

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

ON NOW



Our October / November round of conversations is currently underway – make sure you join us.

- Hear the latest updates on the projects and initiatives we're delivering or planning to deliver
- Let us know about the things that matter to you and your community
- Learn more about how we manage our finances to deliver services across the region
- Meet Councillors and key Council staff in person



Scan the code or head to our website for the remaining schedule of locations and dates, and to learn more. We look forward to chatting with you again soon.

midcoast.nsw.gov.au/conversations

Our new address, your new community space

Teams from our Forster Customer Service Point, Forster Library, and Visitor Centre moved to their new location earlier this month, and they can't wait to welcome you into this great community space the whole MidCoast can enjoy.

Discover a diverse range of meeting rooms, conference and event facilities, a gift shop featuring locally sourced products – and that's just scratching the surface.

FORSTER CIVIC CENTRE

4 Lake Street

midcoast.nsw.gov.au/civic-centre

Find out more



STAY UPDATED: SUBSCRIBE

Keep on top of the latest projects, improvement works, events, and other initiatives happening across the MidCoast by subscribing to our weekly email newsletter.

News Wrap gives you a 5-minute snapshot of the things you need to know. It's also a great way to be alerted about news specific to your location, and to find out about opportunities for you to have your say.



Scan the QR code or visit our website and subscribe today.

You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

GET INVOLVED: HAVE YOUR SAY

Hearing from our community helps us deliver the projects and services that matter most – it supports our decision-making and helps us plan for future projects.

Our aim is always to get more people like you involved in more projects, more often.

There's usually a wide range of projects and initiatives on exhibition, waiting for your feedback.



Head online to see what's currently open, have your say on the things that interest you, and register to stay updated as they progress.



JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Connect with us, and help us connect with local issues, by taking part in our latest Community Conversations.

See inside for details.

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KEEP TRACK OF MAJOR ROADWORKS

Improving the roads that connect our communities remains one of our most challenging priorities, with a transport network that spans over 3,600 km - that's more than the distance from here to Cape York, the northernmost point in Australia.

To help you understand what is being done to deliver these improvements and where, we've developed an interactive map that highlights all major rehabilitation and reconstruction road and bridge works.

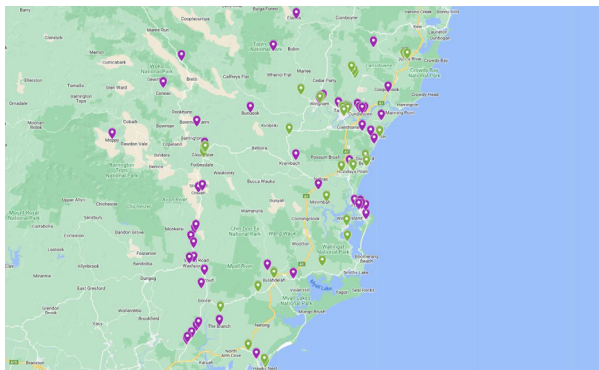
- The map includes both current works in progress, and upcoming projects
- Projects are updated monthly
- Click through for details including the type of work being undertaken, start and finish dates, and the project budget / funding source

The projects featured on the map are part of our commitment to delivering safer roads for our community, where we will spend a total of \$60 million during this financial year.

An additional \$15 million is allocated to repairs and maintenance - these business-as-usual activities are not included on the interactive map.



Scan the code to view the interactive map, and to find out more about roadworks across the MidCoast.



midcoast.nsw.gov.au/MajorRoadProjects

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



CALL FOR YEAR-ROUND WATER SAVING

The MidCoast community is well-versed in using water efficiently during times of drought, so now we're challenging everyone to make a habit of it all the time.

Follow these permanent water conservation measures to make the best use of the water you use outdoors:

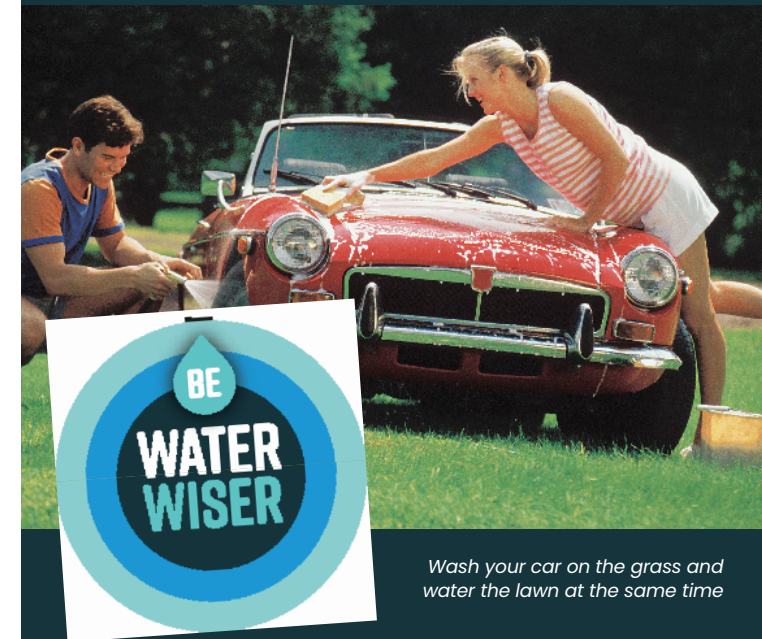
Don't spray in the middle of the day Set your clocks to hose before 9am and after 4pm and you'll reduce water being wasted through evaporation

Use a trigger nozzle on your hose Take control of where you're hosing, or use a watering can or bucket

Wash your car or boat on the grass Double the impact of your water use, and prevent chemicals washing from the road or driveway into our waterways

Don't hose down hard surfaces Use a broom or a bucket and mop to clean driveways, windows, walls and paved areas

By being Water Wiser, you'll contribute to our permanent, region-wide water conservation initiative aimed at reducing usage across the region by 5%.



Wash your car on the grass and water the lawn at the same time