Gloucester Shire Council

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DRAFT TOWN CENTRE PLANS ON EXHIBITION

Gloucester Shire Council is exhibiting its Draft Town Centre Plan from Wednesday, 1 August until Wednesday, 29 August 2012, for review and comment by any member of the public.

The Draft Plan has examined likely future development of the town centre and has identified a range of principles aimed at making the centre a vibrant and pleasant place to be. The core principles address issues such as connectivity, strengthening Billabong Park, amenity and appearance improvements, gateway improvements, additional parking opportunities, and an examination of options for Gloucester Railway Station and the old dairy factory site.

Copies of the draft documents are available at Council's Administration Centre and the Library, and are also accessible on Council's website. Council's consultant, Peter Andrews, will be presenting the Plans to a public meeting on Monday, 6 August at the Senior Citizens Centre commencing at 5:30pm. Any interested member of the public is welcome to attend.

Any submission from members of the public needs to be received by Council by 4:30pm on 29 August 2012.

Enquiries can be directed to Council's Director of Planning and Environment Mr Graham Gardner on ph 6538 5250.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK - MEET WITH COUNCILLORS AT MEETING PLACE Friday 17th August 2012

NSW Local Government Week, has as its theme, *Local Knowledge, Local Services, Local Community* commences on 17th August.

Council will be conducting its annual *Meet with Councillors* and *Senior Staff* in the Meeting Place (Denison St) from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

This is a great opportunity for residents and ratepayers to discuss their issues with a Councillor over a tea or coffee. Your issues will be recorded.

Newer residents who have not as yet met with a Councillor or senior staff are encouraged to attend where you will be made most welcome.

For further details please phone Leanne Watson 65385 250 during office hours.

COUNCIL WINS MIDCOAST WATER LIBRARY GRANT FUNDING

Gloucester Shire Council will be the recipient of a $1500 library grant funding from MidCoast Water.

This funding is available to local libraries each year and is utilised for the purchase of environmental books and resources.

The Library is looking forward to expanding its collection of environmental books and resources. The funding in the past has been made available to Taree and Great Lakes Councils, and is now being expanded to incorporate Gloucester Shire Council.

NATIONAL TREE DAY SUCCESS

Council would like to thank the participants of National Tree Day, which was celebrated last Friday with a tree and shrub give away at the Council's Administration Centre.

The event was well attended with 500 native trees and shrubs being given away to local residents. A total of 70 plants were also given away to local schools.

REWARD FOR PLATYPUS SIGHTINGS

News of platypus sightings from the Manning and Great Lakes areas is wanted by the Platypus Awareness and Conservation Team (PACT).

Fill in the survey at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/platypus-survey by 7 September 2012 and include your contact details to be in the draw for prizes.

Winners of the draw will be announced at the Platypus Festival at 12 noon on Saturday 8 September.

More information is available at www.midcoast water.com.au/platypus.

ENGINEERING WORKS UPDATE

Council advises that the following works are currently being carried out within the Shire:

- Higgins Bridge - Concreting gravel approaches
- Carters Road - Gravel and grade
- Callaghans Creek Road - Gravel and grade
- Giro Road - Gravel and grade
- Thunderbolts Way - Reconstruction works approx 60km from town
- Various concrete works within the town area

More detailed information is available on Council's website www.gloucester.nsw.gov.au

HIGGINS BRIDGE – CLOSURE FOR WORKS

Higgins Bridge on Curricabark Road will be closed for a period of up to 2 weeks for major works on both approaches during August and September (weather permitting).

For residents' information, advisory signs will be in place providing information regarding access and detours. Residents are advised to review the signs prior to planning their journey.

CHILL OUT FESTIVAL

Council extends its congratulations to the Gloucester Business Chamber on its organisation of an extremely successful Chill Out Festival on Saturday last.

The Street Parade, market stalls, various displays and events and participation of main street businesses all contributed to a memorable day which was enjoyed by the many attendees.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – 15 AUGUST 2012 COMMENCING AT 9.30AM

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