



## WHAT IS HAPPENING ON OUR ROADS AND BRIDGES THIS WEEK?

Maintenance is scheduled to be undertaken during the week commencing Monday 24 February in the following locations:

- **Road Patching** - Nowendoc Road, Hillville Road, Gloucester Road, Wingham Road, The Bucketts Way - Taree area.
- **Grading** - Koppin Yarratt Road - Bobin, Marlee, Oxley Island and Tinonee areas.
- **Gravel Resheeting** - Bootawa Dam Road
- **Roadside Slashing** - The Lakes Way, Blackhead Road, Godfrey Hill Road - Kivarrak Estate.
- **Overgrown Vegetation** - clearing Bulli Road, Koppin Yarratt (top end) - Upper Lansdowne, Melinga area

### Road Updates

#### • River Street Taree

The final seal completed with sign posting to be provided in the next week and line marking of parking spaces to be completed by end of February.

#### • The Lakes Way

Reduced speed limits apply. Two way traffic under traffic signals will apply till end of project. Completion due mid March.

#### • Manning River Drive (Masters Development)

The construction of a new roundabout servicing the Masters store is underway. Traffic delays will be minimal.

#### • Wallanbah Road - Section 2

Works progressing, reduced speed limits within work zones. One way traffic under traffic lights between Dargavilles Road and Tenants Road at all times. Motorists entering Wallanbah Road from Dargavilles Road or Tenants Road are to only enter traffic in direction of flow.

#### • Manning Point Road, Mitchells Island - Section 3

Road works underway, reduced speed limits on one-way pavements within work zones. Occasional short delays, one-way traffic under traffic lights during the week.

### Remediation of Landslip Works

#### • Nowendoc Road

Slope stabilisation works are progressing, **road closed** from 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday until further notice.

#### • Bulga Road

Slope stabilisation works are progressing, **road closed** from 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday until further notice.

Motorists are advised to note any changed traffic conditions and speed restrictions imposed on any roadwork. Please note that variations in weather or other events may alter this schedule. Visit MyRoadInfo.com.au for current updates of our road and bridge works.

## PUBLIC EXHIBITION

### DRAFT CATTAI WETLANDS FUTURE DIRECTIONS STRATEGY

Feedback is being sought from the community on the Draft Future Directions Strategy for the Cattai Wetlands.

The aims to consolidate and build on past gains in the environmental management and rehabilitation of the Wetlands and intends to guide the area's day-to-day management as well as the longer-term aspirations for the site.

To view the strategy, visit [taree.cc/feedback](http://taree.cc/feedback), Council's Administration Centre or any Council library between Friday 21 February 2014 and Friday 21 March 2014.

## PUBLIC EXHIBITION - COUNCIL POLICIES

Have your say on your policies!

The following council policies are currently under review by Council. If you would like to let us know what you think please go to [taree.cc/feedback](http://taree.cc/feedback) and provide your thoughts:

- Aggregation of Land Values for Rating Purposes
- Appointment and Management of s355 Committees
- Community Engagement Policy
- Councillor Communication Policy
- Communication Protocol
- Debt Recovery Policy
- Dedication of Land to Council
- Dogs on Beaches Policy
- Hardship Policy for Rates
- Media
- Roads Response
- Vehicles on Beaches

These draft policies are available for the public to view and make comment until 7 March 2014.

Council's existing and adopted policies can be accessed at [taree.cc/policies](http://taree.cc/policies).

Submissions on the draft policies may be lodged either by email or in writing at the address listed below until 5pm on 7 March 2014. It is anticipated that the policies will then be considered for adoption at the March Meeting of Council.

## DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS

Notice is hereby given that Council, pursuant to the provisions of Section 101 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979, has approved the following development applications from 11 to 14 February 2014.

The development consents are available for public inspection without charge at Council's Customer Service Centre at 2 Pulteney Street Taree during ordinary office hours.

### Consent Number Description - Address

256/2014/DA	Dwelling Additions - 23A Lambert Street Wingham
236/2014/DA	Dwelling - 2 Riverlinks Court Taree
184/2014/DA	Trailer Sales, Service and Hire - Lot 2 Manning River Drive, Taree South
258/2014/DA	Awning - 62 Ritchie Crescent Taree
259/2014/DA	Shop Additions - 197-201 Victoria Street Taree
195/2014/DA	Shed - 81 Electra Parade Harrington
251/2014/DA	Swimming pool - 46 Hogan Street Harrington

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Council resolved on 20 November 2013 to apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a 5% Special Rate Variation (SRV) over 5 years to raise additional rates in the form of an Environmental Levy to assist in the implementation of Council's Environmental Action Plan (2013). One of the criteria which the application for the SRV will be assessed against requires Council to inform its community of the extent and impact of the proposed rate rise on its ratepayers. Now that the rate peg has been announced and data on the revised land valuations from the NSW Valuer General has been received, Council is in a position to more accurately advise on the impact to the community of the proposed SRV (Environmental Levy).

