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## **Find out more about rates and charges**

Interested locals can learn more about the rates and charges they pay Council at an informal information session at the Redlands Performing Arts Centre on Friday 4 December.

The session will begin a conversation with residents over the next few months to encourage them to learn more about their rates and charges, and then have their say.

Interested people are invited to come along at any time between 3pm and 7.30pm. Information will be available to take away, and staff will be on hand to answer questions.

Visitors to the session have the chance to win two nights' accommodation on North Stradbroke Island.

As part of a review of its long-term rating strategy, Council will form a focus group in the new year to discuss the Redlands' current rating model and what other options exist within the parameters set by the state government.

Redlands Mayor, Melva Hobson, said the session was a great opportunity for locals to learn more about how rates and charges are determined and how rates are spent.

"All councils must set their rating model based on state government legislation, however, there are different models that can be applied.

"We are about to ask our community to share their thoughts on the rating model we currently use, and what other models are available.

"This informal information session is the first step, but providing information to help people provide informed feedback when the time comes."