

## National WATER WEEK

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OCTOBER  
2019

## TAKE THE 7-DAY WATER WEEK CHALLENGE

National Water Week is a great time to find new ways of saving water at home. There's loads of ideas and tips out there to help conserve precious water all year round.

And with water restrictions currently in place, there's never been a better time to get water-wise.

Did you know a fully loaded dishwasher uses less water than hand-washing?

See right for more ideas to get you started, but visit [www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/waterweek](http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/waterweek) for inspiration and to share your water-saving tips.

### FREE EVENTS

Visit our website for details of our free Whizzy the Waterdrop library visits and Bootawa Dam tours - all part of Water Week on the MidCoast.

- 1 Take a shower instead of a bath
- 2 Freshen jeans in the freezer and get twice the wear in between washes
- 3 Using a bucket of warm water, wash your pooch outside so the lawn gets a drink at the same time
- 4 Roast your vegies instead of boiling or steaming them
- 5 Stick to one drinking glass or cup each day for water or herbal teas
- 6 If your tea goes cold, toss it on a potplant instead of down the sink
- 7 Use your bath towels longer by airing them on the clothesline in between showers

**Can you find 7 innovative ways to save water?**

### Community Participation Plan

### Road closed: Victoria Street

### Closure - 18 October 2019

The final stage of road reconstruction works on Victoria Street in Taree, between Commerce and Fotheringham Streets, will take place over the next two days, Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 October. To ensure the final seal and linemarking can be completed effectively and as quickly as possible, this section of Victoria Street will be closed to traffic. Access to / from River and Flett Streets will also be closed off.

**Wednesday 16 October** - Barriers will be installed to close the road. Vehicles may exit the work zone, but there will be no access into the area, and no on-street parking until the work is completed by close of business on Thursday 17 October.

**Thursday 17 October** - From 6am, there will be no vehicular access into or out of the work zone, and no on-street parking. Any cars that remain parked on the street may be towed at the owner's expense. The road will be reopened to traffic by close of business.

Pedestrian access, and access for emergency vehicles will be maintained.

This project is part of our commitment to improving infrastructure across the region. Find out more about roadworks taking place across the region at [www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/roads](http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/roads)

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, 18 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 landfills and waste facilities, and kerbside waste collections
- Taree Regional Airport

### Development consents

Development consent has been granted for the following applications:

312/2019/DA	84 Isaacs Lane, Johns River (honey extraction)
367/2019/DA/A	759 Manning Point Road, Oxley Island (stage 1 machinery shed-stage 2 pool entertaining area)
514/2019/DA	Lot 1 Ph Lansdowne, Langley Vale (subdivision - 2 lots (boundary adjustment))
529/2019/DA	198 Borserio Drive, Mount George (change of use from shed to dwelling)
563/2019/DA	10 Grey Gum Road, Taree (commercial alterations and additions)
29/2020/DA	15 Janice Street, Wallabi Point (single storey dual occupancy and strata subdivision - 2 lots)
54/2020/DA	82 Red Head Road, Red Head (two storey dwelling)
57/2020/DA	80 Red Head Road, Red Head (single storey dwelling)
72/2020/DA	365 Middlebrook Road, Cedar Party (residential alterations and additions)
76/2020/DA	113 Boambee Street, Harrington (use of dwelling as temporary sales)
85/2020/DA	53 St Marks Lane, Mitchells Island (shed)
94/2020/DA	7 Fantail Rise, Diamond Beach (two storey dwelling)
96/2020/DA	1 Coral Close, Old Bar (additions to dwelling: deck)
104/2020/DA	21B Woodlands Drive, Hallidays Point (single storey dwelling, machinery shed)
111/2020/DA	3 Shores Crescent, Diamond Beach (two storey dwelling)
112/2020/DA	16-20 Oxley Street, Taree (signage)
120/2020/DA	5 Maita Way, Old Bar (single storey dwelling)
122/2020/DA	6 Albatross Way, Old Bar (carport)
124/2020/DA	12 Bunyan Avenue, Old Bar (single storey dwelling)
131/2020/DA	Lot 270 Richardson Street, Wingham (alterations to church)
146/2020/DA	67 Pretoria Parade, Harrington (swimming pool)
163/2020/DA	11 Bungulla Close, Harrington (attached patio)
173/2020/DA	6 Mountview Avenue, Wingham (single storey dwelling)
174/2020/DA	16 King Valley Drive, Taree (single storey dwelling)
175/2020/DA	231 Manning Point Road, Bohnock (shed)
179/2020/DA	18 Rifleman Place, Harrington (single storey dwelling)
180/2020/DA	16 Rifleman Place, Harrington (single storey dwelling)

