

Student Planner

Location: MidCoast NSW

Start building your future with MidCoast Council

Our 2027 career pathway opportunities are a great way to gain practical experience and a recognised qualification. Whether you're entering the workforce, expanding your skills or considering a career change, there are opportunities across a range of interests and pathways.

You'll receive support from experienced mentors, develop valuable workplace skills and contribute to projects that benefit our local community.

Discover why MidCoast Council is a great place to work

With opportunities across our incredible region, you could work in modern facilities, outdoors in the community or on a range of practical projects. We're committed to helping our people learn, grow and reach their goals while providing a supportive environment.

The Opportunity

Are you currently studying Town Planning or Urban and Regional Planning, or interested in pursuing a career in the planning field?

MidCoast Council now has a unique and exciting opportunity for a Student Planner to join our Land Use Planning or Development Assessment team.

In addition to learning as you earn, the Student Planner will have access to an education package of \$10,000 to assist in completing a planning qualification.

The Student Planner will contribute to interactions between Council, stakeholders, and the community and will undertake development assessment duties within the Development Assessment Team, and contribute to the development and implementation of planning projects, policies, strategies and plans within the Land Use Planning Team.

The successful candidate will be conscientious and committed to learning within a collaborative team environment, and will demonstrate a genuine interest in pursuing a career in planning.

This is a great opportunity to immerse yourself in a team of planning professionals and kick start your career in local government. If you would like to hear more about the Student Planner position, don't hesitate to reach out!

Successful candidates will commence employment on Monday, 1 February 2027.

What you'll bring:

- Currently enrolled in a Town Planning or Urban and Regional Planning course at an Australian University or the ability to enrol by January 2027
- Demonstrated commitment to academic studies and workplace learning
- A positive, collaborative mindset and strong interpersonal and teamwork skills
- Research, analytical, and problem-solving skills

What we offer

Salary: Salary range \$32,500 to \$55,300 in accordance with the Local Government (State) Award.

Your salary will be determined based on your age, qualifications, and any previous work experience. Superannuation (12%) is additional.

Location: MidCoast Council's Administration and Customer Service Centre on 2 Biripi Way, Taree. You will also be required to be based from other Council sites across the MidCoast Council region.

Tenure:

- 2-year fixed term
- Full-time 35 hours per week, Monday to Friday

Closing date: Monday 5 October 2026 at 11.00 pm.

For questions relating to Land Use Planning please contact Michael Griffith – Manager Land Use Planning who is the hiring manager for this role. Michael can be reached on

(02) 7955 7763 or at michael.griffith@midcoast.nsw.gov.au.

For questions relating to Development Assessment please contact Adam Matlawski – Manager Development Assessment and Building Certification who is the hiring manager for this role. Adam can be reached on (02) 7955 7306 or at adam.matlawski@midcoast.nsw.gov.au.

For enquiries regarding the application process contact Kim Aird, Human Resources Officer who is the HR representative for this role. Kim can be reached on (02) 7955 7467 or at kim.aird@midcoast.nsw.gov.au.

How to apply:

- When responding to the questions below, please include detailed and relevant examples of your skills and experience. Using the STAR method can help you prepare clear and concise responses using real-life examples. For more information regarding the STAR method, [please click on this link](#).
- Please avoid using AI to generate responses to answer the questions in your application.
- You have the option to save your application prior to submitting, however please ensure you don't forget to submit your application before the closing date.
- Click the "NEXT" button at the bottom of the application form to attach your resume. We recommend using Pdf formatting where possible.
- Attaching a Cover Letter is not a requirement of the application process. However, there is an 'optional field' to attach a Cover Letter, if you wish to do so.
- We will be in touch via email.

Our organisation

At MidCoast Council our people are our most important resource and we believe that we can only reach our full potential when you reach yours. This is the place for those who seek to play a role in the community and have an enthusiasm to learn and grow. Here you can make a real difference.

Our community is our customer and is at the centre of everything we do. We value, support and empower our people to deliver positive results for our community.

Right now, we are investing heavily in our organisation, and our people. Our Administration Centre is a state-of-the-art facility designed to inspire innovation, creativity and collaboration. The building has been named 'Yalawanyi Ganya' which means "sitting/meeting place" in the Gathang language of the indigenous people

across the MidCoast Region.

About the MidCoast Region

From lakes and estuaries to white sandy beaches to world heritage mountain wilderness, the MidCoast region offers an attractive lifestyle for everyone. Our community is characterised by its welcoming attitude, growing economy and natural beauty. These are the pillars of the quality of life we value.

Our commitment

At MidCoast Council we are committed to providing equal employment opportunities. Our aim is to provide all of our staff with an inclusive, safe and healthy working environment. We never discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age or marital, veteran or disability status. If you have a disability and need to request any adjustments to assist with the application process, or to discuss workplace adjustments you may require, please contact the HR representative.

Council also recognises the skills and attributes of veterans and welcomes applications from ex-service personnel.

We respectfully ask that recruitment agencies do not contact us at this stage.