



Community Donations

Community groups play a vital role in strengthening our local communities.

Whether it's by bringing people together, improving local facilities, providing training and skill development, or something else altogether, you may be eligible to apply for funding through our Community Donations program.

Annual donations

Apply for up to \$2,000 to support your community development or capacity-building projects and activities, or to assist with purchasing equipment that will help to deliver them.

Seed funding program

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to support your group in getting a community initiative off-the-ground, and becoming self-sustaining over a 2 year period.

Applicants must meet eligibility criteria and provide full details and costings with their application. Our Small Donations Program offers up to \$150 for minor projects/purchases and applications are accepted year-round. Our recurrent Donations Program is open to select organisations on application.

Information sessions:

Come along to find out more, understand who's eligible in which funding stream, and which one suits your project best.



Event Sponsorship

Not only do local events connect our vibrant communities, they help put us on the map, attracting visitors and building our economy!

From art shows and music festivals, to sporting events, food, fashion and everything in between, our events are a celebration of what the MidCoast is all about.

Depending on the scale of your event, four categories of funding are offered in the sponsorship program:

- Community event:** Up to \$2,000
- Medium event:** \$2,000 - \$5,000
- Large event:** \$5,000 - \$10,000
- Iconic event:** \$10,000+

Come along to an information session (details below) to find out which category your event falls into.

Eligibility criteria applies. Carols by Candlelight, Anzac Day and Australia Day events are managed separately. Our Event Sponsorship Interim Policy is currently open for feedback - see below for details on how you can have your say.



Local Heritage Fund

Preserving our region's heritage and breathing new life into buildings and places from our past is a great way to enhance the character and charm our local communities are known for.

Your heritage place may need a coat of paint, restoration of its decorative features, stone or brick facade work, roof restorations, window repair or replacement, or fencing reflective of its era.

As custodians of an important part of our region's history, you may be eligible to apply for up to \$2,000 to help restore your heritage place back to its former glory.

Eligibility criteria extended

As well as applicants who own heritage-listed properties, this year the Local Heritage Fund is available to owners of properties within the 14 heritage conservation areas across the MidCoast.

Eligibility criteria applies, and full details and costings must be provided in your application. Funding must be at least 50% of the total project cost. In some exceptional cases applicants may apply for up to \$5,000.

- Forster** Council Chambers
5.30pm on Monday 8 April
- Taree** Visitor Information Centre
5.30pm on Wednesday 10 April

- Tea Gardens** Baptist Church
12.30pm on Thursday 11 April
- Gloucester** Senior Citizen's Centre
4.30pm on Thursday 11 April

For more information and to apply visit www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/funding from Monday 8 April - Friday 10 May 2019

Have your say

We are seeking community feedback on:

- Draft Code of Meeting Practice 2019
- Draft Event Sponsorship Policy
- Development Proposal DA100/2019 - 90 Viney Creek Road, Tea Gardens - 226 lot subdivision
- Planning Proposal & DCP amendment - Kolodong
- Zoning in our Future

Visit our website for further information.

Mobile Recycling Trailer - Cooperook

Our Mobile Recycling trailer is heading around the region, with its next stop at Cooperook at the reserve outside the Cooperook Hotel next Thursday, 11 April from 8am to 10am.

The trailer allows residents to dispose of hazardous problem waste items, including gas bottles, paint, motor oils, car batteries, household batteries, fluoro globes and tubes, smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.

Please be aware the trailer may leave a site earlier than advertised if it reaches capacity.

Visit www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/mobilecr to find out where we'll be next.

Note, these problem household waste items can be dropped at your nearest Community Recycling Centre at any time for free.

On our roads

Commencing next week and continuing through to September, a 1.4km section of The Buckets Way at Tinonee will be targeted for rehabilitation. Stretching from Manchester Street through to Peg Leg Creek, lanes will be widened, the existing road pavement rehabilitated, road shoulders added and improvements made to roadside drainage. Lane closures and detours will be required at times, with temporary traffic lights in operation to manage traffic flow.

As always, motorists are asked to observe all roadworks signage, reduced speed limits and directions from road crews. The project will provide improved safety outcomes for users of The Buckets Way, and is part of our focus on improving the roads that connect our communities.

For more information about our roadworks program, or to search roadworks near you, visit www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/roads

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 Black Head Surf Life Saving Club next Thursday, 11 April from 6-8pm or at Taree Council Chambers on Tuesday 16 April from 6-8pm. 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.

Event sponsorship policy

We have developed a new interim sponsorship policy to support the provision of event sponsorship within the MidCoast region.

This policy applies to monetary (cash) sponsorship and in-kind support made by Council to eligible applicants for the delivery of events. The key items to note include:

- There are now two (2) opportunities to apply for event sponsorship each year with application closure dates being indicated within the policy.
- There are four (4) levels of sponsorship available; and
- Events will be assessed against a specific list of selection criteria contained in the policy.

The draft Policy is now on public exhibition and is open for feedback until 10 May. Visit 'Have your say' on Council's website to find out more and have your say.

Drop in: Rezoning at Kolodong

A drop-in session to discuss the parcel of land at Kolodong that is the subject of a rezoning proposal will be held next Tuesday 9 April, at Bowers Café car park. Come and chat with our planning team any time between 4pm and 6pm. Visit our website to view the documents and make a submission, by 5pm on Tuesday 30 April.

Careers at Council

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

- Plant Operator Cemeteries
- Traffic Engineer

Visit our website for further information and to apply.

Council meeting

The next Ordinary meeting of Council will be held at the Forster Administration Centre, Wednesday 10 April 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.

Development consents

Development consent has been granted for the following applications:

- 16/2019/DA 9 The Boulevard, Tallwoods Village (subdivision 2 lots)
- 184/2019/DA 41 Whitbread Street, Taree (rider and driver training and education)
- 208/2019/DA 213 Diamond Beach Road, Diamond Beach (secondary dwelling (granny flat))
- 235/2019/DA Lot 3208 Boambee Street, Harrington (subdivision - 3 lot)
- 261/2019/DA 9 Claxton Street, Tinonee (subdivision - 2 lot)
- 320/2019/DA 1612 Nowendoc Road, Mount George (shed)
- 334/2019/DA 177 Christies Lane, Harrington (two storey dwelling)
- 365/2019/DA 29 Killawarra Street, Wingham (residential alterations and additions)
- 372/2019/DA 20 Minamurra Drive, Harrington (shed)
- 389/2019/DA 40 Bayview Crescent, Taree (shed)
- 397/2019/DA 43 Cowper Street, Taree (shade awnings - staged)
- 386/2018/DA/A 2 John Hall Drive, Taree (dwelling additions, pool and spa)

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