

Careers at Council

Visit our website for details on all our positions currently available and information on how to apply.

Strategic meeting

The next Strategic Committee meeting will be held at the Forster Administration Centre today, Wednesday 10 October from 10am.

Have your say

Visit our website for details on everything currently open for public consultation, including development applications on exhibition.

MidCoast Housing Strategy

As part of "Zoning in on our future" we're updating the planning rules for urban housing to make them consistent across MidCoast and relevant for future generations.

Community workshops will be held across the region, 16-18 October, to discuss a potential suite of residential zones and how they might be applied. Visit our website for venues, dates and times. RSVPs are required by Friday 12 October at www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/housing or call 6591 7222.

Zoning in on our Future is a project to develop updated and consolidated planning rules for the MidCoast region by 2021.

Small Business Month 1-31 October

We're celebrating the contribution of small business to our region this month with free Place Making Masterclasses in Bulahdelah and Forster for small business owners. Proudly supported by the NSW Government.

Visit www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/SBM or call 6591 7277 for details.

Volunteering: Drop in for a cuppa and chat

MidCoast Assist is inviting people who have some time to spare to drop in for a cuppa and a chat about volunteering for their Ageing Services.

Visit www.midcoastassist.com.au/volunteering or call 1300 65 88 30 for details.

Integrated development proposal DA149/2019

We have received an integrated development application, requiring approval of Water NSW under the Water Management Act 2000 in respect to construction near waterways.

Property description: Lot 1 DP 862876

Property address: 321 Boomerang Dr, Blueys Beach NSW 2428

Proposed development: Demolition of nine camping sites and 155 short term accommodation sites to create 72 long term sites

Applicant: Ingenia Communities Pty Ltd

View application: On our website or at our Forster office

On exhibition until: 9 November 2018

Make a submission: Submissions must be made in accordance with our guidelines and to meet legislative requirements. Please visit our website to check our guidelines.

Visit Bootawa Water Treatment Plant

Our Water Services division are opening the doors at the Bootawa Water Treatment Plant to celebrate National Water Week.

The Bootawa Water Treatment plant supplies high quality drinking water to the Manning and Great Lakes communities.

When: Wednesday 24 October at 11.30am.

Bookings are essential as numbers are limited, phone 6592 4841.

Zoning in on our Rural Zones

We're currently "Zoning in on our future" by reviewing land use across the region, and our rural zones are no exception. As part of developing a draft Rural Strategy that focuses on areas outside our towns and villages, we're seeking your feedback through a survey that will help us understand how these areas are used currently and how this may change in the future.

Find out more, and take the survey before it closes on Friday 26 October, by visiting www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/ruralstrategy.

This project is part of "Zoning in on our future", an initiative to develop a clear, consistent planning framework that will guide the way we manage land use across the MidCoast region.

Learn more and register to be updated at www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/zoningin

Closure - Friday 19 October

All MidCoast Council customer service centres, offices, libraries, depots, Visitor Information Centres and facilities, including the Manning Regional Art Gallery and Manning Entertainment Centre will be closed Friday, 19 October for the annual Union Picnic Day.

To contact us in the event of an emergency, view the after-hours contact numbers on our website.

For a water or sewer emergency please contact our water customer service line on 1300 133 455.

Please note essential services will still be provided by our Ageing and Disability Services team.

The following services will remain open for business as usual:

- all functions within our Water Services division
- all landfills and waste facilities, and kerbside waste collections
- Taree Regional Airport

Whizzy visits library storytime

Don't miss Whizzy at Forster Library on Wednesday 17 October at 10.30am.

Visit www.midcoastwater.com.au/waterweek to see when Whizzy will be near you!

Herbicide spraying

We will be carrying out herbicide spraying from 8 October - 30 November of the lower Barrington, Gloucester and Upper Manning Rivers to target Senegal Tea Plant.

As a precaution residents are advised to refrain from using, drinking or swimming in the water for 96 hours following treatments. Residents who pump from the river to fill water tanks for human consumption are advised to do so prior to commencement of works, and not resume pumping for 96 hours following treatments.

Only qualified operators will be undertaking works. Herbicides Weedmaster Duo, Sixgun 360, Biochoice 360 and/or Glymac 360 (360g/L glyphosate) will be used as per the requirements of the label and APVMA permit 9907.

This program is subject to weather conditions.