

OFFICE CENTRALISATION

DRAFT FINANCING STRATEGY FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Your feedback is invited on a draft financing strategy for a centralised head office.

Feedback is currently being sought on a draft financing strategy to centralise our administrative functions in Taree and Forster in a new head office on Biripi Way, Taree. The strategy indicates the \$20 million project cost would be made up from \$7.2m from cash reserves (merger savings), \$4.8m from the sale of property assets, and \$8m in loans. Loans would be repaid by funds gained from leasing current administration buildings. The proposed strategy also clearly indicates that no special rate variation is required for the project and that there will no impact on operational funds.

The decision to develop a draft financing strategy for a centralised model has been based on investigations that have found it to be significantly more cost-effective than continuing to operate across multiple sites in Taree and Forster. The head office model will deliver efficiencies such as sharing of resources, reduced overheads and streamlined processes for improved community outcomes.



An administrative head office won't impact our on-the-ground presence. Customer Service Centres will continue to operate in all existing locations. In Forster, we will relocate to the Civic Precinct in Lake Street once completed (remaining in Breese Parade until then), and in Taree our customer service team will move to the proposed Biripi Way head office. Visit www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/headoffice to find out more about the impacts and benefits of a centralised head office. Feedback closes Friday 14 December.

Find out more, read our Frequently Asked Questions, submit a question and take the survey at www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/headoffice

Careers at Council

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

- Administrative Support Officer - part time
- Asset Management Systems (AMS) Officer - part time
- Asset Management Coordinator
- Data Administration Officer - Disability Services
- Engagement Officers
- Financial and Service Intermediary
- Team Leader Coastal, Flooding and Drainage
- Team Leader Development Engineering
- Traineeship - Environmental Health Officer

Visit our website for further information and to apply.

Council meeting

The next Ordinary meeting of Council will be held at the Taree Administration Centre, Wednesday 28 November 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.

Celebrate with us at free events



We're celebrating the 2018 Waterways Report Card results, which indicate the continued good health of our Waterways!

To thank our partners and community who have helped us achieve these great results, we've been celebrating with free 'Explore with an Expert' events across the MidCoast.

To bring the celebrations to a conclusion, why not join us for:

- **The secret life of squirrel gliders** - Thursday 22 November, Council's Forster administration building, 6pm - talk and dinner. Ecologists will explain Forster's nocturnal life is stirring for an action-packed evening! Did you know the trees in Forster's urban area are home to a significant population of the threatened squirrel glider? Learn about the work that is being done to ensure these secretive Forster residents can thrive.
- **Beautifying Browns Creek** - Saturday 24 November, Taree at Browns Creek from 9.30am. Join environmental and catchment experts Erin Masters, Alisha Madsen and community group leader Bill Dennis (Friends of the Browns Creek) to help out. Afterwards, find out how the information we collect on the day will contribute to reducing litter locally and across Australia. Light refreshments will be served.

Visit www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/reportcard to find out more and to book these events.

Community events



Do you have an upcoming community event and would like more publicity?

Head over to the events section of our website and fill out the online form to have it included on our events calendar.

Development consents

Development consent has been granted for the following applications:

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| DA-21/2019 | 5 Norfolk Close, Tuncurry (alterations and additions) |
| DA-95/2019 | 67 Coomba Road, Coomba Park (dwelling and garage) |
| DA-115/2019 | 29 The Boulevard, Hawks Nest (install wood fire heater) |
| DA-173/2019 | 72 Wamara Crescent, Forster (dwelling) |
| DA-204/2019 | Lot 302 Hereford Place, Failford (dwelling) |

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

Notice of intention to lease community land

In accordance with Sections 46 and 47 of the Local Government Act 1993, we give notice of our intention to renew the following lease agreements for a period of five years.

- **Country Women's Association** - Part Lot 8 Sec 24 DP 758177, 76 Crawford Street, Wade Park Bulahdelah for the purposes of Country Women's Association activities. Lease to commence 1 September 2018 (AD-LSE-BABY-BUL).
- **Forster Tuncurry Rugby Union Football Club Inc** - Part Lot 7320 DP 1142386, Part Reserve R96632, Beach Street Tuncurry for the purposes of clubhouse and associated activities. Lease to commence 1 January 2019 (AD-LSE-DOLPHINS).
- **Myall U3A Inc** - Part Lot 1 Sec 5 DP 758506, Lot 2 & 3 DP 246302, Part Reserve R82763, 71-73 Booner St Hawks Nest being Hawks Nest Community Hall for the purposes of U3A activities. Licence to commence 1 January 2019 (AD-LSE-COMM-HN).

Any concerns regarding the granting of these lease agreements may be made in writing (please quote reference) to us by 19 December 2018. Further information can be obtained from our Property Officers, Leonie Cooke or Melissa Scott-Young.

Have your say



We are seeking community feedback on:

- Alcohol Free Zones
- Biripi Way Office Centralisation
- Draft Development Control Plan amendments for Manufactured Home Estates
- 2018-19 Fees and Charges amendment
- Integrated Development Proposal DA150/2019 - Demolition of Service Station - Boomerang Drive, Blueys Beach
- Zoning in our Future

Visit our website for further information.

On our roads and bridges



Keep an eye out for our maintenance and construction crews in these areas:

- **The Lakes Way, Bungwahl** - Reconstruction of 320m of road pavement south of Bungwahl, the last stage of a multi-year program that started in the village of Bungwahl. Final bitumen seal coat to be arranged.
- **Water Street, North Arm Cove** - Stormwater drainage works to rectify nuisance flooding issues, including the construction of a drainage pipeline and removal of the existing open drain. Works on the drainage outlet and pits are ongoing. Works due for completion end of November.
- **Coomba Road, Coomba** - Minor pavement renewal works and replacement to existing stormwater pipes currently underway and due for completion end of November with roadworks to follow.
- **Boondelbah Road, Tea Gardens** - Reconstruction works on 400m between Toonang Drive at both ends to commence late November.
- **Reidsdale Road, Stroud Road** - Pavement reconstruction of 315m from the intersection with The Bucketts Way. Current focus is on preparatory works.
- **Cape Hawk Drive, Forster** - Replacement of drainage approx 100m to the east of the intersection of Panorama Crescent and Cape Hawk Drive. Works commencing late November. Road closure and detour will be in place for 2 weeks.
- **Sunbakers Drive, Forster** - Minor pavement renewal works have commenced near Alice Street. Due for completion end of November.
- **The Lakes Way, Charlotte Bay** - Pavement reconstruction works at the intersection of Boomerang Drive have commenced with asphalt works programmed for this week.

With all roadworks please remember to travel safely. Observe roadworks signs and speed restrictions, note changed traffic conditions, and proceed with caution.

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.