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QUEENSLAND

Council lifts rates and confronts ‘beyond its means’ spending

This article reports that the Sunshine Coast Council has set its budget for 2026/27 which includes a rise in property tax of an average of circa \$220p.a. and a “tightening of the belt” on council spending.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Council lifts rates and confronts 'beyond its means' spending - Australia](#)

Budget hits ratepayers

This article advises Tablelands ratepayers that the 2026-27 budget will result in a 5.9% increase in annual rates as well as increases in sewerage, water and waste services. The article looks at the details in the budget.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Budget hits ratepayers | The Express Newspaper |](#)

VICTORIA

Victorians slugged with unique taxes not paid in any other state

This article examines property taxes that are paid in Victoria but not any other state, which have been introduced to manage the State debt. These include: a short stay levy for short term accommodation, Airbnb etc., vacant residential land tax, windfall gains tax for increases due to government rezoning and Covid debt levy.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Victoria's unique taxes: Why residents pay levies no one else does | news.com.au — Australia's leading news site for latest headlines](#)

Melbourne council rates up 73 per cent in five years

This article examines the increases in property tax in Victoria, The mounting property tax debt, the limited hardship relief available and the renaming and increase in the fire services levy.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

<https://cairnnews.org/2026/06/21/melbourne-council-rates-up-73-per-cent-in-five-years/>

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