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**FOGO**

## LET'S GET READY TO FOGO 2024

### WHAT IS FOGO ?

FOGO stands for Food Organics and Garden Organics. Under the FOGO service, all types of organic materials - from food scraps to lawn clippings and much more - can be placed in the organic kerbside collection bin, that will be provided by Burnie City Council.

### WHY IS A FOGO SERVICE BEING INTRODUCED?

We know that approximately 50% of the average household waste bin is food and a further 10% is garden waste. By collecting the organic material generated in Burnie homes and businesses and composting it into nutrient rich soil, the FOGO service will reduce waste to landfill and the release of greenhouse gas emissions. The compost is later used within agriculture and horticulture therefore 'closing the loop'.

### WHEN WILL FOGO BE INTRODUCED IN BURNIE?

FOGO will begin to be introduced from July 2024.

## Apply for Assistance

Council is able to provide assistance to ratepayers who are experiencing financial hardship.

If you would like further information on how the Council can assist you please access our Financial Hardship Policy online at [www.burnie@tas.gov.au](mailto:www.burnie@tas.gov.au) or call us to have a confidential discussion.



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## YOUR RATES



*Explained*

2023/24

A guide to how we are supporting and investing in our community



## UNDERSTANDING YOUR RATES

Your rates fund over 22 core functions and responsibilities, with services across Burnie including waste management, the aquatic centre, immunisations, environmental health, animal control, cemeteries, compliance and city planning – to name just a few.

Your rates also fund vital infrastructure such as roads, drainage, street lighting, bridges, footpaths and buildings, enhancements in our CBD and suburbs, community support such as grants, programs and events and maintaining our parks, reserves and sporting grounds and facilities.

Rates generate about 73% of Council's income but providing all these services costs more than the total rates we collect. Additional funding is provided through government grants and user fees.

The Annual Plan and Budget Estimates illustrates where your rates will be utilised this financial year






## HOW ARE MY RATES CALCULATED

Your share of the total rate amount is set by the value of your property plus a service charge for waste and stormwater. Your rates also include a compulsory Fire and Landfill Levy which Council collects on behalf of the State Government. The Rates Resolution contains further details regarding how your rates are calculated and can be found at [www.burnie.tas.gov.au](http://www.burnie.tas.gov.au)



## DO YOU OFFER A PENSION REBATE?

Eligible pensioners may receive a rebate of rates and charges on their principal place of residence. Pension cards eligible for a discount are:

-  Pensioner Concession Card (PCC)
-  Health Care Card (HCC)
-  Department of Veteran's Affairs 'Gold Card' endorsed with (TPI) or (DVA)

The applicant must be liable to pay the rates on the property that they occupy as their principal place of residence. In the case of joint ownership, at least one of the owners must meet the eligibility criteria. There is a limit of one remission per year per pensioner household.

Any pensioner who has not previously received a remission must complete an application form which is available from Council offices or website.

Pensioners who received a remission last year should automatically receive a remission this year. This will appear as a reduction on the rates notice.

## HOW CAN I PAY MY RATES?

### Single Full Payment

To receive a 2% discount, please pay your full rates and any arrears by 31 August 2023.

### 4 Easy Instalments

- 1st Instalment – 31 August 2023
- 2nd Instalment – 30 November 2023
- 3rd Instalment – 29 February 2024
- 4th Instalment – 31 May 2024

*Council offers a range of flexible options to help pay your rates*

*View your rates notice for more information*



*Download and view your rates online  
Follow the prompts to register  
Enter your property ID number and  
your name EXACTLY as it appears on  
the Rate Notice*