

Local community CONVERSATIONS



Picking up our conversations

After disruptions to our Community Conversations program over the past two years, we're looking forward to resuming our conversations with you in your community during May and June.

Community conversations are an integral way for us to hear from you on what's important to you and your community, and for you to learn about what we have planned for your area.



In this upcoming round of Community Conversations, we'll be visiting 17 locations across the MidCoast.

Scan the QR code for details and to find a conversation near you.

Our conversations program is also an opportunity for you to meet your new Councillors.



L-R by row: Mayor Claire Pontin, Deputy Mayor Alan Tickle, Councillors Peter Howard, David West, Dheera Smith, Jeremy Miller, Kathryn Smith, Kathryn Bell, Paul Sandilands, Peter Epov, Troy Fowler

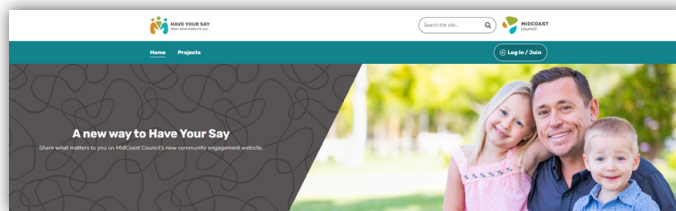


Hearing from our community is important to us, and helps us deliver projects and services that matter to you.

The dedicated *Have your Say* section on our website regularly asks for your feedback on a wide range of projects and strategies that set our future direction.

As well as providing an opportunity for you to tell us what you think, it's a great place to stay updated.

- Take a few minutes to register and you'll be notified when new items or projects are open for your feedback
- Be sure to 'follow' the projects you're interested in, to receive ongoing updates as they progress
- Find out about completed projects, and those that are approved and being implemented



We're committed to engaging with our community in a meaningful way, to support our decision-making and plan for future projects. Our approach aims to get more people like you involved in more projects, more often.

Have your say today at haveyoursay.midcoast.nsw.gov.au

Stay updated: News Wrap

Scan the QR code to subscribe to our weekly email newsletter... a snapshot of the latest Council news delivered to your inbox.



You can also stay updated by following us:



Find out how we plan ahead, and how you can get involved.



A review of our open spaces and recreational areas is just one of our key focus areas for the next 12 months.

Delivering services across the region

Planning ahead is an important part of delivering the services, facilities and future vision that our community has told us matters.

There are a number of key documents that guide how we deliver services to our community. Together they set out the path we will take to deliver long-term improvements, projects and change.

- The **Community Strategic Plan** sets out our community's long-term goals and vision for the region
- Our **Delivery Program** is our four-year commitment that turns the long-term goals from the community strategic plan into actions
- Our **Operational Plan and Budget** explains what we're planning to do over the next 12 months, what we will spend, and our fees and charges
- Our **Resourcing Strategy** shows how we have planned our resources, like staff, assets, finances and information services, to be able to deliver on the needs of the community, both now and in the future

HAVE YOUR SAY

Your chance to provide feedback on these important plans for the future of our region

During late-April and May, the documents will be available on our website for you to review, so you can let us know if we've 'got it right'. It's a great chance to take an active role in helping to shape what we deliver for you.

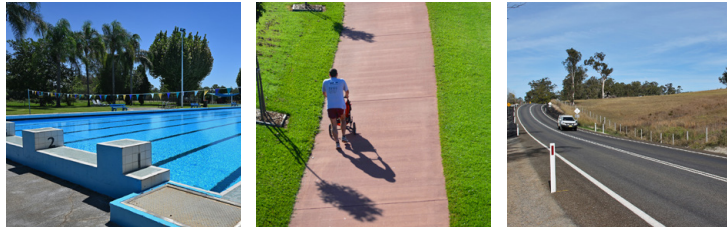
Feedback can be provided using the online submission form or by writing to us. It will be considered by the elected Council and any required changes will be made, before the documents are adopted in June as our agreed 'road map' for delivery through 2022-23.

ONGOING SERVICES AND PROGRAMS: 2022-23

Every year we deliver important everyday services that make the MidCoast a better place to live, work and visit.

These are our "business as usual" services which are shown in the Delivery Program, alongside our major projects. They cover a diverse range of services and activities, such as:

- road, bridge and footpath maintenance and upgrades
- swimming pools, sporting fields and parks
- libraries
- waste management
- water and sewer services
- economic development and business support



MAJOR PROJECTS: 2022-23

To deliver the improvements and changes needed to meet our community's longer-term goals, we also undertake a wide range of environmental, cultural and community projects. These are our major projects which are shown in both the Delivery Program and the Operational Plan.

See opposite for a snapshot of some of the exciting initiatives we're planning to deliver over the coming year.

SOME OF OUR 2022-23 MAJOR PROJECTS:

Strategy development



Establishing the future direction for:

- Economic development
- Open space and recreation
- Community preparedness

Capital works



- Cedar Party Creek Bridge replacement, Wingham
- Stage two of The Bucketts Way corridor upgrade
- Upgrading the Nabiac Water Treatment Plant including expansion of the borefield
- Expansion of the Hawks Nest Sewerage Treatment Plant

Climate change initiatives



To work towards delivering on our commitment to zero net emissions we will be:

- Installing solar power systems at Taree Waste Management Centre, and at Manning Point, Hallidays Point, Coopernook and Hawks Nest sewage treatment plants
- Undertaking a landfill gas capture trial
- Starting a smart water meter trial to reduce water loss
- Transitioning our street lighting to renewable energy sources

Ongoing projects



Some of our larger projects carrying over more than 12 months will continue in 2022-23:

- Consolidating our planning controls to deliver a region-wide MidCoast Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan
- Reviewing our Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy
- Implementing our Information Technology Strategy