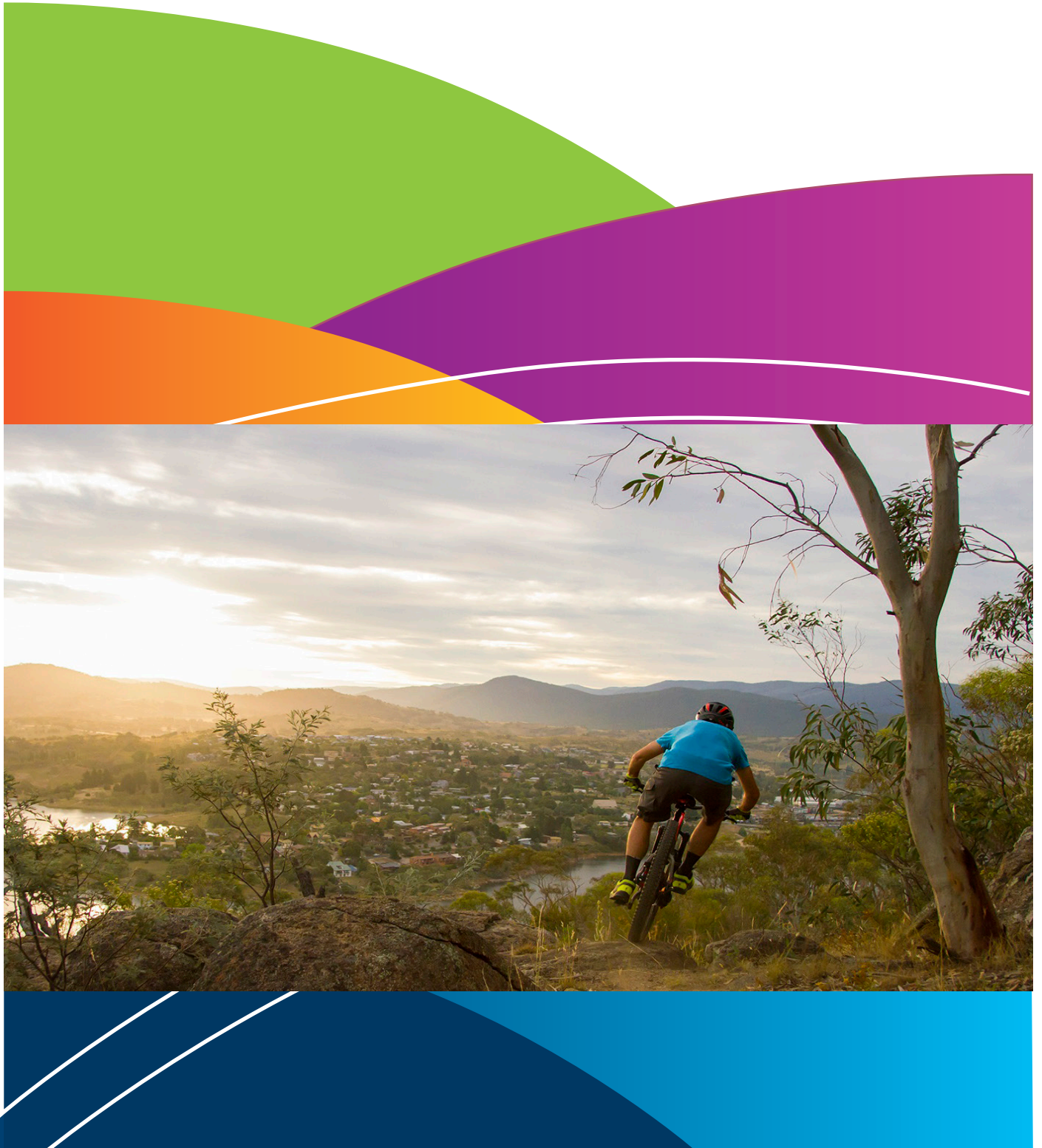
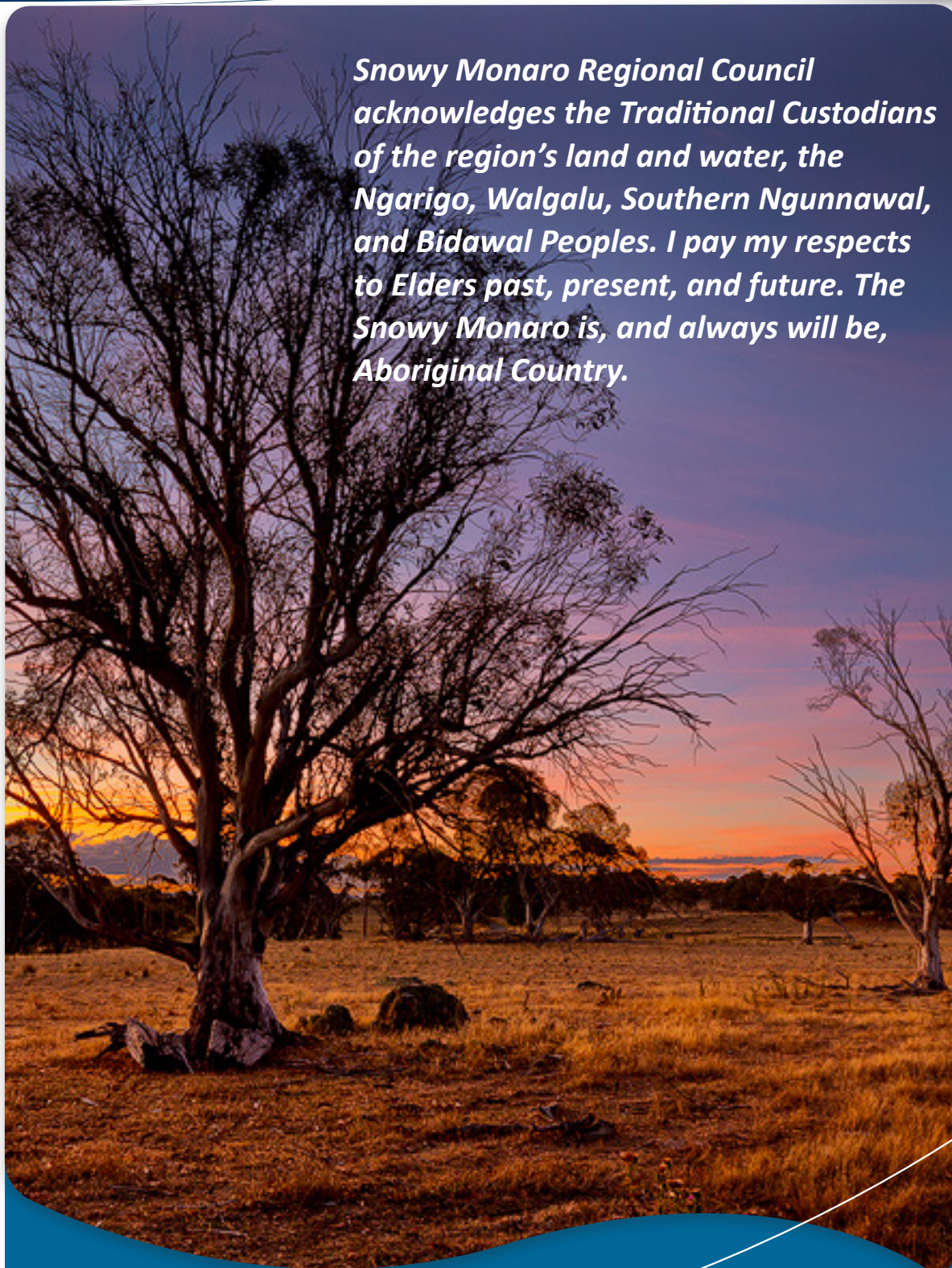


