

# Media Release



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## Special Rate Variation Adopted by Council

At the Council meeting on Monday night on 15 June, the Operational Plan 2015/16 was adopted. The **Operational Plan 2015/16** shows detailed actions that will be undertaken over the next 12 months to achieve the commitments made in the Delivery Program 2013/14 – 2016/17. Also included in the Operational Plan 2015/16 is the Special Rate Variation (SRV) of 10.8% per annum for 4 years that was approved by IPART (inclusive of the State Government rate peg amount).

**The SRV increase will be spent on roads and infrastructure major works and maintenance as follows:**

SRV Works Program				
	2015/16 (\$000's)	2016/17 (\$000's)	2017/18 (\$000's)	2018/19 (\$000's)
Major Road & Bridge Works	1,159	2,926	4,972	6,879
Bridges, footpaths, kerb, linemarking renewal	150	250	350	750
Footpaths - new	100	150	200	250
Kerb & Gutter - new	150	200	250	300
Buildings renewal	150	200	250	450
Parks renewal (playgrounds, sportsfields)	250	300	350	400
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,959</b>	<b>4,026</b>	<b>6,372</b>	<b>9,029</b>

“As you can see by the figures in the table, the income generated from the SRV contribution increases each year and this will be reflected in an expanding infrastructure works programme over the next 4 years. The works this SRV allows us to complete is over and above what we would have otherwise been able to achieve. Council will keep the community informed through reporting and a detailed forward plan will be available to view on [wollondilly2033.com.au/srv/](http://wollondilly2033.com.au/srv/),” said Mayor, Cr Col Mitchell.

“We do understand that this news will be met with mixed reaction from our community. However the increase will ultimately enable Council to deliver better outcomes for our ratepayers, particularly on our roads, in line with our community’s expectations,” he said.