

## PROJECT UPDATE: OFFICE CENTRALISATION

The proposal to centralise our administration functions to the former Masters site on Biripi Way at Taree will be on the agenda for Councillors to discuss in February.

This follows a six week period of community consultation on a draft financing strategy for the project at the end of last year, where we provided information on how the \$20 million building fitout would be funded. Thanks to all who attended our community information sessions and completed the survey.



Information provided during the consultation also looked at the impacts and benefits of a single administration office, and outlined how customer service points will be maintained across the region.

Feedback from the consultation will be provided to Councillors to determine the next steps on the project. For more details and to stay updated, visit [midcoast.nsw.gov.au/relocation](http://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/relocation)

### Be a summer water saver



Take part in our summer water saving program and do your bit to protect our water supplies.

The program's main message is simple – don't use sprinklers and hoses between 9am and 4pm during daylight saving months.

Supporting the summer water savers program not only helps conserve our water supplies, but it's more effective for your household! Why? Because watering during the heat of the day means the water evaporates before the plants have a chance to benefit – wasting both water and money. The program covers all water supply schemes in the MidCoast region.



### Linger, learn, laugh... love our libraries

We enjoyed almost 400,000 visits last financial year!

Less like a library and a lot like a community lounge room, you'll be surprised to discover what's on offer at our libraries - and best of all membership is free.

- Lounge around in our comfy chairs and read a magazine
- Tap into free wi-fi, log onto a computer, and print from anywhere
- Borrow from our extensive collection of books, audio books, CDs and magazines
- Explore our digital catalogue of eBooks, eAudio, digital magazines and indie films
- Select from our best-seller book kits to support your local book club
- Participate in a range of programs and events for people of all ages
- Beat the heat, meet with friends, and make the most of our social spaces

Spread across the MidCoast in eleven locations, start the new year by reconnecting with your local library.

Visit [midcoastlibraries.com.au](http://midcoastlibraries.com.au) to find your nearest "community lounge room" and join up today.

Our libraries will be closed on Monday 11 February for our annual staff development day, and for the week of 18 – 23 March while we integrate our systems so you can borrow from one single, enormous catalogue of resources.



## ROADCARE PROGRAM



### FOCUS ON THE ROADS THAT CONNECT US

As we work to deliver better roads for our community through the \$100 million roads program, many of you will already be enjoying smoother, safer roads daily.

#### Old Bar Road, Warwiba to Berady Lane

Work along this 1.24km stretch included widening the road, flattening the road shoulders, improving driveway access, and reconstructing the road pavement with an asphalt finish. The end result is a smoother, more durable and safer road corridor suitable for high volumes of traffic now and into the future.

#### The Lakes Way, Charlotte Bay

Three failed segments along The Lakes Way near the intersection of Boomerang Drive were targeted for reconstruction and an asphalt overlay, with road widening in some sections. The worn bitumen seal has been replaced with a new wearing surface to provide a smoother and safer driving surface for motorists.



#### Gloucester Road

A one kilometre stretch from Bo Bo Creek Bridge south towards The Bucketts Way was targeted for safety improvement works, including pavement reconstruction, drainage improvements, tree removal, widening of lanes, delineation and signage. Finished with a 7mm primer and two coat bitumen seal the result is a vastly improved stretch of road designed for smoother and safer travel for the local community.

Through our roadworks program, we remain committed to improving infrastructure across the MidCoast region.

Visit [midcoast.nsw.gov.au/roads](http://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/roads) to find out more and to search for roadworks near you.

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### REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE.

Right now we're asking MidCoast residents to re-imagine the way they manage waste.



To help you on your way, our mobile recycling trailer will be visiting neighbourhoods across the region. It's a great opportunity to dispose of hazardous waste like fluoro tubes, old paint tins, car batteries, old household chemicals, and gas bottles – things that can't go in your kerbside bins due to the danger they pose to you and our collection staff.

We'll kick off in Coomba Park on Thursday 14 February, giving locals the chance to clear out their garage shelves and remove hazardous waste items from their homes - plus our friendly staff will be on hand with recycling tips and advice. Visit [midcoast.nsw.gov.au/mobilecrc](http://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/mobilecrc) for the full 2019 schedule. A limit of 20kg (or 20L) applies per household, so that everyone can take advantage of the service.

These problem waste items can be dropped off any time for free at one of our Community Recycling Centres – visit our website to find your nearest CRC. Re-imagine Waste is a region-wide initiative, and part of our commitment to reducing the amount of waste going to landfill.

Our mobile CRC collected over 8 tonnes of hazardous waste last year!

### When the lights flash...



Did you know that by law, you must slow down to 40km/h when bus lights flash?

Lights flash on the front and back of a bus when it's picking up or setting down school children. They are a visual reminder to motorists that children are on foot around the bus, and an indicator that the bus is slowing down as it prepares to stop.

Research has shown that children are most at risk in the minutes after they get off a bus, so it's up to all of us to help keep our kids safe. With the kids heading back to school at the end of the month, remember, "When the lights flash, you must slow down to 40."

Visit [midcoast.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety](http://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety) to find out more about road safety initiatives currently in place across the region.

Want to know more? Keep an eye on our website – it is regularly updated so you know what is happening in your council area