2021 STATEMENT OF REVENUE POLICY



Acknowledgement of Country

Snowy Monaro Regional Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the region's land and water, the Ngarigo, Walgalu, Southern Ngunnawal, and Bidawal Peoples. I pay my respects to Elders past, present, and future. The Snowy Monaro is, and always will be, Aboriginal Country.



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Introduction



To finance the works and services which Council proposes to provide, revenue will be raised from various sources.

The following sections outline the policies to be applied to raise revenue for the year.

It is significant to note that rate pegging legislation has historically restricted rate increases below that of inflation. In Local Government this has been reflected in the move to gain efficiencies and productivity gains as a means of reducing costs on the expenditure side of the budget equation. It has also introduced a greater dependence on alternative revenue sources on the income side of the budget equation.

IPART (Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal) has set the 2020-21 rate peg for NSW councils at 2.6%. The rate peg is the maximum percentage amount by which a council may increase its general income for the year.

Council continues to be a responsible financial manager, by taking full advantage of all income opportunities and cost reductions. Over the next few years, Council's resources will be stretched to the limit to maintain current service levels. Council will be faced with some difficult decisions in terms of maintaining income in real terms, reduction in levels of service or deletion of services.

Given that Council's income from rates is limited by rate pegging to levels generally at or just below the Consumer Price Index, it is imperative to identify areas of Council's activities where user fees and charges can be applied to either fully cover the cost, or to partially cover the cost of carrying out that activity.

