

Essential services over holiday period

All Council offices and libraries will be closed from close of business on Friday 21 December, with normal opening hours resuming from Wednesday 2 January 2019. No library items will be required to be returned during this period.

Waste services will operate as normal throughout the holidays, but please ensure your bins are placed out the evening before your collection day.

For emergency service contact details or information on all other Council facilities (Visitor Information Centres, swimming pools, landfills) please visit our website.

Office closure - annual staff presentation

All offices, libraries and the MEC will close at 1.30pm tomorrow, Thursday 13 December for our annual staff presentation, except Stroud (closing as normal at 12pm) and Gloucester, closing at 1pm (including Service NSW agencies). No change to waste services, MidCoast Assist, Art Gallery and Visitor Information Centres. For emergencies visit www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/contact

Office centralisation consultation closing

If you haven't yet completed the survey, now's the time to provide your feedback on the draft financing strategy for the office centralisation project.

You can find out more about the impacts and benefits of relocating our administrative functions to a single head office location on Biripi Way by visiting www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/headoffice where you can also view the draft financing strategy and take the survey.

The draft financing strategy is designed to ensure the \$20million cost to design and fitout the head office will not impact on our day-to-day operations, or our ratepayers. The proposal also outlines that customer service points will be retained in all current localities.

Find out more, and take the survey, before the feedback period closes at 6pm this Friday, 14 December.

Re-advertisement - proposed road closure

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 38B of the Roads Act 1993, notice is hereby given that Mid-Coast Council proposes to close part of the Council Public road being Part of Short St, Forster & which abuts the eastern boundary of Lot 10 DP 27896. Upon closure of part of the road, Council intends to sell the land to an adjoining property owner. All interested persons are hereby invited to make submissions concerning the proposal to the General Manager, Mid-Coast Council PO Box 482, Taree NSW 2430, or council@midcoast.nsw.gov.au within twenty eight (28) days of the date of this re-advertisement. Please note that under the provisions of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, such submissions may be referred to third parties for consideration. Once the submission period is completed, Mid-Coast Council will consider all duly made submissions before deciding whether to continue with the road closure proposal. Please include Council's reference RD31190/03 in any submission. Previous submissions have been retained.

Presentation of financial statements

In accordance with Section 418(3) of the Local Government Act, 1993 Council advises that the Ordinary Meeting to be held on Wednesday 19 December 2018 at the Council Chambers, Pulteney Street Taree, will include the presentation of the audited Financial Statements and the Auditor's Reports for the Financial Period ending 30 June 2018.

In accordance with Section 420 of the Local Government Act 1993, any person may make a submission in writing to Council with respect to the Council's audited Financial Statements or the Auditor's Reports. All submissions must be lodged (email accepted) with the Council within 7 days of the public meeting.

Council's audited Financial Statements, together with the Auditor's Reports are available for public inspection on Council's website. A hardcopy will be available at Council's Offices from Wednesday 5 December 2018 until Thursday 20 December 2018.

A summary of the financial reports is provided below:

	Current year 01/07/17 - 30/06/18 \$'000	Previous period 13/05/16 - 30/06/17 \$'000
Income Statement		
Total income from continuing activities	264,528	211,232
Total expenses from continuing activities	234,607	174,715
Operating result from continuing operations	29,921	36,517
Net operating result for the year / period	29,921	36,517
Gain on Local Government Amalgamation	784,706	1,994,774
Net result for the year / period	814,627	2,031,291
Net operating result before grants & contributions provided for capital purposes	4,639	1,401
Balance Sheet		
Total current assets	203,968	135,910
Total current liabilities	79,227	44,871
Total non-current assets	2,993,350	2,008,790
Total non-current liabilities	212,049	68,538
Total equity	2,906,042	2,031,291
Other Financial Information		
Unrestricted current ratio	8.61x	4.84x
Operating performance ratio	1.90%	-0.28%
Buildings & infrastructure renewal ratio	38.25%	65.63%
Debt service cover ratio	2.80x	3.38x
Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage	6.28%	4.14%

Careers at Council

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

- Team Leader Road Assets
- Development Coordinator
- Asset Management Officer
- Technical Officer - Development

Visit our website for further information and to apply.

Have your say

We are seeking community feedback on:

- Draft Market Policy
- Biripi Way Office Centralisation (draft financing strategy)
- Draft DCP amendments for Manufactured Home Estates
- Planning Proposal & Development Control Plan Amendment - enable detached dual occupancies and accommodation for rural workers in the Primary Production (RU1) zone
- Zoning in on our Future

Visit our website for further information.

Planning proposal

Planning Proposal: To amend to the Great Lakes Local Environmental Plan 2014 - Land Use Zone, Minimum Lot Size and Floor Space Ratio map layers for various lots

General Locations: various locations including Tuncurry, Forster, Nahiack, Darawank, Coolongook, Minimbah and Smiths Lake.

