

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 be 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.

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.

Toilet closure - Fotheringham Park

Public toilets located on the Victoria Street side of Fotheringham Park in Taree will be closed on Thursday 29 November, to coincide with a planned power outage from 5am – 8am as Essential Energy conduct work on nearby traffic lights. The toilets will be closed for the full day as maintenance teams undertake the removal of pine trees adjacent to the toilet block. This work is the preliminary stage of a larger project to take place in Fotheringham Park next year. Visitors to the area on Thursday 29 November are reminded the nearest public toilets are located in Centrepoint Arcade (open during business hours).

Development consents

Development consent has been granted for the following applications:

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| 247/2016/DA/E | 296 Blackhead Road, Hallidays Point (stage 2B of rural tourist facility) |
| 227/2018/DA/A | 232 Saltwater Road, Wallabi Point (3 lot subdivision) |
| 348/2018/DA | 35 Appletree Street, Wingham (dwelling) |
| 516/2018/DA | 8 Ocean Street, Black Head (secondary dwelling) |
| 96/2019/DA | 19 Lambert Street, Wingham (shed) |
| 135/2019/DA | 37 George Street, Cundletown (beauty salon) |
| 136/2019/DA | 81 Manning Street, Taree (shop fit out) |
| 153/2019/DA | 5 Torside Close, Tallwoods Village (two storey dwelling and attached garage) |
| 173/2019/DA | 35 Washington Street, Tinonee (new detached shed) |
| 176/2019/DA | 15 Bunyan Avenue, Old Bar (single storey dwelling) |
| 180/2019/DA | 72 Pretoria Parade, Harrington (single story dwelling) |
| 209/2019/DA | 10 Oxley Street, Harrington (shed) |

The above consents are available to inspect via Application Tracking on our website or at our Customer Service Centre.

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.

On our roads and bridges



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

- **Heavy patching** - Nowendoc Road
- **Road patching** - Johns River, Lansdowne and Wingham areas and Regional roads
- **Maintenance grading of unsealed roads** - Bootawa, Oxley Island, Elands and Candoormakh Creek Road
- **Roadside slashing** - Possum Brush and Black Head
- **Roadside vegetation management** - Coralville Road, Hannam Vale Road
- **Bulga & Bobin Creek Bridges** - Replacement of timber bridges with new concrete structures, located on Bulga Road. Bulga Creek Bridge was completed last week. Construction on Bobin Creek Bridge has commenced, with placement of the new deck girders just completed.
- **Old Bar Road** - Reconstruction of a 1.8km section of Old Bar Road between Metz Road and Follies Road is progressing well. Shoulder widening works are almost complete, with bitumen sealing of all but a few driveways finished last week. Project programmed for completion early December.
- **Gloucester Road, Killawarra** - Pavement reconstruction of 2.2km between Nowendoc Road and the Killawarra Bridge, has commenced. Completion scheduled for early 2019.
- **Manning Point Road, Mitchells Island** - Pavement reconstruction and widening of 2.5km of road between Carramar Drive and Richards Lane has been delayed due to wet weather and is programmed to commence this week, focussing initially on clearing shoulders. Completion scheduled for early 2019.
- **Old Bar Road, Cycleway** - Connecting Purfleet to Old Bar. Construction is underway with initial works focused on the section between Manning Point Road and Red Gum Road. Creek crossings at Berber Road and immediately west of Saltwater Road are scheduled for the next 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.

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.

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.

- **Taree & Wingham Clay Target Club Inc**, Lot 126 DP 754454 Reserve 2100094, part 320 Comboyne Road Wingham for the purpose of clay target activities. Lease to commence 1 January 2019 (AD-LSE-CEDARPAR-TAR).
- **Manning Valley Hockey Association Inc**, Lot 1 DP 798539, part Taree Regional Recreation Centre, for the purpose of clubhouse and associated hockey activities. Lease to commence 1 July 2018 (AD-LSE-TRC-TAR).
- **Football Mid North Coast**, Lot 1 DP 798539, part Taree Regional Recreation Centre, for the purpose of clubhouse and associated football activities. Lease to commence 1 April 2019 (AD-LSE-TRC-TAR).

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.