage collection charges will increase from \$296 to \$326.50 per year (\$4.19 per collection) throughout the region.

This budget supports us to review our waste and recycling processes and develop a Towards Zero Waste Strategy and community waste education programs to better manage our region's waste and associated costs and environmental impacts.

On average, the overall increase on annual rates and service charges is 3.4%.

To break up rate payments into more manageable portions, water access and sewerage charges will again be split into six-monthly bills.

WATER ACCESS CHARGE



↑ up to **\$10** p.a.
up to 1.89% increase

(operation, maintenance and upgrading of the network)

SCHEME	2017-18	2018-19
Lake Awoonga	\$235.50 / 6 mths	\$240 / 6 mths
Miriam Vale/Bororen	\$264 / 6 mths	\$269 / 6 mths
Agnes Water/Seventeen Seventy	\$264 / 6 mths	\$269 / 6 mths

WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGE



↑ **10c** Lake Awoonga
(in line with GAWB charges)
= \$0 increase elsewhere

(per kilolitre charge for water consumed)

SCHEME	2017-18 Rate	2018-19 Rate
Lake Awoonga	\$1.70/kL	\$1.80/kL
Miriam Vale/Bororen	\$3.69/kL	\$3.69/kL
Agnes Water/Seventeen Seventy	\$3.74/kL	\$3.74/kL

SEWERAGE CHARGE



↑ up to **\$35** p.a.
up to 5% increase

Service Area	2017-18	2018-19
Gladstone	\$350 / 6 mths	\$367.50 / 6 mths
Boyne Island/Tannum Sands/Calliope	\$372 / 6 mths	\$379 / 6 mths
Agnes Water/Seventeen Seventy	\$442 / 6 mths	\$450.50 / 6 mths