IPART has set the rate peg for the 2014/15 financial year at 2.3%. This means that the total increase in rates for the coming financial year will be 7.3% if the 5% Environmental Levy is approved by IPART. If the Environmental Levy is not approved then the rates will only increase by the 2.3% rate peg amount. Council has now determined the rates for 2014/15, with the weekly and annual average increases for each rating category shown below under the two rating scenarios:

### Scenario 1: Average rates based on a 7.3% increase (5% Environmental Levy + 2.3% Rate Peg)

Rate Category	2013/14 average rate	2014/15 average rate	Average weekly increase	Average annual increase
Residential	\$955.10	\$1,026.08	\$1.36	\$70.98
Farmland	\$1,583.81	\$1,697.29	\$2.18	\$113.48
Business	\$3,268.28	\$3,531.60	\$5.06	\$263.32

### Scenario 2: Average rates based on the 2.3% rate peg increase (ie no Environmental Levy)

Rate Category	2013/14 average rate	2014/15 average rate	Average weekly increase	Average annual increase
Residential	\$955.10	\$978.26	\$0.45	\$23.16
Farmland	\$1,583.81	\$1,618.20	\$0.66	\$34.39
Business	\$3,268.28	\$3,367.03	\$1.90	\$98.75

Council is likely to be notified as to whether the SRV application is successful in June 2014.

## TAREE COUNCILLORS' FORUM

Councillors will be at the Manning Uniting Church, 29 Albert Street Taree on Wednesday 5 March from 6pm to 7.30pm.

Councillors will discuss issues important to residents, so please email issues you would like raised at the forum to [gtaree@gtcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gtaree@gtcc.nsw.gov.au) no later than Friday 28 February.

## GROUPS INVITED TO APPLY FOR CCBIR

Greater Taree City Council is inviting community groups to consider their capital infrastructure project requests for consideration during the preparation of the 2014-2015 budget, through the Community Capital Budget Item Request (CCBIR) program.

Submissions should be for new or replacement facilities constructed on Council-owned public land, with a value exceeding \$5,000. While submitting a request does not guarantee the project will be funded, it will assist Council to understand the infrastructure projects that the community see as important and inform decision making around such projects in the future.

Council is keen to secure community partnerships for such projects and so the opportunity to undertake infrastructure projects with the applicant community group should be highlighted. Maintenance requests to existing infrastructure will not be considered through this process.

The CCBIR application form and further information is available on Council's website [taree.cc/ccbir](http://taree.cc/ccbir), and applications will be accepted until Friday 28 February 2014.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Exhibition of Amendment No. 7 to the Greater Taree Local Environmental Plan 2010 - Halliday Shores Planning Proposal and Voluntary Planning Agreement

Council has resolved to undertake an amendment to the Greater Taree Local Environmental Plan 2010 to:

1. Rezone land from the E3 Environmental Management zone to RU1 Primary Production, and other sections of the land from RU1 Primary Production to E3 Environmental Management.

2. Amend the associated Land Zoning and Height of Buildings maps. The land affected by the planning proposal is Lot 1 DP 1048443.

The Minister has issued an authorisation for Council to exercise delegation to make this plan given the local significance of the proposal.

A Voluntary Planning Agreement for landscaping on the land is being exhibited in conjunction with the Planning Proposal.

The planning proposal that details the amendments and Voluntary Planning Agreement can be viewed at [taree.cc/feedback](http://taree.cc/feedback) or at Council's Administration Centre (2 Pulteney Street, Taree), Taree Library and Hallidays Point Library.

Council is seeking feedback on the proposed amendments and the Voluntary Planning Agreement until 4.30pm, Friday, 28 February 2014.

Submissions can be sent via email to [gtaree@gtcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gtaree@gtcc.nsw.gov.au). Please address written correspondence to:

The General Manager  
Re: Halliday Shores Planning Proposal and Voluntary Planning Agreement - S1165  
Greater Taree City Council  
PO Box 482  
Taree 2430

Please ensure your contact details are included on the submission.

If you have any queries please contact Council on (02) 6592 5399 during office hours.