

Join the fun across the MidCoast

Sport is a favourite Australian pastime and a national obsession. If you're celebrating Australia Day on the MidCoast this year, you'll discover that we're as passionate about our sports as the rest of Australia.

Civic ceremonies

Enjoy a BBQ breakfast or morning tea, meet Australia Day Ambassadors, see the presentation of Australia Day Awards, welcome new citizens and receive free passes to Council pools.

- **Taree** Club Taree - 7.30am free BBQ breakfast, 9am ceremony commences.
- **Gloucester** Billabong Park - 8am BBQ breakfast, 9am ceremony commences, free entry to Gloucester pool from 2pm to 7pm.
- **Forster** Club Forster - 11am morning tea, 11.30am ceremony commences.

Community ceremonies in:

- Coomba Park • Hallidays Point • Harrington
- Old Bar • Tea Gardens / Hawks Nest • Wingham

Community organised activities in:

- Bulahdelah • Forster • Gloucester
- North Arm Cove • Tuncurry



Find out more at
www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/australiaday

Careers at Council

We are seeking suitably qualified people to fill the roles of:

- Business Relations Officer
- District Building Surveyor
- Graduate Engineers
- Process Operator (including reticulation)
- Response, Operations and Maintenance Operator
- Senior Chemist
- Support Worker - Disability Services
- Swimming Pool / Assistant Building Surveyor
- Team Leader Procurement

Visit our website for further information and to apply.

Have your say



We are seeking community feedback on:

- Draft Unreasonable Complainant Conduct Policy
- Draft Community Donations Policy
- Planning Proposal - to amend Great Lakes LEP - Land use zone, minimum lot size and floor space ratio map layers
- Development proposal - Lansdowne Road, Cundletown - alterations to caravan park
- Development proposal - Lot 2 Macwood Road, Smiths Lake - Eco Tourist Facility
- Hiring of event equipment
- Zoning in on our Future

Visit our website for further information.

Australia Day closures

All MidCoast Libraries locations will be closed on Saturday 26 January for Australia Day.

Don't forget Monday 28 January is a public holiday so all Libraries, Council offices and depots will be closed for the day.

Australia Day in Gloucester



Everyone is invited come along for a bbq breakfast and entertainment at Gloucester's Australia Day celebrations from 8am at Billabong Park.

The formal ceremony will begin at 9am with Ambassador's Address, Young Speaker's Address by Gloucester High School captains, Citizenship Ceremony and presentation of Australia Day Awards. In case of wet weather the celebrations will be moved to the Gloucester Recreation Centre.

Free entry to Gloucester Pool is available for the Pool Gala evening from 2pm-7pm with a BBQ and entertainment by Magic Jake.

Come along and celebrate our National Day!

Celebrations will also be held at Taree, Forster, and other outlying areas. Visit our website for full details.

Callaghans Creek Bridge, Cundle Flat



Construction of a new concrete bridge is currently at tendering stage. Contractor to be awarded following our 27 February Council Meeting.

A side track is currently operating to move traffic around the decommissioned bridge site.

Stratford Coal Education support fund

Education and Training Grants 2019

Applications are invited from interested persons and businesses for financial assistance grants for 2019 in the following categories:

Tertiary Assistance Grants \$2,000 per grant. For intending or currently enrolled university applicants who have not previously received a grant.

TAFE Course Benefits \$1,000 per benefit.

Apprenticeships/Traineeships Subsidies Up to \$6,000 over three years to assist local businesses to employ an apprentice or trainee.

Criteria University and TAFE applicants need to have completed six years of their schooling at a Gloucester basin School (Booral to Barrington). For the business subsidies, applicants need to be locally owned or operated businesses.

Note All grants, benefits, scholarships and subsidies will be awarded on the basis of the quality of the written application.

Application forms available from Gloucester High School, Council's admin offices at Gloucester and Stroud.

For further information contact: John Walton on 6558 8272.

Applications close this Friday 25 January 2019.

Back to school safety reminder

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 the bus is picking up or setting down school children and research has shown that children are most at risk in the minutes after they get off the bus.

Lights flash to make motorists aware that children are on foot around the bus as well as being an indicator of the bus slowing as it readies to stop.

Research commissioned by the Centre for Road Safety highlighted a need to improve motorists' awareness of, and compliance with, road rules around bus flashing lights.

As we head into the new school year, remember, "When the lights flash, you must slow down to 40."