For Council to maintain current levels of service and meet legislative requirements existing sources and levels of income are not sufficient. Council has been raising rates at the full rate peg allowed however NSW rate pegging has meant that Council cannot raise rates income to meet the rising cost of inputs. Many of Council's major expenses are increasing at above rate peg levels per annum and these include wages, contracts & materials (e.g. electricity, bitumen, concrete and fuel).

Snowy Monaro Regional Council was formed on 12 May 2016 from the amalgamation of the former Bombala, Cooma-Monaro Shire and Snowy River Shire Councils as per Local Government (Council Amalgamations) Proclamation 2016. References to the Bombala, Cooma-Monaro or Snowy-River Regions indicates the former local government area.

Ordinary Rates

The Local Government Act 1993 requires that maximum general income from ordinary rates must not exceed the amount determined for the year by the Minister for Local Government under Section 506 of the Act. The Department of Local Government has advised that the rate peg for 2021 will be 2.6 %.

Under Section 218CB of the Local Government Act, the Minister of Local Government may make a determination for the purpose of requiring a new council, in levying rates for land, to maintain the rate path last applied for the land by the relevant former council. This determination applies to the levying of rates by the new council for 3 rating years immediately following the rating year for which the relevant proclamation makes provision for the levying of rates. The period ends with the rating year 2021.

The land values take into account the land revaluation effective from 1/7/2019.

Total SMRC Revenue by Category		
Business	\$2,607,778	15%
Residential	\$8,917,109	53%
Farmland	\$5,370,288	32%
Total	\$16,895,175	100%

1. Categorisation of Land

Land valued as one assessment is rateable and must be categorised as Farmland, Residential, Mining or Business. The following is a brief explanation of these categories. For more detailed information please refer Sections 514 to 519 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Residential

Land is categorised as residential if its dominant use is for residential accommodation (but not as a hotel, motel, guesthouse or nursing home);

- it is vacant land zoned for residential purposes
- it is rural residential land



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Business

Land is categorised as business if it cannot be categorised as farmland, residential or mining. The main land uses in the business category are commercial and industrial.

Farmland

Land is categorised as farmland if its dominant use is for commercial farming, e.g. Grazing, animal feedlots, dairying, pig farming, poultry farming, beekeeping, forestry, oyster or fish farming or growing crops for profit.

Rural residential land is not categorised as farmland.

Mining

Land is categorised as mining if its dominate use is for mining coal or metals.

2. Payment of Rates

Annual Rates are due 31 August or alternatively Ratepayers may pay their rates in four (4) instalment payments, due:

- 31 August
- 30 November
- 28 February
- 31 May

Council is required to forward instalment notices one month in advance.

3. Interest on Overdue Rates and Annual Charges

Interest is chargeable on each instalment not paid by the due date. The applicable interest is set each year by the Minister for Local Government. In accordance with section 566(3) of the Act, it has been determined that the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020 (inclusive) will be 0.00% per annum and that the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the period 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 (inclusive) will be 7% per annum.

The interest rate has been set at 0.00% for the first half of the 2020-21 financial year in response to the financial impacts faced by the community as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

4. Ordinary Rates Bombala Region

Yield

The estimated income from ordinary rates for 2021 will be \$2,556,685

General Principal

Council's aim is to maintain the percentage of income derived from each category, which will maintain the relativity between those categories

All rateable assessments are categorised as follows:-

Category	Sub-Category	
Residential	Bombala	Applies to land categorised as Residential and is located within the Bombala town boundary
Residential	Delegate	Applies to land categorised as Residential and is located within the Delegate town boundary.
Residential	Village	Applies to land categorised as Residential and is located within the Bibbenluke village boundary, the Cathcart village boundary or the Craigie village boundary.
Residential	General	Applies to land categorised as Residential and is not located within the Bombala or Delegate town boundaries or within the Bibbenluke, Cathcart or Craigie village boundaries and is within the former Bombala Local Government Area boundary.
Business	Bombala	Applies to land categorised as Business and is located within the Bombala town boundary.
Business	Delegate	Applies to land categorised as Business and is located within the Delegate town boundary.
Business	Other	Applies to land categorised as Business and is not located within the Bombala or Delegate town boundaries and is within the former Bombala Local Government Area boundary.
Business	Bombala Golf Estate	Applies to land categorised as Business and is located at the Bombala Golf Estate.
Business	Delegate Golf Estate	Applies to land categorised as Business and is located at the Delegate Golf Estate.
Farmland		Applies to land categorised as Farmland and is located within the former Bombala Local Government Area boundary.
Mining		Applies to land categorised as Mining and is located within the former Bombala Local Government Area boundary.

