

**RATES AND CHARGES 2015/2016**

The following rates and charges will apply in 2015/2016:-

LAND CATEGORY	ORDINARY RATES	
	MINIMUM RATE	AD VALOREM AMOUNT C in \$
<b>Farmland</b>	\$425.00	0.3994
<b>Residential</b>	\$425.00	0.6792
Villages	\$425.00	0.6792
• Young—Township	\$425.00	1.0045
<b>Business</b>	\$425.00	1.3310
• Villages	\$425.00	1.3310
• Young CBD	\$425.00	1.9719
• Young Non-CBD	\$425.00	1.7747
<b>Mining</b>	\$425.00	10.8587

**WATER AVAILABILITY CHARGE**

• Unconnected	\$ 275.00
• Strata Units (not individually metered)	\$ 275.00
• 20mm meter	\$ 275.00
• 25mm meter	\$ 429.00
• 32mm meter	\$ 704.00
• 40mm meter	\$1,100.00
• 50mm meter	\$1,718.75
• 80mm meter	\$4,400.00
• 100mm meter	\$6,875.00

**SEWERAGE SERVICE CHARGE**

• Connected	\$720.00
• Unconnected	\$540.00

**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

• Residential	\$25.00
• Business	\$25.00

**DOMESTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT (GARBAGE) CHARGE**

• Occupied	\$270.00
• Vacant Land	\$ 90.00
• Recycling Charge	\$ 68.00
• Greenwaste	\$ 52.00
• Replacement or provision of new 140L Mobile garbage bins (weekly service)	\$ 73.00
• Replacement or provision of new 240L Mobile recycling bin (weekly service)	\$ 73.00

**RURAL WASTE DEPOT SITES**

• Access key deposit fee	\$ 84.00
• Replacement of lost or damaged key	\$ 32.00
• Waste Management (funds used to maintain rural waste management Facilities. charged per assessment.)	\$ 27.50

**WATER USAGE (1st Quarter)**

Consumer	Usage	Cost per KI
<b>Residential/Domestic</b>	0-120	\$ 2.46
	>121	\$ 3.69
<b>Non Residential</b>	>0	\$ 2.46

**WATER USAGE (2nd, 3rd & 4th Quarter)**

Consumer	Usage	Cost per KI
<b>Residential/Domestic</b>	>0	\$ 2.70
<b>Non Residential</b>	>0	\$ 2.70

**MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE 2015/2016**

The following are some of the proposed capital expenditure to be

Administration—Corporate Services	\$15,000
Corporate Buildings & Land	\$5,000
Administration - Other Support Services	\$1,383,000
Administration – Works Depot and Store	\$70,000
Public Order & Safety – Animal Control	\$100,000
Community Services & Education – Child care	\$10,000
Housing & Community Amenities - Public Cemeteries	\$25,000
Housing & Community Amenities - Stormwater Drainage	\$359,950
Recreation & Culture – Public Parks, Gardens & Reserves	\$65,000
Recreation & Culture - Public Halls	\$110,000
Recreation & Culture – Swimming Pools	\$10,000
Transport & Communication - Urban Roads - Local	\$2,782,480
Transport & Communication - Rural Roads - Sealed	\$1,508,638
Transport & Communication – Rural Roads - Unsealed	\$1,076,000
Transport & Communication - Footpaths	\$78,000
Transport & Communication - RTA Regional Roads Block Grant	\$362,630
Transport & Communication - RTA Road Safety & Traffic	\$12,000
Economic Development – Other Business Undertakings	\$180,000
Housing & Community Amenities - Waste Management Control - Other	\$50,000

**Water Fund**

Water Meter Replacement	\$57,915
Water Mains Renewal	\$244,771

**Sewerage Fund**

Reticulation Replacement	\$375,920
Conveyance Main Replacement	\$3,600,000
Conveyance Main Replacement	\$150,000
Conveyance Main Replacement	\$1,250,000

TOTAL CAPITAL FOR 2015/2016 \$15,455,917

**IS YOUR POSTAL ADDRESS CORRECT?**

If your current address is different from the address shown on the front of the Rate Notice, please notify Council immediately in writing, by fax or post. Council is unable to accept notification of change of address by any means other than the approved notification form. A form for this is available from Council's Customer Service Centre or online at [www.young.nsw.gov.au](http://www.young.nsw.gov.au).



**LAND VALUE**

Your rate notice will inform you of your land value shown under "unit". Should you have any questions regarding your land value please call Valuation Services enquiries number on 1800 110 038 or visit the website at [www.lpma.nsw.gov.au/valuation](http://www.lpma.nsw.gov.au/valuation) Landowners also can write to Valuation Objections—Customer Service at PO Box 745, Bathurst NSW 2795.