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

## Local community CONVERSATIONS

We'll soon be heading back out to chat with local communities, as a follow-up to our conversations earlier this year.

This is a great chance to hear how we're delivering on what you told us in April, to ask our leadership team about what's happening in your area, and to help us understand your priorities for the coming year.

Conversations kick off in Pacific Palms tomorrow, 17 October and continue over 6 weeks.

Find the full schedule of locations at [www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/conversations](http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/conversations) where you can also post a question or topic which we'll address on the day, and include in the FAQs collated for each location afterwards.

### Teach a learner driver workshop

Teaching a young person to drive could be the most important lesson you'll ever give! Make sure you're well equipped to help your learner driver become a safer driver by attending a FREE 2-hour workshop aimed at parents and supervising drivers.

The workshop will be held at the Taree Council Admin Centre on Tuesday 29 October at 6pm. Light refreshments will be available.

Bookings are essential, please phone 7955 7372 or visit [www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety](http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety)

### Intended pesticide application

We have instructed Local Pest Experts to carry out pesticide applications in the Manning Region, which are scheduled to be carried out during November, December 2019 and January 2020.

Pesticides are being used for ants, spiders and cockroaches. Pesticide products will be applied to Council structures including public buildings.

Pesticides used will be selected from: Biflex Aquamax insecticide, Synergy Pro ant bait, Starrdust Pro, Maxforce Gold Gel, Enviromax Deltamethrin, Temprid 75, Termidor.

Residents (including pets) are advised not to enter the premises through any treated areas until the pesticides used have dried, or any special instructions advised on the notice erected on the day(s) of treatment.

For any further information please contact Council's Team Leader Property & Contract Management Michael Cross on 6591 7222.



A draft plan that sets out how you can provide feedback on the planning functions we perform (under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979) is currently on exhibition. Planning matters may be as small as an upgrade to your neighbour's house, or as complex as a new suburb being planned.

The draft plan sets out timeframes for public exhibition, and aims to enhance opportunities for everyone to be informed about planning matters and development proposals that affect them, and to participate in planning decisions.

View the draft Community Participation Plan and provide your feedback before Friday 8 November, at [www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/HYS](http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/HYS)

### Careers at Council

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

- Cadetship - Environmental Health
- Manager Legal and Property Services
- Multiple Apprenticeships & Traineeships
- Various Finance Officers

Visit our website for further information and to apply.

### Have your say

We are seeking community feedback on:

- Development proposal (107/2020/DA) - Extractive Industry - 14025 Pacific Highway, Nabic
- Development proposal (283/2019/DA) - Corner of Yamba & Booner Street, Hawks Nest
- Draft Community Participation Plan

Visit the Have Your Say page on our website for further info.

### Council meeting

The next Ordinary meeting of Council will be held at the Gloucester Admin Centre on Wednesday 23 October, commencing immediately after the Public Forum (or at 2pm if the Public Forum finishes before 2pm).

Please note, there are two opportunities to address Council on the day of a Council meeting, with prior notice:

1. Open forum - for items **not** included on the meeting agenda (1 - 1.30pm)
2. Public forum - for items **on** the meeting agenda (from 1.30pm)

You must register to speak at either forum - please visit [www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings](http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings) for full details of how to register, and the required amount of notice.

### Water restrictions are in force

Moderate Level 1 Water Restrictions are in force for all areas of the MidCoast Council region. All outdoor water use is restricted to hand held hoses for one hour every second day, between 4pm - 9am. For even numbered houses, water on even days of the month; odd numbered houses, on the odd days of the month; no watering on 31st of each month.

For more information on water restrictions visit: [www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/waterrestrictions](http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/waterrestrictions)