Council will levy ordinary rates for 2021 as per the following Ordinary Rating Schedule. This table also provides a forecast of the Ordinary General Rates for 2021 and a comparison of rate yield for 2020 by category:

2020 Rates Estimates – General Rates			2021				2020	
Rate	Category	Sub Category	Minimum	Ad Valorem Rate in \$	Yield	%	Yield	%
Ordinary	Residential	Bombala	\$613.68	0.015628	\$452,182	17.69%	\$440,713	17.65%
Ordinary	Business	Bombala	\$613.68	0.022112	\$101,147	3.96%	\$100,028	4.00%
Ordinary	Residential	Village	\$451.10	0.009640	\$45,573	1.78%	\$44,418	1.78%
Ordinary	Residential	Delegate	\$451.10	0.001963	\$74,510	2.91%	\$72,622	2.91%
Ordinary	Residential	General	\$613.68	0.005726	\$198,194	7.75%	\$192,055	7.69%
Ordinary	Business	Delegate	\$466.62	0.006712	\$8,373	0.33%	\$8,161	0.33%
Ordinary	Business	Other	\$613.68	0.011453	\$57,675	2.26%	\$53,921	2.16%
Ordinary	Business	Bombala Golf Estate	\$613.68	0.004511	\$1,033	0.04%	\$1,007	0.04%
Ordinary	Business	Delegate Golf Estate	\$613.68	0.004346	\$778	0.03%	\$758	0.03%
Ordinary	Farmland		\$613.68	0.004669	\$1,617,220	63.25%	\$1,583,146	63.41%
Ordinary	Mining		\$613.68		\$0	0	\$0	0
Total Estimated Yield from General Rates					\$2,556,685	100%	\$2,496,829	100%

5. Ordinary Rates Cooma-Monaro Region

Yield

The estimated income from ordinary rates for 2021 will be \$7,766,133

General Principle

The principle is applied to the rating structure by using a combination of a base amount component and an ad valorem (Land Value) component. This structure has allowed for the development of a service benefit model. This model attempts to identify the direct benefit each rating category and subcategory receives from the services Council provides. Having identified the benefits, the current rating income streams from each category and subcategory are then determined. The model then moves the rating income streams toward the actual benefits received.

The rating structure includes a base component and an ad valorem component (according to land value). The base amount percentages vary for each category and sub-category.

Ad valorem amounts are calculated by applying the ad valorem rates to the rateable value of properties as determined by the Valuer-General.

The base amount is set at a level to achieve no more than 50% of ordinary rate revenue by category from this component. This limitation is required by legislation.

Through a combination of the ad valorem and base amount systems, categorisation, pensioner rebates and postponed rates, Council achieves a rating structure that attempts to approximate the land owner's ability to pay.

All rateable assessments are categorised as follows:-

Category	Sub-Category	
Residential		Applies to land categorised as Residential and located outside the Cooma town boundary but within the Cooma-Monaro region.
Residential	Cooma	Applies to land categorised as Residential and located within the Cooma town boundary.
Business		Applies to land categorised as Business and located outside the Cooma town boundary but within the Cooma-Monaro region.
Business	Cooma	Applies to land categorised as Business and is located within the Cooma town boundary.
Farmland		Applies to land categorised as Farmland within the Cooma-Monaro region.
Mining		Applies to land categorised as Mining or sub-categorised as Mining – metalliferous. Applies to all land where mining is conducted. (Currently there are no mining properties within the Cooma-Monaro region)

Council will levy ordinary rates for 2021 based on the following Ordinary Rating Schedule:

2021 Rates Estimates – General Rates			2021				2020	
Rate	Category	Sub Category	Base	Ad Valorem Rate in \$	Yield	%	Yield	%
Ordinary	Residential		\$233.90	0.004572	\$1,502,747	19.35%	\$1,445,605	19.35%
Ordinary	Residential	Cooma	\$411.40	0.005846	\$2,873,469	37.00%	\$2,764,207	37.00%
Ordinary	Business		\$233.90	0.00423	\$50,480	0.65%	\$48,560	0.65%
Ordinary	Business	Cooma	\$437.05	0.012864	\$1,242,581	16.00%	\$1,195,333	16.00%
Ordinary	Farmland	Ordinary	\$579.70	0.00251	\$2,096,856	27.00%	\$2,017,124	27.00%
Ordinary	Mining		\$233.90					
Ordinary	Mining	Metalliferous	\$437.05					
Total Estimated Yield from General Rates					\$7,766,133	100%	7,470,829	100%

6. Ordinary Rates Snowy-River Region

Yield

The estimated income from ordinary rates for 2021 will be \$6,572,357

General Principle

Rates within the Former Snowy River Shire Council area are allocated across the rating categories using a combination of the service level the category receives and the ability of the category to pay as required by the Office of Local Government (OLG). This provides a fair and equitable method in determining rate spread.

