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**FOURTH INSTALMENT STD**

ASSESSMENT NO: **360742**

DUE DATE: **31/05/2019**

TOTAL AMOUNT: **\$409.00**



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Reference No: **4E23AEE7EY**

Posting Date: **16/04/2019**

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**LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

36/14-18 Head Street, FORSTER NSW 2428  
Lot 36 SP 76001

**PROPERTY RATING CATEGORY**

Residential Forster

FOURTH INSTALMENT AMOUNT	\$409.00
PLEASE DEDUCT ANY PAYMENTS MADE SINCE 10/04/2019	
<b>AMOUNT PAYABLE</b>	<b>\$409.00</b>

**If there are any arrears included in this notice, interest charges will accrue daily at 7.5% per annum until paid and the assessment may be subject to recovery action by Council.**

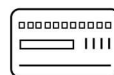
**If the instalment amount is not received by the due date, interest will be charged daily at 7.5% per annum.**

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

Help us reduce costs by setting up a direct debit.



**Direct Debit:**  
Arrange to have your rates paid automatically from your cheque or savings account. Complete the authority form on our website, or contact us.



**Credit Card<sup>1</sup>, by phone:**  
Call 1300 858 977 and quote Assessment No: **360742**

or

**Credit Card<sup>1</sup>, online:**  
Visit [www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/paymyrates](http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/paymyrates), select online payment and link to Great Lakes region, quoting Assessment No: **360742**



**Biller Code: 53017**  
**Ref: 5000 3607 42**

**Telephone/Internet:**  
Contact your participating financial institution to make this payment from your cheque or savings account. More info: [www.bpay.com.au](http://www.bpay.com.au)

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<sup>1</sup> Please note a merchant fee applies to all credit card payments.

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## ABOUT YOUR RATES & CHARGES

Your rates help us provide a whole range of important services that make our region a better place for us to live and work. These services include sporting fields, libraries, parks and playgrounds, waste management, and community services. Rates also support initiatives focused on protecting our environment, and the maintenance of our roads, bridges and footpaths. Visit our website to find out more about the range of services we provide, and to read about current works and projects. Your feedback is valuable to us! Visit [www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/HYS](http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/HYS) to have your say on current projects. To report a problem or request a service, complete the form at [www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/report](http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/report)

**Due Date / Instalments:** The Rating Year is 1 July to 30 June, with your annual Rate Notice issued each July. Payment can be made in full, or by quarterly instalments which fall due on 31 August, 30 November, 28 February and 31 May. Quarterly instalment notices will be issued 30 days before each one is due. We may accept payment under an agreement made under the NSW Local Government Act.

**Interest:** Arrears overdue as at June 30 will be subject to daily interest from July 1. Instalments not paid by their due dates will incur interest charges calculated daily from the instalment due date. We may write off accrued interest, rates or charges under certain circumstances.

**Postponed Rates:** If you have a single dwelling on land that could be subdivided or developed, the rateable value of your land may be more than is usual for a single dwelling. If this is the case you may be able to postpone the payment of part of your rates.

**Land Exempt from Rates:** The Local Government Act provides exemption from rates for certain types of properties such as Crown Land, Charitable Organisations and Religious Bodies. If you believe your property is exempt from Rates you may appeal against its rating. Contact us for further information.

**Selling or Buying:** If you sell your property, our records are updated so rate notices are issued to the new owner. If you had an automatic payment in place you'll need to cancel it and set up a new automatic payment on your new property.

**Categorisation:** We must declare all rateable land in our area to be in one of four categories: Residential, Farmland, Business

or Mining. Sub-categories of the main categories may also be made. The categorisation of the property is shown on the front of this notice. You can apply to have the category changed by completing an application form. If we do not change the category after reviewing your application, you can lodge an appeal to the Land and Environment Court within 30 days of receiving our decision. If the land use changes, for example from residential to business, you must notify us within 30 days of the change.

**Valuations:** In NSW council rates are levied based on the rateable land value of each parcel of land as supplied by the Valuer General. Rates will be calculated using property values with a base date of 1 July 2016.

**Pensioners:** Ratepayers who are eligible pensioners may be entitled to a rebate. The majority of pensioners will have already received the concession and it will be shown on the front of the July Rate Notice. To be eligible for the concession you must have a valid Pension Concession Card and reside on the rated property. If you think you're entitled to the concession, contact us to discuss your eligibility and to obtain a pension concession application form. Your Pensioner Rebate does not automatically transfer from one property to another, so you'll need to make a new application when you purchase another property if it is your sole place of residence.

**Change of details:** You'll need to notify us if the delivery address for your Rates Notice changes, so we can update our records. Please complete the change of contact details form at [www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au](http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au) If you want to change the name on your rates notice contact NSW Land Registry Services to do this, they will then notify Council so we can update our records.

Contact our Customer Service team for more information about your rates notice.

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## ADDITIONAL PAYMENT OPTIONS

 Mail: Please send cheque or money order to:  
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Managing bills with online banking has never been easier. BPAY View® sends your bills and statements straight to the same online bank you use to pay them, saving you from shuffling paper. Register for BPAY View® and receive, pay and store your bills in your online banking.



