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# Information for Ratepayers 2009-2010

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## **Council Members**

Mayor:	Councillor Nic Carmody
Deputy Mayor:	Councillor Judith Williams
Councillors:	Cecil Burgess, Geoff Frost, Bill Luchetti, Chris McHarg, Allan McGrath, Michael McManus, David Needham,

## **Senior Staff**

General Manager:	David Rowe
Director of Operations:	Simon Cassidy
Director of Planning and Environmental Services:	Paul De Szell
Director of Corporate and Community Services:	Sheri Norton
Director of Aged Care Services	Penny Temple

## **Mission Statement**

*“To support the progress of Yass Valley by proactively servicing our community, while being an innovative and responsive Council”.*

## **Council Meetings**

Council meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5.00 pm.

The press and public may attend Council Meetings, however, where the Committee resolves that publicity of items would be considered prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the item, the press and the public shall be excluded when such items are being discussed.

Between 5.00 pm and 5.30 pm at Council Meetings an Open Forum is held when the public is given an opportunity to address Council. Anyone wishing to address Council on agenda items should contact the General Manager’s Executive Assistant three (3) days prior to the meeting.

Whilst Ordinary Meetings of Council are generally held in the Council Chambers, Council has and will continue to hold Council Meetings in the Yass Valley Local Government Area Villages upon request.

## Functions of Council Departments

### Executive Services

Organisation Development	Recruitment
Payroll	Risk Management

### Corporate and Community Services

Financial Management	Corporate Governance
Document Management	Information Technology
Community Development	Emergency Services
Customer Services	Community Services
Tourism and Economic Development	

### Operations

Parks	Public Amenities
Sporting Facilities	Caravan Park
Cemeteries	Depot Operations
Domestic Waste Management	Land and Buildings
Saleyards	Swimming Pools
Waste Management	Asset Support Services
Sewerage Services	Water
Regional Roads	Rural Roads Facilities
Rural Sealed Roads	Unsealed Roads
Urban Roads	Urban Roads Facilities
Urban Stormwater	

### Planning and Environmental Services

Development Services	Ordinance Services
Strategic and Environmental Health Administration & Planning	

### Rate Increase

The increase in the General Rate Income is 3.5% for 2009/2010 as determined by the Minister.

CATEGORY	SUB-CATEGORY	AD VALOREM AMOUNT	MINIMUM	BASE
Farmland		0.002122		\$401.00
Residential	Non Urban	0.002401		\$267.00
Residential	Yass	0.004509	\$419.00	
Residential	Binalong, Bowning, Wee Jasper, Bookham	0.00321	\$407.00	
Residential	Murrumbateman	0.004803	\$419.00	
Residential	Gundaroo	0.001433		\$219.00
Residential	Sutton	0.001922		\$219.00
Business	Yass	0.011912	\$419.00	
Business	Sutton Gundaroo	0.001946		\$267.00

### Payment of Rates/Charges by Instalments

Rates and Charges may be paid in four instalments. Reminder notices will be sent by Council for each instalment, thirty days before the due date.

If you do not wish to pay by instalments, payment in full must be made by the due date of the first instalment.

*The due dates for the four instalments are:*

1st Instalment	31 August 2009
2nd Instalment	30 November 2009
3rd Instalment	28 February 2010
4th Instalment	31 May 2010

Payment may be made at Council's Office and Post Offices, or via B-Pay or Direct Debit.

### Interest on Overdue Rates

Daily interest accrues on rates and charges that remain unpaid after they become due and payable. The rate of interest applying will be 9% pa.

## **Pension Entitlements**

Those ratepayers who have been issued with a pensioner concession card on or before the date of service of the notice may be eligible for a rebate on their rates and charges. War widows without a pensioner concession card may also be eligible.

Ratepayers who are issued with pensioner concession cards at a later date may be eligible for a rebate proportionate to the number of complete quarters remaining in the financial year.

Council will abandon 50% (or up to \$250) of the combined general rate and domestic waste charge, 50% (or up to \$87.50) of the water charge and 50% (or up to \$87.50) of sewerage rates, and recoup 55% of such amounts from the New South Wales Government. The balance of rates must be paid by the pensioner and instalment payments will be accepted.

## **Sewerage Rate**

For residential properties an annual charge of \$515.00 applies.

For non-residential properties a sewerage usage has been applied based on water consumption. The minimum non-residential charge is \$515.00.

Churches - \$258.00.

## **Stormwater Improvement Charges**

Residential and Business occupied (developed) properties Yass - \$25.00.

