

# RATES NOTICES

to arrive in property owners' letterboxes this week

## HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE GLADSTONE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S RATES NOTICE YET? IF NOT, IT WON'T BE FAR AWAY.

Council announced that the annual bill would arrive in property owners' letterboxes this week.

What to expect:

- 42 per cent of properties experiencing a rate reduction or no increase
- 28 per cent of properties experiencing a rate increase of one to five per cent
- 30 per cent of properties' rates will increase by six to 10 per cent.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said that while individual properties rates would vary the average general

rates increase across all properties was only 1.89 per cent, which is in line with the Local Government Cost Price Index (LG CPI), a measure of inflation.

Cr Burnett added that water access charge increases would be no more than the 1.89 per cent LG CPI rate. "The sewerage charge is increasing by up to five per cent to fund significant, needed upgrades to our region's sewerage network," he said.

Cr Burnett said national increases to recycling costs, a result of China's decision to no longer accept Australia's recyclable waste, has led to Council's garbage collection charge increasing by \$30.50 per year.

"Recycling is very important and to help us mitigate its costs, we're reviewing our waste and recycling processes,

investigating expanding our waste to energy projects, and developing a Towards Zero Waste Strategy for our region," he said.

Cr Burnett reminded ratepayers that early payment discounts were available.

### KEY DATES:

10% discount if paid by October 10  
5% discount if paid by November 9  
Cr Burnett said payment plans were available to ratepayers who wanted to manage their rates payments by spreading them out across a more extended period but said it was essential to set this up before the rate notices' due date of November 9.

"Subsidies of up to \$533.32 per year are also available for eligible pensioners," he said.

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Notes and images from the week that was for your Federal Member for Flynn

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# WONDAI SHOW 2018

## 101 years in the making!

### TERRIFIC TO GET ALONG TO ANOTHER ANNUAL WONDAI SHOW.

Wondai is on the southern border of the Flynn electorate, more than 350kms south from Gladstone and almost 670kms south-east from Emerald. As the crow flies, Wondai is directly west of Noosa.

Returning for it's 101st year, the show is one of Wondai's most iconic events and a fantastic example of a rural agricultural show still going strong.

I had the pleasure of joining South Burnett Regional Council's Cr Kathy Duff, and Dr Linda Stewart who officially opened the show and Member for Nanango and Queensland State Opposition Leader Deb Frecklington. Dr Stewart was educated in Wondai and her parents still call this beautiful part of the South Burnett home.

Competitors travelled from across the state to take part in 21 competition sections, across the two days of the Wondai Show and attracted hundreds of entries and thousands of spectators.

