

Your Bill Explained

General Rate

Rates is the main source of income for Local Government and assists Council to fund the delivery of vital infrastructure and community services such as roads, footpaths, parks, libraries, environmental sustainability, community grants and economic development projects, just to name a few. Rates will be increasing by three per cent across all areas including general rates, levies, waste, sewerage access and water access charges. Primary producers and rural categories who are not on minimum general rates will receive a zero per cent rates increase for the year. To see a full list of increase costs per rates notice, visit www.gympie.qld.gov.au/budget.

Environment Levy

This levy is allocated to major initiatives, projects, grants, incentives and partnerships with environmental groups to enhance and maintain the natural environment of the region.

How much is the charge this year? **\$38.50**
What is the increase from last year? **\$1.20**

Economic Development Levy

This levy funds projects of economic development significance and contributes to projects and strategies that enhance the region's economy.

How much is the charge this year? **\$68.20**
What is the increase from last year? **\$2.00**

Sewerage Charge

This charge applies to properties that are connected to, or have the possibility of being connected to, the sewerage network system within defined sewered areas.

How much is the charge this year? **\$682.40**
What is the increase from last year? **\$20.00**

Garbage

This charge covers the general waste and recycling bin service provided by Council.

How much is the charge this year for 1 x 240 litre waste collection service?

All areas excluding Rainbow Beach – **\$301.00**

*Rainbow Beach – **\$370.50**

What is the increase from last year?

All areas excluding Rainbow Beach – **\$8.80**

Rainbow Beach – **\$10.90**

Water Access Charge

This charge applies to properties that are connected to, or have the possibility of being connected to, the water network system within the defined reticulated water areas.

How much is the charge this year? **\$387.50**

What is the increase from last year? **\$11.30**

Rural Fire Levy

This levy applies to all rateable properties not in an urban fire area. The funds are allocated to our rural fire brigades.

How much is the charge this year? **\$25.00**

What is the increase from last year? **No change**

Roads Infrastructure Charge

This charge contributes to the funding of maintenance, renewal and depreciation costs of Council's road infrastructure network in the region.

How much is the charge this year? **\$120.70**

What is the increase from last year? **\$3.50**

STATE GOVERNMENT CHARGES

State Government Waste Levy

On 1 July 2019, the Queensland Government introduced a waste levy to encourage the reduction of waste generation and grow the resource recovery and recycling industry.

Residential properties with a domestic waste collection service will receive a rebate for each rating period equivalent to the levy. All rates notices with a commercial waste service are ineligible for a rebate of the levy of \$18.50 on the first half yearly rates notice and \$22.88 on the second half yearly rates notice for each commercial waste collection service.

Emergency Management Levy

This levy contributes to funding emergency management and fire rescue services. This also includes vehicle entrapment, flood rescue and search and rescues.

How much is the charge this year?

Vacant Land: • Gympie/Southside – **\$61.80**
• All other areas – **\$27.40**

Residence: • Gympie/Southside – **\$226.00**
• All other areas – **\$110.60**

What is the increase from last year?

Vacant Land: • Gympie/Southside – **\$1.00**
• All other areas – **\$0.40**

Residence: • Gympie/Southside – **\$3.80**
• All other areas – **\$1.80**

*One (1) additional general waste service each week and one (1) additional recycling service each fortnight during all Queensland State School holiday periods.

OBJECTIONS TO CATEGORISATION: You can object to the categorisation of your property on the sole ground that the land should have been included in another rating category. Objections must be lodged within 30 days of the issue of this rates notice. To make an objection, visit www.gympie.qld.gov.au/rates-and-charges and complete the Objection to Rate Categorisation Form. Please note the making of an objection, or the starting of an appeal, does not defer the liability to pay rates by the due date. Should an objection be upheld, an adjustment will be issued.