Details: The Planning Proposal seeks an amendment to the Great Lakes LEP 2014 to allow for:

- The rezoning of 33 lots of publicly acquired land in high value conservation areas to E2 Environmental Protection or E3 Environmental Management to reflect the ecological value and to restrict development on these lands;
- To clarify the development potential on a specific site located on the corner of Macwood Road and Matthew Road, Smiths Lake (Lot 52 DP 708662) by realigning a zoning boundary to reflect the location of existing buildings on the site;
- To ensure a specific parcel of land at Warrina Circuit Minimbah (Lot 26 DP 1120907) is appropriately zoned due to its environmental significance and the need for land to be managed as a conservation lot;
- Where applicable, to ensure the development standards of minimum lot sizes, height of buildings and floor space ratios of the rezoned lands are generally consistent with other environmentally zoned lots in the Great Lakes region.

Delegations: The Minister for Planning has delegated the making of this plan to Council.

View Planning Proposal: Our website and our Forster and Tea Gardens Administration Offices.

On exhibition: 12 December 2018 to 1 February 2019.

Make a submission: Written submissions will be accepted by email or post before the end of the exhibition period. Please quote the reference number **SP-PP-35** when making a submission. Submissions must be made in accordance with our guidelines and to meet legislative requirements.

Council meetings

Strategic Committee meeting

The next Strategic Committee meeting will be held at the Forster Administration Centre today, 12 December from 10am.

Council meeting

The next Ordinary meeting of Council will be held at the Taree Administration Centre, Wednesday 19 December at 2pm.

As always, you may submit a request to address the meeting on any item listed on the agenda.

Prior to each Council meeting, a public forum will be held from 1.15pm - 1.45pm, where you can submit a request to speak on matters that are not contained on the council meeting agenda.

For more information and to submit a request to speak at either the Council meeting or the public forum, visit www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings.

We encourage members of the public to sit in on our meetings, as a way of finding out more about how council works and to stay updated on what is happening in the MidCoast Council area.

Development consents

Development consent has been granted for the following applications:

DA-36/2019	6B Gloucester Street, Stroud (shed)
DA-81/2019	9 Valley Road, Smiths Lake (deck)
DA-84/2019	Lot 308 Grey Gum Road, Tuncurry (use of land for removals and storage business)
DA-97/2019	520 Pindimar Road, Pindimar (detached dual occupancy)
DA-131/2019	7780 Pacific Highway, Nerong (shed)
DA-155/2019	5 Tahiti Avenue, Forster (carport)
DA-178/2019	14 Pleasant View Parade, Bundabah (manufactured home and shed)
DA-185/2019	31 Clarkson Street, Nahiack (shed)
DA-186/2019	283 Clarke Street, Pindimar (shed)
DA-197/2019	90 Becker Road, Forster (alterations and additions)
DA-207/2019	2 Captains Cove, Tea Gardens (dwelling)
DA-241/2019	41 Colliton Parade, Forster (alterations and additions)
DA-242/2019	45 Burgess Road, Forster (swimming pool)

The above consents are available for inspection at our Customer Service Centre during office hours.

Tenders invited x 4

We are seeking submissions / tenders from suitably qualified and experienced companies / service providers for four (4) tender/ contracts.

Interested parties are required to register via our e-tendering web portal at www.tenderlink.com/midcoast to download the relevant tender documents at no charge.

If you experience difficulties accessing the above website or with the registration process, please call the Tenderlink helpdesk on 1800 233 533. Communication relating to clarification of tender documents shall be made only through the Tenderlink portal.

To be placed upon a Panel Contract for Minor Civil Works (Tender/Contract 2017-18/17 TEN-PD-CIVIL-18A)

It is noted that this opportunity is only for those not already accepted onto the MidCoast Council Minor Civil Works Panel formed in February 2018. Those already on the panel need not reapply.

The closing date and time for submissions is 2pm on Thursday 31 January 2019.

Design of New Studio Space - Manning Entertainment Centre (Tender/Contract 2018-19/08)

The closing date and time for submissions is 2pm on Tuesday 22 January 2019.

Buckets Way LP02 - Stage 1 (Tender/Contract 2018-19/07)

Manchester Street to Peg Leg Creek in Tinonee.

Please note that there will be a mandatory pre-tender meeting for Contract 2018-19/07 on Friday 14 December 2018, commencing at 10am at our Taree office.

The closing date and time for submissions is 10am on Wednesday 30 January 2019.

Construction of Callaghans Creek Bridge, Cundle Flat (Tender/Contract 2018-19/05 TEN-PE-BRIDGE-11814)

Construction of Callaghans Creek Bridge, Cundle Flat, with an option to construct the road approaches.

Please note that there will be a mandatory pre-tender meeting for Contract 2018-19/05 on Wednesday 19 December 2018, commencing at 10am on-site.

The closing date and time for submissions is 10am on Wednesday 30 January 2019.

On our roads and bridges

For full details and updates on maintenance and construction works on our roads and bridges, visit MyRoadInfo.com.au, or search works near you at www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/roads.