In doing so, Council adopts a user pays based system for determining the allocation of rates across the six categories and sub-categories. The Benefits each category obtains from each Council Program is calculated and Land values are then used to consider the ability of the category to pay in determining the final rate allocation. An adjustment is then applied to Business in recognition of the need for the Snowy Region to provide increased infrastructure as a result of peak winter tourism. This in turn has been spread as a decrease between other Categories.



All rateable assessments are categorised as follows:-

Category	Sub-Category
Residential	General
Residential	Rural
Business	General
Business	Electricity Generation
Farmland	
Mining	

Sub categorisation is made according to the following definitions

Rural Residential

Council proposes to continue to sub-categorise the Residential Category under S.529 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The sub-category is named 'Residential - Rural' and applies in the following circumstances:

- the parcel of rateable land is not less than 2 hectares and not more than 40 hectares in area
- the parcel of rateable land has a dwelling
- the parcel of rateable land does not have a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character

Business Electricity Generation

Council proposes to continue to sub-categorise the Business Category under S.529 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The sub-category is named 'Business - Electricity Generation' and applies in the following circumstances:

- the parcel of rateable land that is used for the purposes of Business Electricity Generation
- the parcel of rateable land that is under the high water mark

Council will levy ordinary rates for 2021 based on the following Ordinary Rating Schedule:

2021 Rates Estimates – General Rates			2021				2020	
Rate	Category	Sub Category	Minimum	Ad Valorem Rate in \$	Yield	%	Yield	%
Ordinary	Residential	Ordinary	\$600.28	0.002929	\$3,206,198	48.78%	\$3,064,583	48.62%
Ordinary	Residential	Rural	\$600.28	0.004364	\$564,236	8.58%	\$548,162	8.7%
Ordinary	Business	Ordinary	\$600.28	0.007535	\$697,035	10.61%	\$671,026	10.65%
Ordinary	Business	Electricity Generation	\$600.28	0.007769	\$448,676	6.83%	\$435,695	6.91%
Ordinary	Farmland	Ordinary	\$600.28	0.003811	\$1,656,212	25.2%	\$1,583,012	25.12%
Ordinary	Mining	Ordinary	\$600.28					
Total Estimated Yield from General Rates					\$6,572,357	100%	\$6,302,478	100%

7. Short Names

In accordance with the provisions of Section 543 of the Local Government Act 1993, the short names for the 2021 rates and charges are as follows:

- Farmland
- Residential
- Rural Residential
- Business
- Business General Electricity
- Mining

Annual Charges

Snowy Monaro Regional Council adopts a user pays principle in determining Rates, Charges and Fees.

This philosophy aims to have those users of Council's services and facilities pay an appropriate charge.

In accordance with Section 496, Section 501 and Section 502 of the Local Government Act, 1993 those charges which Council intends to levy for 2021 are as set out below

1. Waste Management

Annual Yield

Item	Description	Relevant Section of LG Act	2021	2020
1.1	Waste Management Charge	501	\$124.00	\$121.00
1.2	Domestic Waste Collection Service	496	\$257.00	\$251.00
	Domestic Waste Collection – Upsize to 240 Lt Bin from 120 Lt Bin	496	\$154.00	\$150.00
1.3	Domestic Recycling Collection Service	496	\$122.00	\$119.00
1.4	Domestic Food and Garden Organic Collection Charge (Cooma-Monaro Region ONLY)	496	\$56.00	\$55.00
1.5	Domestic Waste Vacant Land Charge	496	\$20.00	\$20.00
1.6	Change over Domestic Bin Charge (per event)	496	\$35.00	\$35.00
1.7	Bank of Bins	501, 502	\$250.00	\$242.00
1.8	Wheel Out/Wheel In Service	496	\$888.00	\$888.00
1.9	Commercial Waste Management			
	Adaminaby/Bredbo/Bombala/Delegate/Nimmitabel/Michelago Areas (If Kerbside Collection Services are provided)	502, 540		
	240L Bin		\$457.00	\$449.00
	360L Bin		\$680.00	\$668.00
	All other areas	502, 540	Per fees & charges	Per fees & charges
1.10	Commercial Recycling Management	502, 540		
	Adaminaby/Bredbo/Bombala/Delegate/Nimmitabel/Michelago Areas (If Kerbside Collection Services are provided)	502, 540	\$255.00	\$197.00
	All other areas	502, 540	Per fees & charges	Per fees & charges
1.11	Commercial Food and Garden Organic Management	502, 540		
	Cooma-Monaro Region		\$143.00	\$113.00
	All other areas		N/A	N/A



