



Are you bushfire ready?

'Get Ready' in five simple steps

Did you know there are around 39,000 households in our region? And this year, we want every one of them to have a 'Get Ready for Bushfire' plan.

Preparing a plan for your household, or updating one you've previously prepared, is not just about protecting your property, it will help keep your loved ones and your pets safe in the event of a bushfire.



1. Know your risk

Think about the area you live in and the types of disasters that could affect you.



2. Plan for what you will do

Sit down and talk with your family about what you will do in the event of a disaster.



3. Get your home ready

Carry out general home maintenance and check your insurance.



4. Be aware

Connect with NSW emergency services and stay updated.



5. Look out for each other

Share information with family, friends and neighbours.

See over for tips on getting your home ready.

Download your free 'Get Ready' Bushfire Plan at www.haveyoursay.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/getready

NEW



HAVE YOUR SAY
Share what matters to you



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GET READY
FOR SUMMER

Did you know your ideas, opinions and feedback are important in shaping the future of our region?

That's why we've launched our new community engagement website, *Have Your Say*, where you'll discover a wide range of projects that are waiting for your feedback.

- Find projects near you, or those that matter to you
- Share your ideas, participate in a survey, or lodge a formal submission
- Register to be notified when a project of interest is updated, or when new projects are placed on public exhibition
- Track the progress of projects once they're approved and being implemented, or revisit completed projects

We're committed to engaging with our community in a meaningful way, to support our decision-making and plan for future projects. Our new approach to online engagement aims to get more people like you involved, in more projects, more often. **Have your say today at www.haveyoursay.midcoast.nsw.gov.au**

Please note that participation in our consultation programs is not limited to an online environment.

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Your guide to planning ahead
for the challenges of summer

**Let the sky do
the work this
spring**



No need to spray with rain on the way

A wetter than average start to the warmer months is predicted for the MidCoast this year, so let the sky do the work in your garden. This means we're not wasting time, water or money watering lawns and gardens when nature is already pencilled in to do the job.

If you do need to attend to your green cousins from time to time, make sure to follow these tips to get the most out of the water you use (with the least possible wastage):

- Don't spray in the middle of the day – watering during the heat of the day is a waste because the water evaporates before your plants have a chance to benefit
- Use a watering can instead of a hose
- If you do use a hose, put a trigger nozzle on it so you only use what you need.

For more outdoor summer water saving tips, visit www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/watersaving

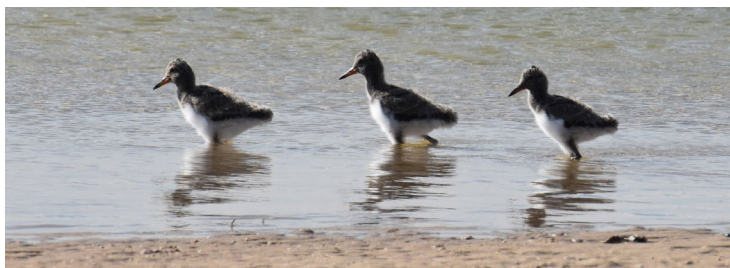
SHARE THE SHORE

The MidCoast is blessed with unspoilt, expansive beaches that can be enjoyed by walking, swimming or, where permitted, four-wheel driving. But beach environments are sensitive and dynamic, and many are home to threatened species, ecosystems, and Aboriginal significant sites.

We all have a responsibility to protect other beach users and the environment, ensuring our activities are balanced with maintaining the unique conservation values along our coastline.

It's called sharing the shore.

Image: Triplet pied oyster chicks



Beach driving - know your responsibilities

Four-wheel driving can be a great way to enjoy our beaches, but not without a valid Beach Driving Permit. As a permit-holder, you'll need to be familiar with authorised vehicle access points, the areas where beach driving is permitted, and where it is prohibited.

Just like driving on our roads, beach driving is subject to rules that are enforceable by law. Some of these include driving between the tide marks, and a speed limit of 15km/h within 100m of other vehicles and beach users.

Find out more: www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/beachdriving



Is your home bushfire-ready?

A well prepared home is easier for you or firefighters to defend in the event of a bushfire, and is less likely to put your neighbours' homes at risk. It will also give you more protection if a fire threatens suddenly and you cannot leave.

Here are some basic maintenance tips to prepare your property:

- Keep gutters free of leaves and debris, and install metal gutter guards
- Check your hoses are in good condition and are long enough to reach around the house
- Enclose the areas under the house
- Install fine metal mesh screens on windows and doors
- Keep lawns short and gardens well-maintained
- Cut back trees and shrubs overhanging buildings
- Regularly remove fallen leaves, twigs and debris around the property walls and fences



For more information and to download your free 'Get Ready' Bushfire Plan visit

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WIN

**1 of 5
\$100**

**ShopMidCoast
gift cards**



Take our community water survey for your chance to win **Entries close Sunday 14 November**

Following recent drought and flood events across the MidCoast, we're keen to gain a greater understanding of how our community thinks about and values water. That's why we're conducting a community water survey in line with National Water Week (18-24 October). The survey is quick and easy to complete and will help inform strategies to build resilience against future drought and flood events. And best of all, you'll go in the draw to win one of five \$100 ShopMidCoast gift cards.

To complete the survey, scan the QR code (opposite) or visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/85PD3F3