**In Person:**

Pay by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or debit or credit<sup>1</sup> card at one of our local offices, Monday to Friday:

Forster: 4 Breese Parade  
8.30am - 4.30pm

Tea Gardens: 245 Myall Street  
9.00am - 4.00pm

Stroud: 6 Church Lane  
9.00am - 12.00pm

Bulahdelah Rural Transaction Centre: 63 Stroud St  
9.00am - 1.00pm (Mon - Thurs), and  
9.00am - 3.00pm (Fri)



## REGISTER FOR YOUR RATES IN YOUR IN-BOX

Enjoy the convenience of having your rate notices delivered directly to your in-box, and help us save valuable rate-payer dollars at the same time. Register at [midcoast.enotices.com.au](http://midcoast.enotices.com.au) today!



## KEEP YOUR BEST MATE SAFE

Our four-legged friends are an important part of our community! But did you know it's a legal requirement that all dogs and cats are microchipped and registered?



Owners are required by law to ensure:

- their animal has identification tags
- their property has adequate fencing
- their pet is effectively controlled when in public
- they update their address details when they move.

While councils are empowered to ensure public safety, it's everyone's responsibility to obey the law and care for their animals. By microchipping, registering and keeping your details updated, you can relax knowing your pet will be returned home in the event it is lost or stolen.

When pet owners do the right thing everyone wins – the animals, their owners and our community. Find out more about responsible pet ownership by visiting [midcoast.nsw.gov.au/pets](http://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/pets)



## A strategy for greening our region

Increasing the quality and quantity of vegetation is the aim of a Greening Strategy, which will be prepared for the MidCoast region.

The strategy will look at where vegetation controls will be harmonised across the region and how native vegetation will be protected. Currently there are tree protection controls in parts of Great Lakes, but no controls in place across the rest of the MidCoast Council area.

Community engagement will be a critical part of developing the strategy to ensure we take the views and aspirations of our community into account in the preparation of the strategy.

## Cleaning up across the MidCoast



The 2019 Bulky Waste Collection will kick off in Forster on 29 April, so now's the time to start thinking about those bulky, unused items cluttering your garage, garden shed, or inside the house.

Mark your calendar with your region's collection period:

- GREAT LAKES** 29 April – 14 June
- MANNING** 24 June – 9 August
- GLOUCESTER** 19 - 30 August



Look out for the brochure in your letterbox in the lead-up to the collection in your area. It outlines what items will be collected, and those that won't, and provides strict guidelines on how to place your waste out for collection.

- Help us avoid sending general waste to landfill – if an item is still in working order, think about selling it or giving it to someone else
- This year we're also collecting electronic waste – simply place it in your General Waste pile
- No-one likes a trashy neighbourhood, so do the right thing by preparing your waste for collection according to our guidelines, and only place it out at the specified times.

**Items placed out earlier, or rejected items left out after the collection is finished, will be classed as illegal dumping and may attract hefty fines.**

Visit [midcoast.nsw.gov.au/bulkywaste](http://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/bulkywaste) to find out when the collection will take place in your zone, and for information about what will be accepted.

Re-Imagine Waste is a region-wide initiative aimed at reducing the amount of waste going to landfill.



# FOCUS ON THE ROADS THAT CONNECT US

Providing safe driving conditions on our 3,574km road network, and 542 bridges, remains our number one priority.

In this financial year, \$55million is being invested in renewal and rehabilitation works and another \$15million on maintenance works. That's \$777 for every MidCoast resident, compared to as little as \$30 per resident in some Sydney suburbs.

A series of major projects in this year's program have been funded by the NSW Government in association with council, as part of the \$100M Road Upgrade Package, These cover rehabilitation of connector roads in areas such as Bungwahl, Krumbach, Old Bar, Rainbow Flat, Charlotte Bay and Barrington.



A 630m stretch of busy Avalon Road at Krumbach connecting travellers between Gloucester and the Pacific Highway, was targeted for reconstruction. The project which is nearing completion includes widening of lanes and construction of the additional road width, a full reconstruction of the existing road pavement, line-marking, and installation of signage for improved safety.

Visit [midcoast.nsw.gov.au/roads](http://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/roads) to find out more and to search for roadworks near you.

## Water update

**A big thanks to our community for their support during our recent water restrictions. It has been, as we all know, a long hot summer.**

As a result we had to implement water restrictions across the region during late summer. Our trigger levels for water restrictions are based on flows in our rivers. While there is enough water flowing there is no need to restrict our community's water use. Restrictions are required when the flow of the rivers drop to a level where we are unable to pump.

Four of our five water supplies are reliant on river flows – the Manning scheme (which provides water to all of the Manning region plus Forster and Tuncurry residents), Bulahdelah, Stroud and Gloucester. The Tea Gardens and Hawks Nest water supply is drawn from an aquifer, however lack of rain also has an impact on underground water levels.

Given the long-term outlook, at some stage we may need to go back into restrictions. We encourage our community to frequently check the **Latest News** section on our website for details.



## STRONGER COMMUNITIES

### Shading our playgrounds

We know shade at our local playgrounds is important to our community, and we are currently working on designs to deliver shade to eight playgrounds across our region.

Over the next six months we will be rolling out structured or natural shade improvements over playground equipment as part of our commitment to improving facilities for our community. Much of this is the result of a \$550,000 funding package received under the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund late last year.

Parks we are currently designing shade structures for include Lone Pine Tuncurry, Palmgrove Park Forster, Central Park Wingham, Billabong Park Gloucester, Allan Park Stroud, Oxley Reserve Harrington, Coolongolook Reserve and Providence Bay Park, Hawks Nest.



**Did you know!** We manage 86 playgrounds across our region, with 10 identified as high use/ regional parks.

## Office centralisation

For the latest information about centralising our Taree and Forster administrative functions at Biripi Way, visit [midcoast.nsw.gov.au/headoffice](http://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/headoffice)

## Let us know

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