

### Careers at Council

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

- Development Planners
- Domestic Assistants (MidCoast Assist)
- Facilities and Halls Supervisor
- Receptionist (MidCoast Assist) - closes today
- Management Accountant
- 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
- Integrated development proposal DA308/2020 - Service Station - 32-36 Head Street, Forster (closes today)
- Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan - Manning and Karuah Rivers
- MidCoast Council Aboriginal Action Plan Survey
- 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.

### 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 please go to [www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/recovery](http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/recovery)

### Council meeting

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held at the Taree Administration Centre today, 25 March at 2pm.

Please note due to COVID-19 mitigation measures imposed by the Federal Government, we will be imposing strict social distancing requirements and this will dramatically reduce the number of people able to fit in the public gallery.

The open and public forums will not be open to the public and members who have registered to speak at these have been asked to present via telephone or submission.

An audio recording of the meeting will be available on our website as soon as possible after conclusion of the meeting.

### COVID-19 response

We will be closing a number of non-essential services to help reduce the spread of the virus in the community.

The Manning Entertainment Centre and all Council owned pools in the region, including the YMCA facilities in Taree, Forster and Wingham have already been closed.

From 5pm Friday 27 March the following Council services will close their doors:

- Customer Service Centres for face-to-face services, however you can still access council over the phone or online
- All libraries – online services will continue to be available
- All visitor information centres - phone and online support will be available for local tourism operators
- The Manning Regional Art Gallery

We will continue to provide essential services to the community including water provision and sewer services, road maintenance and rubbish collection, and the following facilities remain open for business:

- Gloucester's Service NSW and Services Australia (Centrelink) agencies
- Waste Management Centres

To prioritise weekly and fortnightly rubbish collections, the annual bulky waste collections have also been suspended.

Public amenities will remain open while they can be appropriately cleaned and hygiene facilities provided, but may be closed on short notice.

To keep up to date on the latest information, please go to our website or follow us on facebook.

### Tenders invited

**Contract 01/2020 – Supply of 375mm oPVC Series 2 Pressure Pipe**

**Project:** We are seeking submissions from suitably qualified and experienced contractors for the supply and delivery of 4800m of 375mm oPVC Series 2 Pressure Pipe.

**Further information:** [www.tendersearch.com.au/midcoast-water](http://www.tendersearch.com.au/midcoast-water)

**Closing date and time:** 3pm on Wednesday 15 April 2020.

### Bulky Waste collection postponed

The scrap metal and bulky waste clean-up which was scheduled to take place in the Gloucester area this week has been cancelled.

We apologise to all residents who have been busy getting their items out for the collection. We have been advised by JR Richards they have suspended all non-essential waste collections, and this includes bulky waste collections. If you have already put your waste out, we do have to ask you to take it back in.

We will let you know as soon as we have more information on when the collection will take place.

### Community Donations Program

Our latest Community Donations program is open.

Community groups play a vital role in strengthening our local communities. Whether it's by bringing people together, improving local facilities, providing training and skill development, or something else altogether, you may be eligible to apply for funding through our Community Donations program.

Apply for up to \$2,000 to support your community development or capacity-building projects and activities, or to assist with purchasing equipment that will help to deliver them.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are also available to support your group in getting a community initiative off-the-ground, and becoming self-sustaining over a two year period.

For full details around eligibility and application criteria, head to: [midcoast.nsw.gov.au/donations](http://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/donations)

Hurry, applications close at 4pm this Friday 27 March.