1.1. Waste Management Charge (Section 501 of the Act)

- 1.1.1. This is an annual charge levied on all rateable assessments.
- 1.1.2. This charge is billed on the annual rates and charges notice and is able to be paid by quarterly instalments.
- 1.1.3. Discount available for approved residents, as per the Council's Waste Management Charge Policy 277 <https://www.snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au/DocumentCenter/View/6583>

1.2. Domestic Waste Service Charges (Section 496 of the Act)

- 1.2.1. This charge will apply to rateable assessments within the Kerbside Collection Area (as defined within the SMRC Domestic Kerbside Collection Policy) where the domestic kerbside waste service is available and a service is provided. Residents can apply to have multiple services per domestic property as set out in the Snowy Monaro Regional Council Domestic Kerbside Collection Policy. The charge will also apply to rateable assessments outside of the Kerbside Collection Area where an application to receive the service has been submitted and approved.
- 1.2.2. The annual domestic waste collection service charge is per domestic premises serviced weekly.
- 1.2.3. Multiple service charges will be applicable to assessments with more than one domestic premises.
- 1.2.4. Multiple service charges will be applicable to assessments which request an additional domestic services
- 1.2.5. An additional service charge will apply to assessments where a request has been made to upgrade the bin size from 120 Lt to 240 Lt. This additional fee will not apply to residents in the former Snowy River Council area until such time that a Council resolution is made to adjust the standard waste collection service from 240 Lt bins to 120 Lt bins.
- 1.2.6. This charge is billed on the annual rates and charges notice and is able to be paid by quarterly instalments.

1.3. Domestic Recycling Collection Charge (Section 496 of the Act)

- 1.3.1 This charge will apply to rateable assessments within the Kerbside Collection Area (as defined within the SMRC Domestic Kerbside Collection Policy) where the domestic kerbside waste service is available and a service is provided. Residents can apply to have multiple services per domestic property as set out in the Snowy Monaro Regional Council Domestic Kerbside Collection Policy. The charge will also apply to rateable assessments outside of the Kerbside Collection Area where an application to receive the service has been submitted and approved.
- 1.3.2 The annual domestic recycling collection service is per domestic premises serviced fortnightly.
- 1.3.3 Multiple service charges will be applicable to assessments with more than one domestic premises.
- 1.3.4 Multiple service charges will be applicable to assessments which request additional domestic services
- 1.3.5 This charge is billed on the annual rates and charges notice and is able to be paid by quarterly instalments.



1.4. Domestic Food and Garden Organic Collection Charge (Section 496 of the Act)

- 1.4.1. This charge will apply to rateable assessments where the domestic kerbside Food and Garden Organic Collection service is available and a service is provided. Residents can apply to have multiple services per domestic property as set out in the Snowy Monaro Regional Council Domestic Kerbside Collection Policy.
- 1.4.2. The annual domestic kerbside Food and Garden Organic Collection service is per domestic premises serviced fortnightly.
- 1.4.3. Multiple service charges will be applicable to assessments with more than one domestic premises. The charge is available to multi-unit dwelling houses and strata units on an opt in basis, at the same rate per unit as for single dwelling houses.
- 1.4.4. This charge is billed on the annual rates and charges notice and is able to be paid by quarterly instalments.

1.5. Domestic Waste Vacant Land Charge (Section 496 of the Act)

- 1.5.1. This charge will apply to vacant rateable assessments where the Domestic Waste Collection service is available but no service is provided.
- 1.5.2. The annual Domestic Waste Vacant Land Charge is per assessment, where no service is provided.
- 1.5.3. This charge is billed on the annual rates and charges notice and is able to be paid by quarterly instalments.

1.6. Change Over Domestic Bin Charge (per event) (Section 496 of the Act)

- 1.6.1. This charge will apply to residents who have applied to alter the size of their Waste, Recycling or FoGo bin as issued by Council.
- 1.6.2. This charge will only apply when a resident makes an application to Council to vary the size of their respective bin. It will not apply when Council undertakes a program which involves a change to the size of the bin provided to a property
- 1.6.3. This charge will be applied to the resident at the time an application is made. This is not an annual charge and must be paid in full before the bin will be changed over.

1.7. Bank of Bins Charge (Section 501 & 502 of the Act)

- 1.7.1. This charge will apply to residents who have elected to participate in this service where available.
- 1.7.2. Bank of Bins is provided to collect domestic household waste and recycling collection only.
- 1.7.3. Approval for this service will be determined upon application.
- 1.7.4. This charge is billed on the annual rates and charges notice and is able to be paid by quarterly instalments.



