# COMMUNITY NEWS GREAT LAKES FOCUS

#### Have your say

We are seeking community feedback on:

- Draft Code of Conduct
- Draft Code of Meeting Practice 2019
- Draft Event Sponsorship Policy
- Draft Procurement Policy
- Development Proposal DA100/2019 90 Viney Creek Road, Tea Gardens - 226 lot subdivision
- Forster Ocean Baths facilities upgrade
- Kolodong rezoning proposal
- Zoning in on our Future

Visit our website for further information.

# **Draft Code of Conduct**

The Code of Conduct sets the minimum standards of conduct for Council officials. It is prescribed by regulation to assist council officials to:

- understand and comply with the standards of conduct that are expected of them
- enable them to fulfil their statutory duty to act honestly and exercise a reasonable degree of care and diligence
- act in a way that enhances public confidence in local government.

The draft document is now on public exhibition and is open for feedback until Thursday 9 May.

Visit 'Have your say' on our website to find out more.

#### **Committee nominations**

We are seeking nominations from members of the community who would like to become part of our new Cultural Plan Reference Group. Members will offer assistance and support across the arts and cultural sector of our region.

Anyone is welcome to nominate themselves or someone else to be a part this Group.

For further information and to nominate visit www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/committees.

Nominations close Wednesday 15 May at 4.30pm.

## Local community conversations

We're inviting everyone to come along and chat with us in your local community, with conversations in 12 different locations, well underway.

It's a chance to tell us what's important to you and your community, and for us to understand what things you want to know more about.

Come and chat with us at **Forster** today, Wednesday 17 April from 10.30am or **Bulahdelah** on Wednesday 1 May from 6pm.

Visit www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/conversations for more info and the full schedule of locations.

Plus, if you have a question or specific area of interest, register it online so that common themes can be addressed when we visit your local community.

#### Development consents

Development consent has been granted for the following applications:

- DA-240/2019 48 Amaroo Drive, Smiths Lake (dwelling)
- DA-275/2019 1 Wallis Street, Forster (change of use)
- DA-315/2019 23 Yamba Street, Hawks Nest (shed)
- DA-330/2019 25 Daphne Street, Forster (alterations and additions)
- DA-361/2019 7 Osprey Place, Darawank (shed)
- DA-365/2019 18A Panorama Crescent, Forster (shed)
- DA-375/2019 40 Becker Road, Forster (alterations and additions)
- DA-390/2019 37 Cunningham Street, Pindimar (shed)
- DA-393/2019 21 Suncrest Close, Bulahdelah (dwelling)
- DA-435/2019 563 Newmans Road, Wootton (solid wood fuel heater)

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

## On our roads and bridges

Did you know we have 542 bridges in our region, and close to 200 are still timber? As part of our focus on improving the roads that connect our communities, watch out for current bridge works happening at Cundle Flat, Bobin, Tinonee and Bunyah. Find out more at www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/roads

## Bulky waste clean-up

The scrap metal and bulky waste clean-up will take place again this year. It kicks off on Monday 29 April for residents in the Great Lakes region, with Manning to follow from 24 June, and Gloucester from 19 August.

This is a great opportunity to dispose of those larger, unwanted items around the house or in the shed, and have them conveniently picked up from the kerbside where your regular bins are usually placed for collection.

Waste items must be sorted into two separate piles – one for scrap metal and whitegoods (such as pushbikes, fridges and washing machines with doors removed, or empty paint tins with lids removed), and the other for general bulky waste and eWaste (such as broken furniture, small appliances, floor coverings or TVs, computers, mobile phones). There are strict guidelines around what items will be accepted, and how your waste must be presented for collection – please check our website to ensure your bulky waste piles comply, as non-compliant waste will not be picked up.

You should check the date for collection in your specific zone, and place your waste out according to the schedule – no earlier, as this will be considered illegal dumping and you could be fined.

All scrap metal collected will be recycled, however all general bulky waste will be sent to landfill so please consider if your items could be re-used by someone else and try and find a new home for them instead.

More information visit www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/bulkywaste

# School holiday activities at our Libraries

Our Libraries have kicked off their action-packed school holiday program, with plenty of activities to keep the kids entertained over the break.

From movie screenings, bingo, puzzles and games to colouring in, art and craft workshops, there is something to suit all interests.

Our school holiday program is extremely popular, so be sure to jump onto the library website and book so that you don't miss out. To view the full program and book, visit www.midcoastlibraries.com.au.

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