



EVENTS THAT BUILD OUR REGION

We're thrilled to partner with Paul Bennet Airshows in bringing the first ever **Barrington Coast Air Show** to our region in early November.

As well as featuring the current Australian Aerobatic Champions, the Air Show is a great example of the types of events we aim to attract to the MidCoast, complementing a diverse range of local activities and events.

Regionally significant events like the Barrington Coast Air Show have a powerful impact, delivering both financial and social benefits.

- Events bring visitors from outside the region who spend money with our local businesses, providing a positive boost to sectors such as hospitality and accommodation
- They create awareness of what our region offers to holiday-makers, generating repeat visitation well into the future
- And for the local community - apart from the opportunity to participate - events build optimism and remind us to feel proud of our region.



Head online to find out more about upcoming events, and grab your Barrington Coast Air Show tickets.

barringtoncoast.com.au/whats-on

Welcome new Councillors

Congratulations and a warm welcome to our new and re-elected Councillors. They will represent the MidCoast community for a four-year term after the Local Government Election that was held on 14 September 2024.

Learn more about each of your new Councillors online.



midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Councillors

Got a problem? Tell us about it.

We know things don't always go to plan.

With over 10,000km² to cover, delivering your every day services like roadworks, water, and bin collections, can sometimes be challenging.

That's why we need your input, to tell us about the things in your neighbourhood we may not already know about.

If you've got an issue or see something that needs addressing, tell us about it.



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Find out first, from us

Give the grapevine a miss! Get the right information at the right time, by registering for our weekly email newsletter.

As well as staying up to date on what's happening near you, you'll also be first to know about opportunities to have your say.



midcoast.nsw.gov.au/news



DIVE INTO SUMMER

With warmer weather is on its way, pools across the MidCoast are now open.

Find out about changes being introduced this swim season at some of our pools.

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CHANGES TO POOL OPERATIONS

If you're looking to beat the heat over summer, you'll be pleased to know local pools across the region are now open for the 2024/25 swimming season.

Changes to the way some of our pools are managed and operated have been introduced as a result of your feedback, provided during community consultation earlier this year.

Here's a quick overview of what you need to know - but scan the QR code below to find out more about your nearest pool.

- Swim season for all outdoor pools will coincide with eastern daylight savings time each year
- Opening hours for all pools remain the same as previous years
- **Bulahdelah, Krambach, Nabiac and Stroud** pools remain unsupervised; access will now require a paid entry pass, sold at Council customer service points during business hours, at one or more selected outlets in the vicinity of each pool, and online (single day and season pass options are available)
- An annual increase to standard entry fees will apply for **Wingham, Tea Gardens and Gloucester** Olympic and Hydrotherapy pools
- **Wingham** Memorial Swimming Pool will be managed by The Friends of Wingham Pool Inc, and **Tea Gardens** Pool by Hughes Swimming Pty Ltd

Additionally, in **Taree** and **Forster**, Belgravia Leisure Group began managing both the Manning and Great Lakes Aquatic and Leisure Centres in July.

As well as delivering cost savings for ratepayers, the changes we've introduced are designed to provide improved services for all MidCoast residents.

Head online for full details.

midcoast.nsw.gov.au/pools



PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR BUSHFIRE

Bushfires are a natural part of the Aussie environment, especially at this time of year. While we can't control the weather, we can take an active role in reducing bushfire hazards around our homes and properties.



Preparing your home for bushfire makes it:

- less susceptible to bushfire or an ember attack
- easier for firefighters to defend
- less likely to put nearby properties at risk
- safer for you and your family if you are threatened by fire and can't leave

Follow these simple maintenance tips for a bushfire-ready home:

- Clean gutters of leaves and twigs regularly
- Repair damaged or missing roof tiles
- Install fine metal mesh screens on windows and doors
- Keep lawns well maintained and yards free of debris
- Cut back overhanging trees and shrubs
- Move woodpiles/flammables away from your home
- Fit seals around windows/doors to eliminate gaps
- Enclose areas under the house

These tips are provided by NSW Rural Fire Service. For more information and resources including a Bushfire Survival Plan visit myfireplan.com.au



NEWS FLUSH: BIN YOUR WET WIPES

Did you know that wet wipes - even if they're labelled as "flushable" - don't belong in your toilet.

Wet wipes in the sewer system continue to cause issues long after they've disappeared down your toilet. In fact, they reappear as a nasty problem that is really unpleasant to deal with.

Unlike toilet paper, wet wipes don't break down in water. They can clog up your pipes and leave you with a costly plumbing bill.

If they do make it into the sewer system, they can get tangled up with other objects and cause major blockages. This can result in sewer overflows, which can harm our environment and cost valuable ratepayer dollars to rectify.

What you can do:

- There's no need to stop using wipes
- But if you're a regular user in and around the bathroom, have a bin handy and use this instead of flushing
- And think about the 3Ps rule before you flush - the only things that should be flushed down the toilet are pee, poo and toilet paper.

Find out more: Head online to learn more about how you can avoid blockages and expensive plumbing problems in your bathroom.

