

JOIN THE CONVERSATION



ON NOW

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

We're currently out and about with another round of our Community Conversations program. Come along to meet with senior staff and Councillors, and to find out what's planned for your area.

These conversations are also a great opportunity to ask us about what we do, share any concerns you may have, and help us understand what matters to you and your community.



To ensure everyone can take part, we're visiting 15 different locations across the region. The schedule started in September and will continue through to 22 November.

Scan the code or visit our website for more information and to find a conversation near you.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Tell us what you think

Thanks to everyone who provided feedback recently about how you want to hear from us, and your preferred way to share thoughts and ideas with us.

This information has helped draft our Community Engagement Strategy, currently on exhibition for your final round of feedback.

Check it out by scanning the QR code or visiting our website, and tell us what you think before feedback closes on 11 November.



WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

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

We're committed to engaging with people from all parts of our community in a meaningful way, to support our decision-making and plan for future projects. Our aim is always to get more people like you involved in more projects, more often.

There's usually a wide range of projects and initiatives on exhibition, waiting for your feedback. Head online to see what's currently open, find the things that interest you, and then register to be updated as the projects progress.

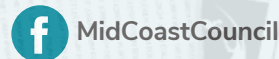
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OUR FOCUS ON REDUCING WASTE TO LANDFILL

Learn about waste management in the MidCoast, our goal as we head towards 2030, and how you can help.



WASTE ON THE MIDCOAST

Did you know we generate around 10kg of waste each, every week?

That's why waste management is an ongoing challenge for communities right across Australia.

To manage the waste we generate locally, we provide a range of services including your kerbside waste collection and disposal, the annual bulky waste service, waste education programs, and access to waste management facilities across the region.

These services are funded by ratepayers through two distinct charges, itemised on your annual rate notice:

- **Domestic waste service charge** (section 496)
Covers collection of rubbish from your home or property, and can only be used for residential waste management services.
- **Annual waste management charge** (section 501)
Applies to all property owners and is used to maintain our waste facilities and plan for future waste management needs.

Reducing the amount of waste we generate is an important focus for our region - not only to improve our sustainability, but to assist in reducing costs associated with waste management.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why am I charged fees when I take my waste to the tip?

Operating waste management centres and landfills is expensive. Fees are charged based on the type and volume of your waste, to fund operational costs, and the multimillion dollar investment required each time new landfill cells are created to cater for future waste. Charges also cover recovering and reprocessing materials, and the NSW Government waste levy.

What is the State Government's waste levy?

All licensed waste facilities in NSW are charged a fee known as the waste levy for each tonne of waste they send to landfill - currently \$87.30 per tonne. Here on the MidCoast we generate around 89,000 tonnes of waste each year, which costs us over \$7 million.

The more waste we generate, the more we pay. Our goal is to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill by 70% as we head towards 2030. Recycling correctly is a great start to helping us reach this goal.



RECYCLING OPEN DAY

If you've ever wondered what happens to items in your yellow recycling bin, join us to explore Tuncurry Waste Management Centre on Thursday 10 November.

It's all part of celebrating National Recycling Week and a fun way to help you discover new tricks to cut down on waste, and brush up on recycling and reuse.

Presented in partnership with Resource Recovery Australia, you can also take a tour of the Centre or join a workshop to learn more about recycling.

For more info and to book, visit:
haveyoursay.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/reimaginewaste

Be a good sort.

Help us divert 70% of waste from landfill by 2030.

Every year, we inadvertently send tonnes of recyclables to MidCoast landfills, often because we mistakenly put them in the red general waste.

What many of us don't know is that contaminants placed in your yellow recycling bin - things like leftover food in containers, soft plastics, clothing and e-waste - get muddled up with other recyclables and can lead to the whole batch being rejected and sent to landfill.

Diverting waste from landfill starts by knowing what can or can't go in your yellow recycling bin, so keep it simple and only place these things in your yellow bin:

PAPER AND CARDBOARD STEEL AND ALUMINIUM RIGID PLASTICS GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

Even if your packaging says recyclable, unless it fits one of the above categories, we can't recycle it at our MidCoast waste centres. Put it in your red general waste bin instead.

Make sure your recyclable items are:

Open
Leave the lids off.

Empty
Ensure containers are empty.

Loose
Keep items unbagged and unboxed.



ON THE MOVE
FORSTER

Our Forster customer service centre is relocating from Breese Parade to Little Street.

Closing at midday on Friday 28 October, we'll be reopening at the Visitor Information Centre in Little Street at 8:30am on Monday 31 October. You'll find the same friendly faces, no change to services, plenty of parking and a bus stop nearby. You can also contact us by phone, pay bills online, and pay rates at the Post Office.

