

## OUR RESPONSE TO COVID-19

During this challenging time the safety and well-being of our community, staff and volunteers remains our priority.

In line with Federal and State Government measures to reduce the spread of the virus, we are temporarily changing the way we deliver services in our community.

Essential services such as water and sewer services, road maintenance and rubbish collection will continue, but facilities delivering face-to-face services will be closed until further notice. These include the Manning Entertainment Centre; all Council owned pools including YMCA facilities in Taree, Forster and Wingham; all Customer Service Centres, Libraries and Visitor Information Centres; and the Manning Regional Art Gallery.

At the time of writing, our Gloucester Customer Service Centre will be closed, but the Service NSW and Services Australia (Centrelink) agencies that operate from our Gloucester office will remain open.

You can still do business with us - we will remain accessible and open for business via phone, email and online. Our waste management centres also remain open at this point. Refer to our website to stay up-to-date on service delivery.

It's important to understand our response is changing as the situation evolves. MidCoast Council is following the advice of official channels regarding the implementation of measures to help limit transmissions of the virus within our community, Stay updated at [midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Covid19](https://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Covid19)

The official sources of COVID-19 information and advice are: [Australian Government health alerts](#), [NSW Health](#) and the [World Health Organisation](#).

If you require any medical assistance, please call the **Healthdirect Helpline** on 1800 022 222.



## Thank you for helping our water supply

We'd like to thank everyone across the MidCoast who worked hard to reduce water usage in accordance with our restrictions.

By working together our region pulled through the worst drought in recorded history. Water restrictions were lifted across the region on Friday 21 February and we continue to enjoy good rainfall with positive long term predictions for the rest of the year.



## Bushfire recovery

Supporting our community to rebuild after the devastating fires of late 2019 is the focus of our bushfire recovery taskforce.

The team includes building, environmental health and waste specialists who are working together to support property owners in the clean-up and rebuilding process.

All rebuilding fees for those properties assessed as destroyed by the Rural Fire Service's building impact assessment team have also been waived.

Those who do need to rebuild after the fire are encouraged to contact us to discuss their application prior to lodging to ensure the process runs as smoothly as possible.

A range of information to support recovery can be found on Council's website at [midcoast.nsw.gov.au/recovery](https://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/recovery)

## Bulky waste

This year's annual clean-up was due to commence in Gloucester on 23 March, however collections in ALL parts of the MidCoast have been suspended at this time. This will allow our waste contractors to prioritise essential services around weekly and fortnightly rubbish collections. For updates visit [midcoast.nsw.gov.au/bulkywaste](https://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/bulkywaste)



## Keeping you informed

This newsletter is prepared a few weeks before you receive it. For the latest information always check the MidCoast Council website and subscribe to our weekly News Wrap email at [midcoast.nsw.gov.au/everyday](https://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/everyday)



## 2020 Elections

If you want to have your say on who will be elected in the next group of MidCoast Councillors, now is the time to make sure you are enrolled to vote.

While the Local Government Elections aren't until 12 September, you do need to ensure you are enrolled to vote much earlier. Enrolment closes 6pm Monday 6 July 2020. If you live in the MidCoast Council Local Government Area (LGA) and want to check your enrolment details, or obtain an enrolment form, visit [elections.nsw.gov.au](http://elections.nsw.gov.au) or phone 1300 135 736.

Resident enrolment forms are also available at any Australia Post Office. It's a simple process for an important democratic right.

There's also the non-residential roll for property owners, rate paying lessees and occupiers of rateable land within our LGA - you may be entitled to vote too. If you want to be included on the non-residential roll, you must complete the application form at [midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Election](http://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Election) by 6pm Monday 6 July 2020.

For more about the upcoming election visit [midcoast.nsw.gov.au](http://midcoast.nsw.gov.au) or [elections.nsw.gov.au](http://elections.nsw.gov.au)

## Biripi Way

The centralisation of our administrative functions to the former Masters site on Biripi Way, Taree is progressing.



The Hunter Central Coast Regional Planning Panel recently approved a development application for the site after taking into account a range of factors including submissions from the community.

Several conditions were imposed on the approval, including the provision of a shuttle service for Council Meetings, a limit of 60 seats for the proposed café and restricting the café operation hours to 7:00am to 7:00pm.

Offices in Gloucester, Stroud and Tea Gardens will continue to operate as they currently are and are not impacted. Council has also made a commitment to provide a customer service point in Forster at the Civic Precinct, which is currently under construction.

Our community can keep updated by visiting [midcoast.nsw.gov.au/headoffice](http://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/headoffice)



## ROADWORKS UPDATE

Our focus remains firmly on delivering a safer and more reliable transport network to connect our communities.

Here's a snapshot of our capital works projects for the 2019/20 financial year:

### Completed

- Barrington: Thunderbolts Way (Seg 150-160)
- Bunyah: Willina Road; Cedar Tree Creek Bridge
- Cedar Party: Cedar Party Road
- Coralville: Coralville Road
- Craven: The Bucketts Way
- Cundle Flat: Callaghans Creek Bridge
- Cundletown: Boat Ramp
- Forster: Helen Street
- Gloucester: Waukivory Road



- Krambach: Avalon Road
- Limeburners Creek: The Bucketts Way
- Mitchells Is: Manning Point Road
- Tallwoods: Grangewood Avenue; Tallwoods roundabout
- Tarbuck Bay: The Lakes Way
- Taree: Manning Street; Victoria Street
- Taree South: Denva Road
- Tea Gardens: Motum Avenue
- Tinonee: Milbai Creek Bridge; The Bucketts Way (Manchester Street to Peg Leg Creek)
- Upper Myall: Upper Myall Road



The Bucketts Way, Tinonee: before and after reconstruction

### In progress

- Bucca Wauka: Kundle Creek Bridge
- Bulahdelah: Emu Creek Bridge
- Burrell Creek: Burrell Creek Bridge
- Cedar Party: Little Cedar Party Creek Bridge
- Gloucester: Queen Street
- Harrington: Beach Street
- Krambach: Avalon Road (Seg 330, 360)
- Marlee: Bulga Road
- Mayers Flat: The Lakes Way
- Old Bar: Old Bar Road/Saltwater Road intersection
- Possum Brush: Bungwahl Bridge
- The Branch: The Branch
- Wattley Hill: Wattley Hill Road
- Wingham: Primrose Street; Diamond Bridge; Gloucester Road

### Upcoming

- Barrington: Thunderbolts Way
- Bulahdelah: Markwell Road
- Forbesdale: The Bucketts Way
- Firefly: Browns Creek Bridge
- Hallidays Point: Blackhead Road
- Kolodong: Wingham Road
- Moorland: Hannam Vale Road
- Mount George: Nowendoc Road
- Nooroo: Stroud Hill Road
- Number One: McQueen Bridge
- Old Bar: Old Bar Road (CBD)
- Rainbow Flat: The Lakes Way (north)
- Taree: Cornwall Street; Marathon Street; Olympia Street; Muldoon Street; Manning River Drive
- Tea Gardens: Maxwell Street; Witt Street
- Tinonee: The Bucketts Way
- Wards River: Reltons Bridge
- Wherrol Flat: Deep Creek Bridge
- Wingham: Farquhar Street

Find out more and search roadworks near you at [midcoast.nsw.gov.au/roads](http://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/roads)

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