1.8. Wheel Out/Wheel in Service (Section 496 of the Act)

- 1.8.1. This charge will apply to residents who have elected to participate in this service where available.
- 1.8.2. Approval for this service will be determined upon application.
- 1.8.3. This charge is billed on the annual rates and charges notice and is able to be paid by quarterly instalments.
- 1.8.4. Exemptions to the Wheel Out / Wheel In Service charge is available to eligible residents upon application as per the requirements provided in the application form 250.2016.24.2 which is available on the Council website. (Conditions apply).

1.9. Commercial Waste Collection Charges (Section 502 & 540 of the Act)

Commercial Waste Management Charges are in the process of being harmonised across the Council. Charges are only applied to areas where the program is provided and variations in fees exist accordingly

- 1.9.1. This charge will apply to the users of the Commercial Waste Service.
- 1.9.2. The Commercial Waste Management Charge is based on:

Adaminaby/Bredbo/Bombala/Delegate/Nimmitabel/Michelago Areas: Annual charge per 240L or 360L bin serviced weekly. Billed on the annual rates and charges notice and able to be paid by quarterly instalments.

SMRC is considering changes to current commercial collection arrangements in some rural townships and as a result this service may be available in additional areas if the current commercial arrangements are withdrawn. . Cooma volume based and quarterly billing and Former Snowy River Area number of collections and monthly billing may change with the harmonisation of commercial collections.

Cooma: Volume of waste collected, charged quarterly to property owner.

Former Snowy River Area: Number of collections, charged monthly to business owner.

1.10. Commercial Recycling Collection Charge (Section 502 & 540 of the Act)

- 1.10.1. This charge will apply to the users of the Commercial Recycling Service.
- 1.10.2. The Commercial Recycling Charge is based on:

Adaminaby/Bredbo/Bombala/Delegate/Nimmitabel/Michelago Areas: Annual charge per bin serviced, 360L bin serviced fortnightly. Billed on the annual rates and charges notice and able to be paid by quarterly instalments.

SMRC is considering changes to current commercial collection arrangements in some rural townships and as a result this service may be available in additional areas if the current commercial arrangements are withdrawn. Cooma volume based and quarterly billing and Former Snowy River Area number of collections and monthly billing may change with the harmonisation of commercial collections.



Cooma: Volume of waste collected, charged quarterly to property owner.

Former Snowy River Area: Number of collections, charged monthly to business owner.

1.11. Commercial Food and Garden Organic Collection Charge (Section 502 & 540 of the Act)

1.11.1. This charge will apply to the user of the Commercial Food and Garden Organic Collection Service.

1.11.2. The Commercial Food and Garden Organic Collection charge is based on:

Bombala/Delegate/Nimmitabel/Bredbo/Michelago Areas: Not available

Cooma: Annual charge per 240 Lt bin serviced fortnightly. Billed on the annual rates and charges notice and able to be paid by quarterly instalments.

Former Snowy River Area: Not available.

Reference Notes

For clarification of meanings see NSW Consolidated Acts – LGA 1993 Dictionary

See Resource and Waste Management Policy and Procedures for further information in relation to meanings and charges.

The Short names for the Domestic Waste Service Charges are:

- Domestic Waste Collection Charge
- Domestic Recycling Collection Charge
- Domestic Food and Garden Organic (FoGo) Collection Charge
- Domestic Waste Vacant Land Charge

The Short names for Waste Management Charges are:

- Waste Management Charge
- Bank of Bins

Domestic Premises includes, but is not limited to, the following premises types which are used, or capable of being used for domestic residential purposes, in so far as the waste generated is only domestic waste and is of a kind and quantity ordinarily generated on a domestic premises:

- House
- Flat
- Strata Unit
- Granny Flat
- Attached unit
- Multi-Unit Dwellings
- Dual Occupancy
- Villa
- Apartment
- Detached unit

Where a premises is used, or capable of being used for domestic residential purposes, and generates waste not of a kind or quantity ordinarily generated on a domestic premises, Council reserves the right to apply an additional charge under s501 or s502 of the Act for waste that is in addition to that of a kind and quantity ordinarily generated on a domestic premises.

2. Stormwater Management Charge

In accordance with Section 496A of the Local Government Act, 1993 Council levy an annual Stormwater Management Charge of \$20 per annum for each parcel of rateable (occupied) land for which the service is available within the former Bombala Council area.

Council do not currently levy an annual Stormwater Management Charge in either the Cooma-Monaro or Snowy River regions.

