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SECOND INSTALMENT STD

ASSESSMENT NO: **360742**
DUE DATE: **30/11/2018**

TOTAL AMOUNT: **\$409.00**



For emailed notices:
midcoast.enotices.com.au
Reference No: **5814B4E3DZ**

Posting Date: **19/10/2018**

Important: Please contact us if your mailing address is incorrect (see over)

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

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

PROPERTY RATING CATEGORY

Residential Forster

SECOND INSTALMENT AMOUNT	\$409.00
PLEASE DEDUCT ANY PAYMENTS MADE SINCE 15/10/2018	
AMOUNT PAYABLE	\$409.00

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.

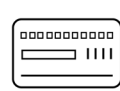
If the instalment amount is not received by the due date, interest will be charged daily at 7.5% per annum.

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 Card¹, by phone:
Call 1300 858 977 and quote Assessment No: **360742**

or

Credit Card¹, online:
Visit 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

See over for additional payment options.

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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 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

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 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:
PO Box 450, Forster NSW 2428



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 credit¹ 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 today!

COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS

We'll be out and about talking to our community in November on the proposal to centralise our administration functions to the former Masters site on Biripi Way, Taree.

We purchased the site in December last year as an opportunity to gain efficiencies by centralising 350 staff currently located across three sites in Taree and Forster. Investigations have also looked at the option of refurbishing our existing buildings to establish a campus model, where staff would be moved to bring teams together.

While it's estimated the fit out costs of the Biripi Way site will be more than the campus model, our modelling has shown that in the long term we will deliver lower operating costs and greater efficiencies to our community as a result of a centralised office arrangement. Operating and maintaining three buildings costs



significantly more than operating and maintaining one building.

A financing strategy for the fit out of the centralised office space is due to be presented to Councillors in late October, outlining

potential funding arrangements for consideration. This will include the cost of the fit out as well as other financial considerations like the sale or lease of existing buildings, and establishing a customer service point in Forster.

It is anticipated the outcome will be shared during community discussions in November, when we will talk with you about the proposal and financing options canvassed in the strategy. Keep an eye on midcoast.nsw.gov.au/relocation or our Facebook for details of the Biripi Way community discussions to be held around the region.

Marketing our region

Tourism strategy

Following on from the completion of our destination management plan, our tourism team has been working to develop a destination brand strategy to market our region to visitors.

As part of the development of this strategy, the destination name Barrington Coast has been adopted and will be used in an ongoing marketing campaign to attract tourists to our region, supporting the visitor economy. The new tourism brand strategy will help us to promote the diverse range of outstanding experiences, places, characters and stories our region has to offer to our targeted markets.

Effective tourism branding will also support our local communities and businesses to reach new audiences and encourage more visitors to see our region, year-round.



Special offer

Claim a subsidised compost bin

Our waste team has been busy focusing on ways we can help residents manage waste responsibly, and composting is a great start!

Composting is good for the environment, and great for your budget! Right now, you can learn how to turn your kitchen scraps into free, nutrient-rich fertiliser for your garden by taking a free online tutorial. And once you're done, you'll be eligible to collect a dome compost bin and aerator (valued at over \$60) for just \$20* – imagine that! For details and to sign-up visit midcoast.nsw.gov.au/compost

Organic waste ending up in our landfills produces a powerful greenhouse gas that contributes to climate pollution. Our online composting offer is part of the Re-imagine Waste initiative, aimed at encouraging everyone to help us reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.

For tips on recycling right, and to find out what's happening locally during next month's National Recycling Week visit midcoast.nsw.gov.au/recycling

*Offer limited to one claim per household, available to MidCoast residents only.



Zoning in on our future

Like all NSW councils, when it comes to town planning and land-use in our region, we're required to work within a legislative and well-documented framework. But unlike most other councils, we're currently working from three different frameworks – one for each of the three former regions – and that's confusing for everyone!

Over the coming months, our strategic planners are zoning in on the zones used across the MidCoast to develop a clear, consistent planning framework that will guide the way we manage land use across the entire region.

The result will be a single, contemporary set of planning controls that caters for our community now and into the future while ensuring we maintain the unique character of our existing towns, villages and rural areas.

Find out more about the process, and register your interest to be involved by visiting midcoast.nsw.gov.au/zoningin

FOCUS ON THE ROADS THAT CONNECT US

At the time of our last newsletter we'd received confirmation of a \$50 million allocation from the NSW Government for our roads and bridges, which allows us to deliver a \$100 million roadcare program for our community.

With this in mind, and along with funding made possible through the SRV, our engineering team has been busy preparing a schedule of works that will roll out over the next four years.

The focus remains firmly on the roads that connect our community. Carrying high volumes of traffic, they're the roads we travel in our daily lives – for business, to the shops, to school or work, and to meet up with friends and family. Check below for the list of roads being targeted for reconstruction, keeping in mind:

- a condition assessment has been undertaken to determine which stretches of each road require reconstruction, meaning the full length of the road will not be targeted;
- through the program we will be bringing the roads up to today's standards which will improve safety, for example by widening them and providing safer road shoulders;
- while the program will make a significant difference to the safety and durability of our road network, our backlog will continue to be a challenge.

The \$100 million program complements our existing capital works and maintenance programs, which when combined with RMS roads funding and project-specific grants, sees an investment of around \$70 million in our transport network in the current year alone.

Some of the roads that connect us:

- Avalon Road
- Old Bar Road
- The Lakes Way
- Wingham Road
- Stroud Hill Road
- Gloucester Road
- Thunderbolts Way
- The Bucketts Way



We remain committed to delivering a connected MidCoast community, and improving the condition, safety and durability of our transport network.

To find out more about our roadworks program, or to search roadworks near you, visit midcoast.nsw.gov.au/roads

Volunteering: good for you, good for others



We're currently seeking active people who would like to take on a rewarding role as a MidCoast Assist volunteer. You'll help us provide a fun, friendly atmosphere across a varied range of social activities, and provide practical assistance for our older MidCoast residents.

We're also seeking drivers to help our clients to their appointments, assist with shopping, and help them attend social activities.

Call 1300 65 88 30, or for more information, visit midcoastassist.com.au/volunteering