

Your rates in 2023–24

Your rates contribute to a range of Council services, from the construction and maintenance of local roads and bridges, to swimming pools and boat ramps, libraries and sporting fields. Our Operational Plan 2023-24, available at www.esc.nsw.gov.au, has a full list of what you can expect Council to deliver for the community this year. The 2023-24 Rates and Charges Notice shows the amount payable for your property, comprising the General Rate and Environmental Levy, as well as charges for the delivery of water, sewer, waste and stormwater services.

How have rates and charges changed?

This financial year Council will increase the General Rate and the Environmental Levy by 4.3% which is made up of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's rate pegging amount of 3.7% plus a population growth factor of 0.6%.

Additional changes to charges in 2023-24 include:

- The water standard base charge for residential and business connections will rise from \$360.00 to \$375.00 per annum.
- The water usage charge will increase from \$3.90 to \$4.00 per kilolitre. For a typical residential bill using an average of 120 kilolitres per year this is an increase of 3.26%. Water accounts are sent three times a year following meter readings in July/Aug, Nov/Dec, March/April.
- The sewerage standard base charge for residential and business connections has increased by 4.85% to \$1,080.00 per annum.
- Waste charges will increase by 4.3% to \$338.10 per annum for a typical household that has access to the kerbside garbage, recycling and green waste collections.

How are rates calculated?

The General Rate and the Environmental Levy are made up of two parts: a base charge that is the same for all ratepayers and a variable 'rate in the dollar' amount, based on your land value. Your land value is calculated by the NSW Valuer General. Eurobodalla land values were reviewed in 2022 and you were notified of your valuation by mail. These revised valuations will be used for rating purposes from 1 July 2023.

The table below shows how the rates for a residential property are calculated using the shire's average residential land value of \$522,766.

Although the average value of land in Eurobodalla has increased by 61% since 2019, with some properties more than doubling, property owners will not see the same massive increases in their rates.

Council's total general rates income can only increase by the 4.3% rate peg so the base charge and rate in the dollar are recalculated to ensure rates stay within that limit.

Average residential property	General Rate - Residential	Environmental Levy
Base charge	\$569.50	\$22.30
Rate in the dollar	\$570.86*	\$21.89**
Total general rate and levy	\$1140.36	\$44.19

* Residential $0.001092 \times \$522,766$. The rate in the dollar for business categories is 0.005514 and farmland categories is 0.000748

** Environmental $0.00004188 \times \$522,766$

The amounts shown on your Rates and Charges Notice include the above calculation plus any other annual charges that apply. These are explained on the back of this flyer.

Account Number

Date of Issue

Rating Category

Land Value

Valuation Base Date

For important information about this notice and additional payment methods please see overleaf and the enclosed brochure

PROPERTY Location and Description

PARTICULARS of Rates and Charges

- | | |
|--|------------------------------|
| 1 Residential or Business or Farm Land (General Rates) | 5 Garbage Availability |
| 2 Environmental Levy | 6 Garbage Collection Service |
| 3 Water Charge | 7 Waste Management Charge |
| 4 Sewerage Charge | 8 Stormwater Charge |

Water and sewer charges

As the provider of water and sewer services in our community, Council also includes annual charges for these services on your Rates and Charges Notice. We do this to save costs in printing and distribution.

By presenting our General Rate and water and sewer charges totalled on one notice, Eurobodalla rates can appear to be more expensive than other communities where ratepayers receive a separate invoice for water and sewer services.

1 Residential or Business or Farm Land (General Rate)

Services included in the General Rate are: Road and bridge maintenance and construction, parks and reserves, playing fields and sporting facilities, paths and cycleways, swimming pools, libraries, youth and community centres, public halls, public litter collection, rescue units, flood mitigation, bushfire fighting, cemeteries, street lighting, bus shelters, boat ramps and animal control.

2 Environmental Levy

Covers dune care, estuary management, weed and pest control, environmental monitoring, foreshore protection and studies that will help develop plans for the protection of our waterways and ecological systems.

3 Water Charge

This charge applies to all properties (including vacant land) that are connected to OR are within 225 metres of a Council water pipe. This charge is a contribution towards the construction and upgrading of dams and reservoirs, general operations and maintenance. (Vacant land is charged because the infrastructure is available when you are ready to build). Water Usage Accounts are sent separately three times per year in August, December and April following meter readings.

4 Sewerage Charge

This applies to all properties (including vacant land) that are connected to OR are within 75 metres of a Council sewer main. This charge is a contribution towards the construction and upgrading of treatment plants, pumping stations,

general operations and maintenance. (Vacant land is charged because the infrastructure is available when you are ready to build).

5 Garbage Availability

This charge applies to all properties (including vacant land) within the domestic waste collection area. It covers maintenance, leachate testing at tips, supervision of garbage services, administration expenses and planning for future tips. (Vacant land is charged because the tips are already operational and available).

6 Garbage Collection Service

This charge applies to all properties within the domestic collection area (not including vacant land) that are supplied with garbage bins by Council. It covers the cost of waste collection services. These services include weekly collection of

an 80-litre garbage bin and fortnightly collection of a 240-litre recycling bin and a 240-litre garden organics bin, as well as the annual hard waste collection.

7 Waste Management Charge

This charge applies to all properties and covers the costs associated with providing and maintaining Council's tips, waste transfer stations, waste minimisation programs, and general tip maintenance for waste not collected from the kerbside service.

8 Stormwater Charge

The funds from this charge are used to improve the performance of stormwater infrastructure that protects private property from discharge from public lands (including roads) and ensuring the quality of stormwater harvested and discharged into waterways.

Pensioner rebate

If you are receiving a pensioner rebate it is shown on your Rates and Charges Notice. If it is not shown and you think you may be eligible for the rebate, contact Council's rates team on 02 4474 1355.

Get your rates notice delivered straight to your inbox

Sign up now to have your rates and water notices emailed. It's quick, easy, secure and environmentally friendly. Your rates notice has the website to visit and the reference number you need to sign up.

Paying your rates

You can pay your rates in four instalments due by 31 August, 30 November, 28 February and 31 May or pay the whole year's rates in one sum by 31 August 2023.

To arrange a direct debit please complete the application form available on Council's website www.esc.nsw.gov.au/rates or call the rates team on 02 4474 1355 to have a form posted to you.

Interest

The NSW Minister for Local Government sets the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges each year.

Interest for 2023-24 will be charged at 9%.

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