## **Water Supply Charges**

### **Water Availability Charge**

Yass, Bowning, Binalong & Rural Areas

Non Metered Properties	\$212.00
Water Meters 20 mm to 32 mm	\$212.00
Water Meters 40 mm	\$331.00
Water Meters 50 mm	\$518.00
Water Meters 80 mm	\$1,325.00
Water Meters 100 mm	\$2,070.00
Water Meters 150 mm	\$4,658.00

**Murrumbateman Water Supply**

Water meters 20 mm to 32 mm \$159.00

**Churches**

Water meters 20 mm to 32 mm \$106.00

**Note:** *All other availability charges will be at 60% of the Yass Water Supply charges.*

Properties with more than one connection will be charged for each additional meter according to size as per the above Schedule.

**Water Usage Charge**

Charge for all water used \$1.95 per kl

Discount will apply to churches, Apex Homes, Gwen Warmington Lodge/Horton House, St Vincent de Paul and Linton Retirement Village at a rate of 25% per kl

Discount will apply to Council playing fields and Yass Pool at a rate of 45% per kl

Discount will apply to Binalong Pool at a rate of 90% per kl

Council water meter readings take place in October, February and June.

**Domestic Waste Management Charge**

All residents who live within a garbage designated collection area are provided with a weekly garbage collection service and a fortnightly recycling collection service.

The charge for the provision of this service is \$288.00 (vacant land \$18.00 where the service is available).

**Waste Management Special Charge**

Council has levied a Waste Management Special Charge of \$54.00 on all rateable properties including vacant land. The income from this charge will be used for waste management and recycling operations within the Council area.

## Transfer Station Operating Hours

### **Yass Transfer Station** **6226 3731**

Outside Daylight Saving Time: 9.00 am - 4.30 pm

During Daylight Saving Time: 9.30 am - 5.30 pm

### **Murrumbateman** **6227 0174**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Outside Daylight Saving Time: 8.30 am - 4.30 pm

During Daylight Saving Time: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Tuesday and Thursday

Outside Daylight Saving Time: 8.30 am - 12.30 pm

During Daylight Saving Time: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

### **Binalong**

Wednesday 8.00 am - 12.00 pm

Sunday 1.00 pm - 4.30 pm

### **Bookham**

Wednesday 12.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Sunday 8.00 am - 12.00 pm

### **Bowning**

Wednesday 12.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Sunday 8.00 am - 12.00 pm

### **Gundaroo**

Saturday and Sunday 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

### **Wee Jasper**

Sunday (*except long weekends*) 1.00 pm - 4.30 pm

***All sites closed Christmas Day and Good Friday***

## Tipping Charges

- <100 lt bin - \$4.00 (minimum charge)
- Car boot sedan/bin <250 lt - \$9.00
- Ute or trailer (6x4) (level load) - \$23.00
- Commercial/Industrial waste - \$48.00 m<sup>3</sup>
- Other charges are listed in Council's "Fees and Charges". These fees can be viewed online at [www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au](http://www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au) or contact Council on 6226 1477 or 1300 553 652.

### **Yass Library**

The Yass Library is located at the back of the Yass Memorial Hall in Comur Street Yass. Opening hours are:

Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri	9.30 am - 5.30 pm
Thursday	9.30 am - 7.00 pm
Saturday	10.00 am - 1.00 pm

**Phone: 6226 1305**

### **Murrumbateman Library**

The Murrumbateman Library is located in the Old School House at Murrumbateman and is open to the public from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm each Saturday.

*Membership to the Library is free and available to all Yass Valley residents.*

### **Burrinjuck Family Day Care**

Burrinjuck Family Day Care is located at the rear of the Yass Memorial Hall, Comur Street Yass.

Tuesday-Thursday	9.00 am—5.00 pm
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**Phone: 6226 3686**

### **Yass Valley Visitor Information Centre**

The Centre is located at 259 Comur Street, Yass. Opening hours are:

Monday-Friday	9.00 am—5.00 pm
Saturday and Sunday	9.00 am—4.30 pm

**Phone: 6226 2557 or 1300 886 014**

### **Yass Home Living Support Services**

Yass Home Living Support Service is located at 67 Rossi Street, Yass. Opening hours are:

Monday-Friday	9.00 am—5.00 pm
Closed for lunch between	1.00 pm—2.00 pm

**Phone: 6226 4555**

## Swimming Pools

Swimming pool facilities will open on Saturday 31 October 2009 and close on Friday 26 March 2010. Both facilities will be closed Christmas and Boxing Days.

### **Yass Olympic Pool** **6226 1593**

#### **Entry Charges**

Adults	\$4.00
Children	\$3.00
Pensioners	\$3.00
Pre Schoolers & Onlookers	\$1.00
School groups per student	\$1.20

#### **Season Tickets**

Family	\$187.00
Adults	\$117.00
Children	\$87.00
Pensioners	\$87.00
Pensioner Family	\$137.00

#### **Opening Hours**

November & December	10.00 am - 7.00 pm
January and February	10.00 am - 7.30 pm
March	10.00 am - 7.00 pm

Morning Swims opening 6.00 am to 7.30 am from 30 November 2009 to 5 March 2010.

