

# NOWRA CBD CCTV PROJECT

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

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Shoalhaven City Council aims to be clear and transparent in all its operations. This FAQ sheet is designed to provide answers to common questions that may be asked in regards to the Nowra CBD CCTV Scheme.

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### WHAT IS CCTV?

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CCTV is an abbreviation for Close Circuit Television. It involves the use of video cameras to transmit video information to a central location. It is a common tool used in crime prevention.

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### WHO OWNS THE EQUIPMENT FOR THE PROJECT?

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Shoalhaven City Council is the owner of the equipment for the Nowra CBD CCTV Project.

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### HOW WAS THE PROJECT FUNDED?

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The project was funded by a grant from the National Crime Prevention Programme (NCCPP) administered by the Commonwealth Attorney General's Department.

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### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME?

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The scheme aims to reduce the incidence of crime and anti social behaviour in the Nowra CBD; increase the perception that the area is a safe place; reduce the fear of crime amongst business operators and members of the community as well as enhancing the availability and quality of evidence available to Police.

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### WHO ELSE IS INVOLVED IN THE NOWRA CBD CCTV PROJECT?

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Shoalhaven City Council has formed a partnership with the Nowra Local Area Command of the NSW Police Force.

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### HOW WERE CAMERA LOCATIONS SELECTED?

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Camera locations were selected through examination of crime statistics and information from Police as to crime "hot spots"

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### HOW MANY CAMERAS ARE BEING USED?

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18 cameras have been installed in the scheme.

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## WHERE HAVE CAMERAS BEEN INSTALLED?

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Cameras are located at the following locations:

**Junction Court:**

Cameras are installed on, or near, Annie's Bookshop, Robertson Lawyers and the garage near the National Australia Bank.

**Kinghorne Street:**

The Commonwealth Bank building.

**Junction Street:**

On, or near, the Commonwealth Bank and Westpac Bank; Aquatique Surf Shop; Priceline Pharmacy and Harris Scarfe

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## HOW DOES THE SYSTEM WORK?

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Video images are transmitted from the cameras in the CBD via a wireless link to recording equipment housed in the Nowra Police Station. Images are presented on a computer monitor housed in the Police Station.

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## HOW LONG WILL CCTV VIDEO FOOTAGE BE KEPT FOR?

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Video information will be retained for 30 days. The only information that will be retained for a longer period is video data that is part of an on going Police investigation or Court Proceedings.