

## Council meeting

The next Ordinary meeting of Council will be held at the Taree Administration Centre on Wednesday 22 November at 2pm.

We encourage members of the public to sit in on our meetings, as a way of finding out more about how council works and to stay updated on what's happening in the MidCoast Council area.

With prior notice, you may address the meeting on any item of business.

## Careers with Council

We're seeking suitably qualified persons to fill the roles of:

- Team member - Labourer x 3 (Gloucester)
- Team member - Operations x 5 (Gloucester)
- Traffic Engineer - (Taree or Forster)

## Apprenticeships

We're currently recruiting the following **1st year apprentices**:

- Automotive - Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Technology x 3
- Horticulture - Parks and Gardens x 2
- Horticulture - Sports Turf Management
- Engineering Fabrication

For more information and to apply for any of the above positions, visit our website.

## Australia Day awards

Nominations are open for the MidCoast Council Australia Day Awards.

**Award categories for the MidCoast Council Gloucester Region are:**

- **Citizen of the Year** - for persons aged 25 years and over;
- **Young Citizen of the Year** - for persons under 25 years of age
- **Project of the Year** - open to all group projects in the MidCoast Council Gloucester region during 2017.

Nomination forms and guidelines are available on our website.

## On our roads and bridges

Keep an eye out for our maintenance and construction crews who are working in the following areas:

- **Callaghan's Creek Bridge** - Replacement of the timber bridge is continuing. Access via a side track around the work site is in operation.
- **Scone Road - Reseal extension** - Upgrading 6.5kms gravel road to bitumen seal. The first half of the project has been completed. Construction of the last half has commenced with shaping of the road pavement now underway.
- **Gloucester Tops Road - Reseal extension** - Preparation of road corridor with the focus on the road shoulders.

With all roadworks please remember to travel safely. Observe roadworks signs and speed restrictions, note changed traffic conditions, and proceed with caution.

## National Recycling week

National Recycling week runs from 13-19 November and we've got a host of free activities planned to get everyone thinking about how we can get creative and recycle, reuse and upcycle!

**Win a Reuse Centre voucher** - Visit your local Reuse Centre or Tip Shop during National Recycling Week and you'll be in the draw for a \$50 Reuse Centre voucher.

**Take a Tour** - Thursday 16 November 10am-12pm. Free behind-the-scenes tour of the Tuncurry Waste Management Centre. Book online now.

**Activity Day** - Saturday 18 November 9.30am-3.30pm at the Tuncurry Waste Management Centre. Workshops on composting, bike repairs, bees wax wraps, demonstrations on eco-learning and knitting with t-shirts, yummy food and other fun activities.

Visit our website for more details.

## Seniors units available to rent - Gloucester

We currently have units in King Street and Hay Street Gloucester available for rent for persons who are 65 years of age and over. For details of the entry criteria, contact Melissa Scott-Young at our Forster office on 6591 7397.

## Have your say

We are seeking community feedback and would love to hear from you on the following:

- Special Event application - One World Entertainment Pty Ltd
- Planning proposal & Planning agreement - land adjoining Palms Oasis Caravan Park, Pacific Palms
- Planning proposal - amendments to Greater Taree LEP

Visit our website for further information.

## Parking restrictions

Time limited parking of 1 hour has been implemented at the Gloucester Administration Building 89 King Street, Gloucester. Council offers a range of services including Service NSW and Department of Human Services, all of which require short term parking availability. Council will continue to monitor the suitability of this restriction.

## Stratford Coal Education support fund

### Education and Training Grants 2018

Applications are invited from interested persons and businesses for financial assistance grants for 2018 in the following categories:

**Tertiary Assistance Grants** \$2,000 per grant. For intending or currently enrolled university applicants who have not previously received a grant.

**TAFE course benefits** \$1,000 per benefit.

**Apprenticeships/Traineeships subsidies** up to \$6,000 over three years to assist local businesses to employ an apprentice or trainee

**Criteria** University and TAFE applicants need to have completed six years of their schooling at a Gloucester basin school (Booral to Barrington). For the business subsidies, applicants need to be locally owned or operated businesses. All grants, benefits, scholarships and subsidies will be awarded on the basis of the quality of the written application.

**Application forms** available from Gloucester High School, Council's admin offices at Gloucester and Stroud from Thursday 16 November 2017.

For further information contact: John Walton on (02) 6558 8272.

**Applications close** on Friday 26 January 2018.