

## Join the fun across the MidCoast

Sport is a favourite Australian pastime and a national obsession. If you're celebrating Australia Day on the MidCoast this year, you'll discover that we're as passionate about our sports as the rest of Australia.

### Civic ceremonies

Enjoy a BBQ breakfast or morning tea, meet Australia Day Ambassadors, see the presentation of Australia Day Awards, welcome new citizens and receive free passes to Council pools.

- **Taree** Club Taree - 7.30am free BBQ breakfast, 9am ceremony commences.
- **Gloucester** Billabong Park - 8am BBQ breakfast, 9am ceremony commences, free entry to Gloucester pool from 2pm to 7pm.
- **Forster** Club Forster - 11am morning tea, 11.30am ceremony commences.

### Community ceremonies in:

- Coomba Park • Hallidays Point • Harrington
- Old Bar • Tea Gardens / Hawks Nest • Wingham

### Community organised activities in:

- Bulahdelah • Forster • Gloucester
- North Arm Cove • Tuncurry



Find out more at  
[www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/australiaday](http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/australiaday)

#### Careers at Council

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

- Business Relations Officer
- District Building Surveyor
- Graduate Engineers
- Process Operator (including reticulation)
- Response, Operations and Maintenance Operator
- Senior Chemist
- Support Worker - Disability Services
- Swimming Pool / Assistant Building Surveyor
- Team Leader Procurement

Visit our website for further information and to apply.

#### Have your say

We are seeking community feedback on:

- Draft Unreasonable Complainant Conduct Policy
- Draft Community Donations Policy
- Planning Proposal - to amend Great Lakes LEP - Land use zone, minimum lot size and floor space ratio map layers
- Development proposal - Lansdowne Road, Cundletown - alterations to caravan park
- Development proposal - Lot 2 Macwood Road, Smiths Lake - Eco Tourist Facility
- Hiring of event equipment
- Zoning in on our Future

Visit our website for further information.

#### Back to school safety reminder

Did you know that by law, you must slow down to 40km/h when bus lights flash?

Lights flash on the front and back of a bus when the bus is picking up or setting down school children and research has shown that children are most at risk in the minutes after they get off the bus.

Lights flash to make motorists aware that children are on foot around the bus as well as being an indicator of the bus slowing as it readies to stop.

Research commissioned by the Centre for Road Safety highlighted a need to improve motorists' awareness of, and compliance with, road rules around bus flashing lights.

As we head into the new school year, remember, "When the lights flash, you must slow down to 40."

#### On our roads and bridges



Keep an eye out for our maintenance and construction crews who continue to work in these areas:

- **Bohnock Boat ramp carpark** - Work on constructing a new parking area is nearing completion. Installation of bollards, turfing and seal repair is continuing this week.
- **Gloucester Road, Killawarra** - Reconstruction of 2.2km between Nowendoc Road and the Killawarra Bridge. Stripping topsoil and widening works is continuing.
- **Bobin Creek Bridge** - Replacement of timber bridge. Current works include removing trees then commencement of bulk earthworks (cut from southern side of bridge to place on northern side). Single lane sidetrack is operational.
- **Manning Point Road, Mitchells Island** - Pavement reconstruction and widening of 2.9km between Carramar Drive and Richards Lane. Current works include stripping top soil from road shoulders. There may be delays to traffic, please follow traffic control and roadworks signage.
- **Old Bar Cycleway** - Pacific Highway to Berber Road. Construction of a shared gravel path and formalising the trail tracks in National Parks and State Forst is nearing completion. Current works include installation of totem sign and hand rail.
- **Old Bar Road** - Warwiba to Berady Lane - Reconstruction along 1.9km of Old Bar Road is continuing with asphalt works.

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](http://MyRoadInfo.com.au), or search works near you at [www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/roads](http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/roads).

#### World Wetlands Day

MidCoast Council will join worldwide celebrations for World Wetlands Day by opening up the closed Dawson Wetland for two days.

Free guided tours are planned for Wednesday 6 and Saturday 9 February, with both kicking off at 9:15am for a 9:30am start.

The walk will take about two hours and is graded as an easy/medium 2km loop.

Dawson Wetlands is part of 45 hectares of natural vegetation and timber plantation north of Taree.

While in the past the entire site has been used for timber harvesting, today areas of the site including the wetlands are being conserved for wildlife habitat.

Participants on the tour will be able to walk through core koala habitat and experience the full beauty of the wetlands from a boardwalk that extends over the water - all while keeping an eye out for the local wildlife.

Book your spot by completing the online form at [midcoast.nsw.gov.au/worldwetlandsday](http://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/worldwetlandsday)

#### Australia Day closures

All MidCoast Libraries locations will be closed on Saturday 26 January for Australia Day.

Don't forget Monday 28 January is a public holiday so all Libraries, Council offices and depots will be closed for the day.

#### Development consents

Development consent has been granted for the following applications:

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| 190/2019/DA | 558 Half Chain Road, Koorainghat (machinery shed)   |
| 227/2019/DA | 35/357 Diamond Beach Road, Diamond Beach (alterations to existing day spa)                      |
| 246/2019/DA | 115 Miss Careys Road, Killabakh (use only - structure to be used as dwelling & internal fitout) |

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