

Newsletter – 17 August 2019



New rates notices

By now most of you will have received your rates notices for the financial year 2019-20 and you may have seen the Ratepayers of Port Phillip flyer in your letterbox. 7 out of 10 properties have had rates increases greater than the 2.5% and we understand some people have had rate reductions as a result of a reduction in property values. If you have been lucky enough to get a rate reduction the chances are you are still paying too much.

Thank you to all of the new members who have joined RoPP and for the encouraging emails. Your response is appreciated. The response to our recent letterbox campaign to heighten awareness of the high rates in the City of Port Phillip has been terrific. Thank you for responding and commenting, we shall publish some excerpts on our Facebook page to encourage further comment.

Your comments are welcome

We are getting many encouraging emails like the one from Ron below:

"Totally agree with your organisation and have been frustrated at the waste and inefficiencies of our arrogant Public Servants. They need their wings clipped as they are spending our taxes on stupidity such as the endless events, we seem to have in our neighbourhood on weekends often making it difficult to get out of your own house. Or allowing transients to camp on our beaches and public spaces. I have been trying to build a new (replacement) garage on our property and the red tape, ridiculous fees and time it takes is nuts. They toy and play with "OUR" money as if it is a bottomless pit. I was shocked to hear they employ so many people at such an exorbitant cost when their services are so inefficient. I think that at almost every level Public Servants have forgotten that they actually serve us... Not the other way around. Local Government is run by a bunch of amateurs. Really Happy to get your Flyer in the mail - You've got my support."

Business Owners

Retail and commercial properties have been hit with massive increase, one of our members own a business in South Melbourne and his rates increased by 13.8% If you are a business owner and want to help us develop a plan to communicate to business property owners in City of Port Phillip, please contact us at mail@ropp.com.au

STOP THE WASTE REDUCE OUR RATES

Port Phillip Council are gouging us with massive rates and on July 1 they increased them again.

7 out of 10 properties had rate increases beyond the 2.5% rate cap*.



*2.5% limit on total rates revenue imposed by Victorian Government

We have a RoPP Facebook group

Please join our Ratepayers of Port Phillip Facebook group (see link below) and get involved in our conversation about rates, wasteful spending and mismanagement of assets.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RoPPh/>

We also suggest that you follow the City of Port Phillip Facebook page (see link) and post comments about how you feel about your rates, wasteful spending and mismanagement of assets.

<https://www.facebook.com/cityofportphillip/>

How can you help us and yourself?

Please pass this email to FIVE of your friends, neighbours and business owners who are ratepayers or residents in the City of Port Phillip and encourage them to join up. Our subscriber/membership list is private and confidential but you need to be on our list to receive regular Newsletters.

If you would like to be involved in our activities please let us know. We are looking for people to assist with:

- Communications, newsletters;
- Social media and public relations;
- Speak at Council meetings on behalf of RoPP;
- Donate to RoPP.

Your donations help fund our activities such as maintaining the website, printing of materials to promote further memberships, holding meetings and electing new Councillors who support our objectives. Please make your donations to our bank account:

BSB: 063188

Account no.: 10461095

Account name: Ratepayers of Port Phillip

Your support is vital in being able to bring these issues to the attention of fellow ratepayers and to make the necessary changes within the Council to reduce your rates.