

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN SHOALHAVEN FACT SHEET

Local Government was first established in the Shoalhaven area by James Graham. The Municipal Council of Shoalhaven which proclaimed on 22nd September, 1859. Alexander Berry objected to his lands being included in the Municipality and applied to the Supreme Court for an injunction. Mayor James Graham appealed to the Privy Council, which delivered its findings, in favour of Berry in 1865. The Council became defunct.

Two new Municipal Councils were incorporated on 26th October, 1868, Broughton's Creek & Bomaderry (north of the river), and Numbaa (south side of the river).

Over the next few years the demand for Local Government by residents of the widely scattered settlements saw other Municipal areas declared.

These smaller Councils amalgamated into one council, the Shoalhaven Shire Council in 1948. The Shire of Shoalhaven was proclaimed the City of Shoalhaven on 1st August 1979.

Shoalhaven Municipal Area	1859-1861	Area declared illegal by Privy Council
Broughton Creek & Bomaderry Municipal Council	1868-1890	Amalgamated into Berry Municipal Council
Numbaa Municipal Council	1868-1895	Amalgamated into Central Shoalhaven Municipal Council
Broughton Vale Municipal Council	1871-1948	
Nowra Municipal Council	1872-1948	
Ulladulla Municipal Council	1874-1948	
Central Shoalhaven Municipal Council	1879-1895	Amalgamated into South Shoalhaven Municipal Council
Berry Municipal Council	1891-1948	
South Shoalhaven Municipal Council	1896-1948	
Cambewarra Shire Council	1906-1948	
Clyde Shire Council	1907-1948	
Shoalhaven Shire Council	1948-1979	Shoalhaven City Council was proclaimed on 1st August 1979

Resources

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