### **Binalong Pool** **6227 4290**

#### **Entry Charges**

Adults	\$4.00
Children	\$3.00
Aged Pensioners	\$3.00
Pre Schoolers and Onlookers	\$1.00
School groups per student	\$1.20

#### **Season Tickets**

Family	\$87.00
Adults	\$47.00
Children	\$47.00
Aged Pensioners	\$47.00

**Opening Hours**—Open Daily 2.00 pm—7.00 pm

## Facts about the Local Government Area

Population	13,135
Area	4,089 Sq Km
Land Value	\$1,784,745,840
National Highways	133 Km
State Roads	59 Km
Regional Roads	174 Km
Tourist Roads	30 Km
Local Roads - sealed	432 Km
Local Roads – unsealed	635 Km

## Summary Estimates for 2009/2010

	Income	Expenditure
<b>Operating</b>		
General	20,178,744	18,551,008
Sewerage	\$1,407,210	\$1,036,798
Water	\$1,947,829	\$1,309,190
Waste	\$1,127,664	\$1,538,358
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,661,447</b>	<b>\$22,435,354</b>
<b>Capital</b>		
General	\$6,032,125	\$7,740,867
Sewerage	\$4,399,500	\$4,769,912
Water	\$4,922,500	\$5,561,139
Waste	\$556,194	\$145,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,910,319</b>	<b>\$18,217,418</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,571,766</b>	<b>\$40,652,772</b>

## Noxious Weed Control

Yass Valley Council, together with Boorowa, Young and Harden Shire Councils, form the Southern Slopes Noxious Plants Authority. The Authority is based at Boorowa. The Chief Weeds Officer can be contacted on (02) 6385 3189.

All flammable material should be removed from around properties early in the Bushfire danger period, which is normally 1 October to 31 March.

## All Bush Fire Calls: 000

### Bushfire Captains

AREA	NAME	CONTACT NUMBERS	
Back Creek	B Haselar	6236 8334	0429 443260
Bango/Blackburn	T Bush	6227 6232 (h) 6226 5100 (w)	0404 042384
Bellmount Forest	D Baines	4845 1133 6241 7714 (ah)	
Binalong	A Sargent	6227 2885	
Bookham	I Bush	6227 7100	0429 418589
Bowring	J Payne	6227 7244	0418 671410
Cavan	C Longley	6227 9235	0418 245970
Fairlight	T Webb	6236 5123 (h) 6236 5178 (fax)	0427 267812
Goodhope	L Dawes	6227 1287	0409 331632
Gundaroo	M Cliff	6236 8348	0428 494403
Limestone/Kangjara	P Middleton	6227 2819	0427 208377
Manton	E Gruber	6226 1248	0408 632125
Jeir/Marchmont	G Minahan	6227 1242	0412 203138
Mullion	S Faulder	6227 5428 (p/f)	0419 289775
Murrumbateman	M Baker	6227 5067	0417 273052
Springfield	J Tarlinton	6227 0079	0403 594933
Sutton	J Cooper	6238 3238	0418 244471
Wallaroo	D Marks	6251 7856	0409 070056
Wee Jasper	T Cathles	6227 9217	0412 785183
Yass River/Nanima	P Clark	6227 1346	0427 484237
Yass Support	M Anderson	6226 3484	0429 622634

## Council Contact List

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<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	1300 553 652 or 6226 1477
Facsimile	6226 2598
Email	Council@yass.nsw.gov.au
<b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT</b>	6226 9234
<b>BURRINJUCK FAMILY DAY CARE</b>	6226 3686
Email	bfdc@yass.nsw.gov.au
<b>HOME LIVING SUPPORT SERVICE</b>	6226 4555
Facsimile	6226 4207
Email	hlss@yass.nsw.gov.au
<b>LIBRARY</b>	6226 1305
Facsimile	6226 3994
Email	library@yass.nsw.gov.au
<b>OLYMPIC POOL</b>	6226 1593
<b>PROMOTIONS AND TOURISM</b>	1300 886 014 or 6226 2557
Facsimile	6226 1509
Email	tourism@yass.nsw.gov.au
Website	www.yassvalley.com.au
<b>YASS CARAVAN PARK</b>	6226 1173
<b>AGED CARE SERVICES (HORTON HOUSE)</b>	6226 3090
<b>FIRE CONTROL CENTRE</b>	6226 3100

### **After Hours Emergency Calls**

Duty Officer 0408 625 694

1300 553 652 or 6226 1477

Council@yass.nsw.gov.au

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### **The Yass Valley Council Office**

is situated at 209 Comur Street, Yass,  
and is open to the public for all enquiries  
from 8.30 am to 5.00 pm weekdays.

Accounts may be paid at the Cashier between  
9.00 am and 4.30 pm.

All postal correspondence should be addressed to:

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