



MIDCOAST
council

KEEPING UP WITH COUNCIL

October
2017

WELCOME COUNCILLORS

Your newly elected representatives will take on the important role of guiding the strategic direction of Council.

They are Kathryn Bell, Brad Christensen, Peter Epov, Troy Fowler, Karen Hutchinson, David Keegan, Jan McWilliams, Claire Pontin, Len Roberts, Katheryn Smith and David West.

Being a MidCoast Councillor involves managing a complex \$320 million per annum business; developing and implementing strategies to sustain and grow the region's economy; and representing almost 200 distinct localities and their diverse communities.

At their first Council meeting, the team elected Cr David West as Mayor and Cr Katheryn Smith as Deputy Mayor. Our new Council will now be leading the way towards achieving great outcomes in the areas you have highlighted as priorities.



Stay
updated

Community meetings

As we head into a new era for MidCoast Council, you have the opportunity to meet and greet the new Councillors and find out about our strategies for the coming year.

Community meetings are already underway, being held across the MidCoast area until 31 October. Head to our website to find out more about a meeting near you.

Community meetings are held regularly across the region to help you stay updated on Council progress, meet with Councillors and executive staff personally and have your questions answered. It's part of our commitment to engaging with you in a genuine and meaningful way. The sessions are designed to bring you along on our journey and help us identify and discuss your areas of priority.



Community Strategic Plan

Share your vision for MidCoast's future

We're looking for your input to develop our first community strategic plan that will provide Council with a vision of where our community wants to head.

This plan is an important roadmap that captures your aspirations for the future and helps guide Council to achieve the outcomes you desire.

What will our region look like in 2030?
And how will we get there?

If you'd like to contribute to developing a community vision or find out more visit midcoast.nsw.gov.au/csp

MidCoast Water Services

MidCoast Water Services (now a division of MidCoast Council) is continuing to provide the same high quality services you received from MidCoast Water.

You will still receive quarterly notices for water and sewerage services and we are still on hand to answer your enquiries.

Any issues with your water service should continue to be reported to **1300 133 455**

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SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

Our priority since merger has been establishing sound management practices and robust strategies that help us deliver high quality, value-for-money outcomes across the MidCoast region.

This has included working closely with the State Government, and placing our \$180 million infrastructure backlog firmly in the spotlight.

The recent approval of the Special Rate Variation will enable Council to borrow \$50 million as additional funding for our roads and bridges. One of our main focus areas since merger has been to work in partnership with the State Government to set MidCoast Council up for success. This includes developing strategies that support our long term financial sustainability and address our asset backlog.

We are currently negotiating with the NSW Government on a proposal that would see them commit to a matching \$50 million contribution towards MidCoast roads and bridges, enabling a total package of \$100 million additional funding to address the asset renewal and backlog challenges. This additional funding was not available previously and will allow us to honour our commitment to our community to improve local infrastructure in a sustainable and responsible manner.

MidCoast tourism and economic growth

We are undertaking a lot of work to develop strategies to underpin economic and tourism growth across the MidCoast. You can keep up to date with what's happening on our website.

Tourism Destination Management Plan (DMP)

We've received your feedback on the DMP and it will soon be considered by the new Council. Once adopted, the Plan will help us, together with our stakeholders and tourism businesses, make the most of our stunning region, bring more visitors and boost our local economy. Visit midcoast.nsw.gov.au/DMP

Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS)

Working with the NSW Government and local business community, we are currently developing a strategy which will strengthen our economy, help us attract funding towards economic projects and encourage jobs growth across the MidCoast. Visit midcoast.nsw.gov.au/REDS



\$30 million
roadcare program
currently rolling out
over a 4 year period

ROADCARE PROGRAM

as at
September
2017

\$4 million per year
identified savings
over a 4 year period (total \$16m)

+

\$14 million
State Government
merger allocation

+

\$50 million
SRV injection
over 4 years (and we're seeking
State funding to match this)



bridges
\$6 million
extra Federal funding
for our bridges

**"we have never seen
so much roadwork
in our area"**

MidCoast community
feedback



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