**YOUNG SHIRE COUNCIL**



**A Guide to your 2015/2016 Delivery and Operational Plan**

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR

The 2015/16 year will be very challenging with the “Fit for the Future” hanging over our heads and no doubt will shape our future. Our position to seek a merger with Boorowa, Harden and Young to form a new Regional Council will be a decision of the State Government due in September/October this year. However, Council has continued to operate in the best interest of our community and has approved the Operational Plan for this year (2015/2016). \$15.4 million dollars will be spent on Capital Projects including the upgrade of Lovell Street, Rural Roads Sealed/Unsealed and Sewerage Conveyance mains. In this year Council will also be looking at the design and development of our Library to meet or exceed the future demands and requirements of our Communities. Council has also introduced a fortnightly Green Waste Kerbside collection for the residents of Young to encourage recycling and reduce our landfill costs. The \$1.2 million sports ground improvements is taking shape and the ability for the loan expense to attract a 3% LIRS subsidy initiate from the NSW Government provides a great opportunity to bring forward 10 years work to be completed in 1 year. I would also confirm that the Council is supportive and heavily involved in the Multipurpose Medical Centre becoming a reality this year. Once again, I encourage you all to be involved and contribute to how Council perform and more importantly help shape our future.

We thank residents who have contributed through workshops to help Council create Social, Sports Culture and Asset plans. This community consultation has been valuable to allow Council to plan to community expectation.

JOHN WALKER

MAYOR



Aerial photo of completed Sewerage Treatment Plant on Chillingworks Road

## CATEGORISATION OF LAND

Your rate notice will inform you of the category in which your land is placed. If you do not agree with the category given, you or your agent may request Council to review its decision. This request must be in writing on the form “Application for Change in Category of Land—Categorisation for Rating Purposes”. This form is available from the customer service centre situated in the Town Hall Office, or you can call to have the form faxed or posted to you.

### WHAT IS RATE PEGGING?

Under the Local Government Act 1993, the total amount of income that a council can raise from general rates and charges is limited. This is called the rate peg percentage. The rate peg is determined on an annual basis. Because of rate pegging, a council's overall general rate revenue cannot increase by more than the approved percentage increase. If overall land values rise, councils may have to reduce or otherwise adjust the amount of rates levied per dollar so that total income does not grow by more than the approved percentage increase. Rate pegging applies to a council's overall general income and not to rates on individual properties. Within rate pegging, it is possible for some rates to increase by more than the rate peg percentage, while other rates may increase by less than the rate peg limit. In some cases, rates may decrease from the previous year. A council's rating structure and valuation changes are the main factors that determine what happens to rates on an individual property.

### HOW IS THE RATE PEG DETERMINED?

IPART determines the rate peg that will apply to all councils for the year. The rate peg is mainly based on the Local Government Cost Index (LGCI), which measures price changes over the past year for goods, materials and labour used by an average council. The NSW Government deducts a productivity factor from the LGCI to strike a balance between ensuring that councils can meet the increased costs of delivering services resulting from price changes and ensuring that councils share productivity gains with ratepayers. The rate peg for 2015/16 was calculated by: taking the increase in the LGCI for the year to September 2014 of 2.47%, deducting a productivity factor of 0.04%. This resulted in a rate peg of 2.43% which we rounded to 2.4% for 2015/16. Further details about the methodology IPART uses to determine the rate peg can be found on IPART's website at [www.ipart.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au).

### PENSIONER CONCESSION

Eligible pensioners are entitled to a reduction in ordinary rates and domestic waste management (garbage) charges up to maximum limit as follows:-

Ordinary Rates and DWM Charges	50% up to a maximum of \$250.00
Water Availability Charges	50% up to a maximum of \$87.50
Sewer Service Charges	50% up to a maximum of \$87.50

## PAYMENT BY INSTALMENTS

Rates may be paid either as a single instalment, or in four (4) quarterly instalments. If payment is made in a single lump sum, the amount is payable by 31st August 2015. Where payment is made by quarterly instalments, the instalments are payable on or before:-

31 August 2015

30 November 2015

28 February 2016

31 May 2016

The instalment amounts are shown on your rates notice. Interest will accrue on rates and charges that remain unpaid after the due date outlined above, at the rate of 8.5% per annum. As a general rule, if you have a regular payment divide your rates notice by 48 (or the number of weeks till the 31st May 2016) and this is what your suggested weekly payment should be.

### HAVING DIFFICULTY MAKING YOUR PAYMENT?

If you are experiencing difficulties making your rate payments, please contact the Rates Officer and special arrangements may be made to help you pay your account. Council may accept payment of rates by regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments.

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

**Payment in PERSON** Present the notice intact and make your payment by cash, cheque, eftpos, or credit card (Mastercard or Visa) at Council's Offices, Town Hall, Boorowa Street, Young between 9.00am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

**Payment by MAIL** Mail the bottom portion of your notice together with your cheque to Young Shire Council, Locked Bag 5, YOUNG NSW 2594

**Payment by TELEPHONE** Payment may be made using your Mastercard or Visa by phoning 1300 276 468. You will need to quote the **Biller Code 10421 and the Reference Number** shown on the front of your notice.

**Payment ON LINE** at Council's website: [www.young.nsw.gov.au](http://www.young.nsw.gov.au). **Biller Code 10421 and the Reference Number** shown on the front of your notice.

**Payment by BPAY** Contact your participating Bank, Credit Union or Building Society to make this payment directly from your savings or cheque account. You will need to quote the **Biller Code 10421 and the Reference Number** shown on the front of your rates notice.

**Payment by DIRECT DEBIT** Contact Council for a registration form or download from Council's website.

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