A new Development Service Plan (DSP) for Water, Sewer and Stormwater is being developed for Council to be effective from 1 July 2019. Until all SMRC are levied a Stormwater Management Charge, stormwater issues in the former Cooma-Monaro or Snowy River regions will be addressed in conjunction with roads works (capital and maintenance).

3. For Water Supply and Sewer Services and Liquid Trade Waste, please see Snowy Monaro Regional Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges.

5. Onsite Sewage Management System

Yield

The estimated income from the Onsite Sewage Management System Renewal Fee for 2021 will be \$107,000

Properties that have an Onsite Sewage System Management (OSSM) (e.g. septic tank, aerobic and worm systems) pay an annual renewal fee. This fee will be listed on your annual rates notice as a single bill.

It should be noted that the program is still being subsidised from the general rate, on the basis of it being recognised that some benefits of the program accrue to the wider community.

Operating Approval/Renewal Charge (Section 501 and 107A of the Act)

This operating approval/renewal fee will apply to all onsite sewage management systems in the Snowy Monaro Region. This fee is billed on the annual rates notice and is able to be paid by quarterly instalments.

Annual Charge	2021	2020
OSSM	\$25.00	\$25.00

The fee outlined above does not cover the initial approval to install or operate a sewage management system, transfer of approval to operate – when a new owner takes over a system, re-inspection fees required if a system requires review, consulting fees or administration fees applicable to any notice that may have been issued.

The Short name for the Onsite Sewage Management System Charge that allows onsite disposal of effluent is: OSSM

6. Annual Charges on Rails Pipes etc.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 611 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council may make an Annual Charge for any rail, pipe, wire, pole, cable, tunnel or structure laid, erected, suspended, constructed or placed on, under or over a public place.

The annual charge for 2021 shall be:

1. Under a public place \$742 per kilometre
2. On or over a public place \$154 per pole or structure

7. Pensioner Concessions (Local Government Act 1993 Section 582)

Pensioner Concessions are available and the calculation and application of the reduction is in accord with Section 575 of the Local Government Act.

Pensioners who hold the Pensioner Concession Card or who otherwise qualify, are eligible to have their rates on their sole or principal place of residence reduced by the following rebates:-

	Concession	Maximum Rebate per Annum
Ordinary rates and domestic waste management charge	50%	\$250.00
Water Charges	50%	\$87.50
Sewerage Charges	50%	\$87.50



Borrowings

1. Loan Borrowings

Statement of Amounts of any Proposed Borrowings for 2021 (Section 621-624, Local Government Act 1993 & Clause 230 Local Government (General) Regulations 2005)

Credit Cards

Council also uses credit cards for the purchase of supplies by approved staff with individual card limits of between \$1,000 and \$8,500, with a total maximum limit of \$105,000. At present Council has 22 credit cards.

Loan Borrowing Policy

Any new borrowings must be in accordance with the Clause 230 Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 and under Section 624 of the Local Government Act 1993 which imposes restrictions on borrowings by councils.

Any new external loan borrowings must have regard to:

- Self-funding ability
- Interest Rates
- Alternative finance options
- Statutory loan borrowing limits
- Asset management principles
- Net debt service cost
- Long term debt reductions

The Council may borrow and re-borrow from time to time by way of overdraft from a bank. At present Council has a maximum overdraft of \$1,000,000.

Repayment of any money borrowed by way of external loan and payment of interest on that borrowed, shall be secured by the granting to the lender of a charge on the income of the Council.

Fees and charges

Council levies fees in accordance with Section 608 of the Local Government Act 1993. Council may charge a fee for any service it provides. The purpose of raising these fees is to recover, or assist the Council in recovering the cost of providing these services.



1. Pricing Policy

Fees are substantially based on the user pay principle however, there is recognition of people's ability to pay, where Community Service Obligations (CSO) are identified. These services with CSOs are cross subsidised for the common good of the community.

When setting the Fees and Charges the following was taken into consideration, as per Section 610D of the Local Government Act.

- the cost to the council of providing the service,
- the price suggested for that service by any relevant industry body or in any schedule of charges published, from time to time, by the Department,
- the importance of the service to the community,
- any factors specified in the regulations

2. Schedule of Fees and Charges

All fees and charges for 2021 are set out in the accompanying Schedule of Fees and Charges and relate to the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

The Schedule of Fees and Charges should be read in conjunction with the Revenue Policy.

The General Manager has delegated authority to vary the non-legislated fees upon request.

3. GST

GST is charged in accordance with the most up to date information from the Australian Taxation Office. Should these regulations change, Council reserves the right to amend these fees accordingly without notice.



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