

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**GLOUCESTER FOCUS** 

## Careers at Council

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

- Development Planners
- Domestic Assistants (MidCoast Assist)
- Facilities and Halls Supervisor
- Service Support Officer Disability Services
- Support Workers Disability Services (Casual)

Visit our website for further information and to apply.

## Have your say

We are seeking community feedback on:

- Development proposal 99/2019/DA Manufactured Home Estate - 303 Blackhead Road, Hallidays Point
- Development proposal 338/2020/DA Function Centre Lot 1 The Boulevard, Tallwoods Village
- Draft Abandoned Vehicles and Vessels Policy
- Draft Barking Dog (Animal Noise) Policy
- Draft Surveillance Camera Policy
- **Draft Community Donations Policy**
- Zoning in on our Future

Visit the Have Your Say page on our website for further info.

# Local heritage fund

Applications are open for our latest round of local heritage fundina.

Preserving our region's heritage and breathing new life into buildings and places from our past is a great way to enhance the character and charm our local communities are known for.

Your heritage place may need a coat of paint, restoration of its decorative features, stone or brick facade work, roof restorations, window repair or replacement, or fencing reflective of its era.

As custodians of an important part of our region's history, you may be eligible to apply for up to \$2,000 to help restore your heritage place back to its former glory.

For more information and to find out if your property is elgibile visit midcoast.nsw.gov.au/LHF

Applications close 4pm Friday 17 April.

# Bushfire Recovery - Waiver of fees & charges

Anyone who lost their home in the recent bushfires is eligible for a range of exemptions from rates and Council fees and charges.

Council has waived all fees and charges for the rebuilding of homes destroyed by the bushfires, and a range of other fee exemptions are in place. To be eligible your property must have been identified by the RFS building impact assessment team as damaged or destroyed.

For further information go to www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/recovery

## COVID-19 - Closures

We are temporarily changing the way we deliver our services, in line with Federal and State Government measures to reduce the spread of the virus in the community. While essential services will continue, the following closures are now in place:

- Council Customer Service Centres for face-to-face transactions (see other ways to do business with us, below)
- Libraries
- Plavarounds
- Visitor Information Centres
- The Manning Entertainment Centre
- The Manning Regional Art Gallery
- Community halls
- Other facilities usually available for bookings
- Council owned/operated camping facilities, including free camping sites, camping facilities at showgrounds, and Farghuar Park
- Taree Regional Airport terminal (with Fly Pelican suspending all flights)

Please note, while our Gloucester administration centre is closed for face-to-face Council transactions. Service NSW and Services Australia (Centrelink) continue to open at this location from 10am daily.

#### Anti-gathering restrictions

Strict limits on public gatherings are now in place, and current social distancing rules should be observed when using public areas such as beaches, parks and public amenities. Please be aware that public amenities may be closed at short notice where they cannot be maintained and restocked appropriately.

#### Essential services continue

Services that are deemed as essential will continue to be delivered:

- Non face-to-face Council Customer Service, via phone, email and online (see below)
- Provision of water and sewer services, and response to faults
- Kerbside rubbish collections
- Roadworks and road maintenance
- Waste management centres

#### Doing business with us

While our customer service centres are closed for face-to-face transactions, our team remains on-hand to help you by phone or email, and many of our services are available online. Contact us by phone (7955 7777), email council@midcoast.nsw.gov.au, or visit our website for services such as:

- Request a service or report a problem
- Apply for a pensioner concession
- Register your pet, or update its details
- Change your contact details
- Submit or track a Development Application
- Pav vour rates
- Search for roadworks near you
- Find your nearest waste management centre

These are just some of the services we will continue to provide, so whatever it is you'd normally do over the counter, please contact us or browse our website.

### **Bulky Waste suspended**

The Bulky Waste collection in all parts of the region has been suspended, due to potential hygiene risks posed to our waste operators. If you have already placed waste out for collection, please remove it from the kerbside. If you are in the process of preparing your bulky waste for collection, please note that anything placed on the kerbside will be considered illegal dumping and you could be fined up to \$2,000. Your co-operation at this time is appreciated, as is your help in spreading the word to others.

## Stay updated

Things are evolving rapidly, and we will continue to monitor the situation and information from the State and Federal Government. Stay updated at www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/covid19, where you will also find links to the NSW Health and Australian Government Department of Health websites.

