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Zero Rate Increase for Goyder Ratepayers for Second Consecutive Year

The Regional Council of Goyder understands that our residents and businesses may be experiencing financial hardship as a result of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact of long term drought in our region.

Regional Council of Goyder Mayor Peter Matthey OAM says that Council has adopted a financially responsible budget that will provide relief to ratepayers whilst maintaining essential service levels and investment in community infrastructure.

With COVID-19's detrimental effect on the community, on top of the continued impact of drought for over three years on farmers and local businesses, Council aims to provide some relief to households through a 0 percent increase in general rates for the second consecutive year.

Council adopted a zero rate rise at the 16th of June 2020 Council meeting.

This adds to Council's COVID-19 relief measure put in place through the **COVID-19 Application for Financial Assistance** program.

A financial hardship application is still available for ratepayers that will assist them to either-

1. Enter into a payment arrangement based on their individual budget or
2. Defer all rates and charges payments until the 21st of October 2020.

All options of these options will be fine and interest free during the term of the payment arrangement or deferment.

How do ratepayer apply for this financial assistance?

If a rate payer has had a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic and do not believe that they can meet their upcoming rates payments they will need to complete the Financial Hardship application.

The information that is provided with this application will assist Council to assess the application for financial assistance.

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Further Information/Comment

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