

## \$100M PACKAGE FOR MIDCOAST ROADS

In a big win for our region, the NSW Government recently announced a \$100 million joint funding program to improve the safety and drivability of our regional and arterial roads.

This program, the result of a \$50 million NSW Government funding package and a \$50 million contribution by council, will make a significant contribution to our community and our region. All of this is in addition to MidCoast Council's existing \$30 million roadcare program funded through the merger, as well as our regular road expenditure.

We know improving the standard of roads across the area is the number one priority of our community which is why we have worked in partnership with our community and the NSW Government to deliver a program that will take us a long way to address a generational backlog of roadworks.



The works to be undertaken include the rehabilitation and reconstruction of significant regional roads. Roads covered in the program include Old Bar Road, The Lakes Way, Wingham Road, Gloucester Road and The Bucketts Way. The program will also deliver improvements to a number of bridges.

Funding the renewal of the road network across the region was identified as a significant challenge very early in the formation of MidCoast Council. We have been working closely with the NSW Government on a partnership approach to strategically address road backlogs since receiving approval for a special rate variation in June 2017.

Council's \$50 million contribution to the package will be funded by a low interest loan, made possible by the special rate variation. We would like to thank our community for their support to help achieve the special rate variation and the NSW Government for working with us to deliver better and safer roads for our region. For more details, visit [midcoast.nsw.gov.au/roads](http://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/roads)



### Welcome to our new GM

Our new General Manager, Adrian Panuccio, comes to the MidCoast region with significant experience in local government, most recently as the Chief Operating Officer at North Sydney Council.

*“I am looking forward to building upon the great work already undertaken by Council, and the opportunity to deliver on the community's expectations for the MidCoast region. I am honoured to have been chosen to lead the Council during this next exciting phase”* Adrian said.

Adrian believes in the benefits of effective engagement to plan and deliver the desired services, facilities and outcomes for the area.

*“I appreciate and enjoy the role that local government can play in bringing the community together.”*

He plans to spend lots of his free time exploring the region and getting to know the community. Outside of work, Adrian is a keen golfer, social tennis player and restorer of old cars - his current project is a 1977 Holden Statesman - you may hear it around the area!

Adrian holds a Masters of Business Administration from the University of New England, and a Bachelor of Law from the University of Technology, Sydney. He has provided both legal and strategic advice within the local government sector since 1999, and as Chief Operating Officer at North Sydney Council has managed a team of professionals that specialise in the areas of procurement, contract management, risk, legal services, and Work Health and Safety.

#### ROADCARE PROGRAM



### Delivering better and safer roads

#### Regional and arterial roads

The program will target roads which have high volumes of traffic, high speeds and cater for a high number of heavy vehicles, including bus and freight routes.



#### A four year delivery program

The \$100 million roadcare program will take place over four years. The work will be delivered by a mix of council crews and specialist civil engineering contractors.

### Have an issue or a request?



Report an issue by using our online form.

Not only does it take just a few minutes to complete, it's the quickest and most efficient way for us to log the issue and take action.

Find the form online on our website at:

[midcoast.nsw.gov.au/report](http://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/report)



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## 4WD BEACH ACCESS

### Now is the time to renew your permit

With kilometres of golden beaches on our doorstep, a beach vehicle access permit gives you the freedom to explore the coastline from a different perspective.

Four wheel drivers can choose an annual permit (valid July 2018 – June 2019), while a 30-day permit is available for less frequent use.

Four wheel drive accessible beaches in the MidCoast region stretch from Kyllies Beach in the north to Hawks Nest in the south, however there are restricted areas and beach driving rules you must observe as a permit-holder.

For full details, where to buy a permit, and to download our current guidelines, visit [midcoast.nsw.gov.au/beachpermit](http://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/beachpermit)



**Share the shore!** Our local beaches are home to several species of endangered shorebirds. Help us protect our local wildlife by being alert to nesting sites.

# GUIDING OUR FUTURE DIRECTION

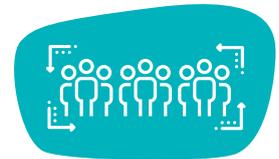
We have adopted our first MidCoast community strategic plan – *MidCoast 2030: Shared Vision, Shared Responsibility.*

This plan expresses the vision and values for MidCoast and outlines various objectives and strategies to make these a reality.

The plan includes five key values:



our unique, diverse and culturally rich communities



a connected community



a thriving and growing economy



our environment



strong leadership and shared vision

How we deliver on these values is outlined in our 2018-2021 Delivery Program and 2018-2019 Operational Plan.

These documents are our delivery checklist, provide an overview of where we are headed over the next three years, and outline the actions we will undertake in 2018-2019 to deliver on community priorities. All of these plans are available on our website at [midcoast.nsw.gov.au/futureplans](http://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/futureplans)



## MidCoast Libraries

Our libraries offer a great range of services and activities including events and spaces for hire.

Libraries are open at Gloucester, Forster, Taree, Bulahdelah, Hallidays Point, Harrington, Nabriac, Old Bar, Stroud, Tea Gardens and Wingham.

For opening hours, services, or to search the catalogue visit [midcoastlibraries.com.au](http://midcoastlibraries.com.au)



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