



SHOALHAVEN ANNUAL COMMUNITY REPORT

2010 . 2011

A reflection of Shoalhaven City Council's Annual Report (2010/2011) available at www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/MyCouncil/Communitystrategicplan.aspx

OUR SHOALHAVEN

160km from Sydney | 170kms of coast line | 109 beaches | 4660 square kms
| 70% of Shoalhaven is national park, state forest or vacant land | Two major centres,
Bomaderry/Nowra and Milton/Ulladula | 49 towns and villages | Main employment
sectors: defence, tourism, manufacturing, government services and agriculture | A rich
Aboriginal cultural heritage | 96,000 residents | 1.232 million overnight visitors |
1.247 million day visitors | 12 pools including 2 leisure and 2 aquatic centres | 1769kms
of council maintained roads | Five libraries, including one mobile library

OUR LEADERS

The 2010/11 financial year has seen Shoalhaven City Council undertake a number of significant infrastructure projects, each of which will provide positive long term effects for local residents.

One of the highlights of the past year has been the progress made on the Shoalhaven Cancer Care Centre. The facility is now a step closer to fruition after the NSW State Government recently rezoned the site to facilitate the proposed Centre.

Other highlights throughout the 2010/2011 year include–

- the launch of Council's Community Strategic Plan and completion of work on redevelopment of Council's website
- opening of the Huskisson Sports Amenities
- completion of both the Currarong Skate Park and \$1.2 million Currarong Boat Ramp
- opening of the \$2.2 million Shoalhaven Hockey Centre
- \$2.4 million extensions to the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre.

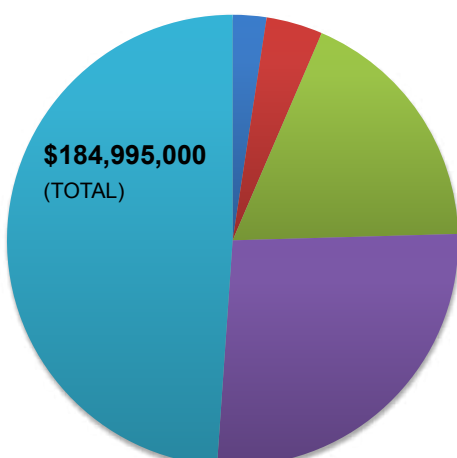
Council finalised the Draft Shoalhaven LEP for public exhibition, and progressed numerous other planning proposal including Jerberra Estate zoning, Ulladulla Civic Centre and Library upgrade, and community – initiated path projects.

These highlights are only a select snapshot of the many activities and projects Shoalhaven City Council has undertaken in the past 12 months.

It is very pleasing to see that Council has continued to deliver quality services and facilities to the Shoalhaven area throughout 2010/11 ensuring that we act on our vision of making the Shoalhaven a great place to live, work, stay and play.

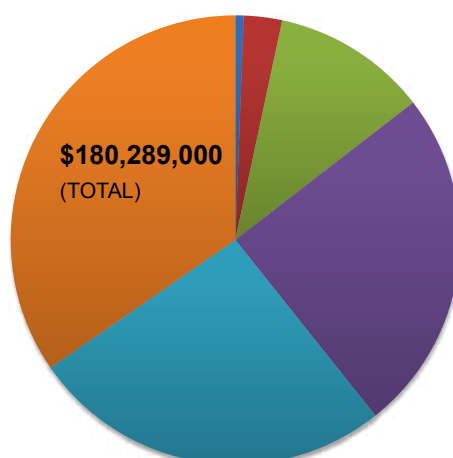
FINANCIALS

Operating Income



Rates & Annual Charges \$90,457,000
User Charges & Fees \$49,126,000
Grants & Contributions \$33,463,000
Interest \$7,483,000
Other \$4,466,000

Operating Expenditure



Employee Costs \$62,428,000
Depreciation Expense \$47,016,000
Materials & Contracts \$44,641,000
Other Expenses \$20,169,000
Borrowing Costs \$4,955,000
Losses from the Disposal of Assets \$1,080,000

OUR COMMUNITY

As Shoalhaven evolves, grows and changes it will be vital for Council to provide for and foster sustainable, strong and cohesive communities across the diverse settlements of the City. Working together we will provide for future community needs, ensuring equity and social inclusion, community engagement, cultural activities, excellence in the provision of facilities and services, the development and support of communities and enhanced lifestyle opportunities.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Improved comfort and gym equipment at the Bay and Basin Leisure centre
- 5 star Royal Life Saving Society of Australia safety rating for the Ulladulla and Bay and Basin Leisure centres as well as the Bomaderry and Sussex Aquatic centres
- Successful exhibitions held for the Travelling Archibald's prize 2010 and Parliament of NSW Aboriginal art prize
- Adoption of smART spaces – Shoalhaven's strategic plan and vision for Arts in the city
- Well-received children and mothers remembrance services at Council's Worrigeer lawn cemetery Chapel
- Completion of a new cemetery memorial Earth Garden, encouraging sustainable and environmentally friendly interment of ashes
- Lady Denman Heritage complex and Shoalhaven Heads Community Centre obtained Veolia Mulwarree Trust project funding
- Kitchen renovation works completed for Huskisson Community Centre and Vincentia Public Hall
- Community and staff training in: customer service for people with a disability; responding to abuse of older people and Aboriginal Cultural Awareness
- "Breastfeeding Friendly Shoalhaven" delivered as a joint initiative between Shoalhaven City Council and the Australian Breastfeeding Association (ABA)
- Completion of cycle ways and shared user paths at West Ulladulla and Jervis Bay foreshore, Vincentia
- The Kangaroo Valley sewerage scheme started, with work on access road and design and construct contract for the sewerage plant
- Shoalhaven Heads sewerage treatment plant upgrade on target for completion by February 2012
- New pumping stations - Concorde Way, Bomaderry to provide improved environmental outcomes and Quinns Lane, South Nowra to service Green Orchid Estate and surrounds
- Shoalhaven Water performed well in the National Performance Report 2009-10, with minimal water and sewer main breaks, fewer customer complaints and the highest % of customer calls answered within 30 seconds.
- State of the art play equipment installed in three Council parks including Bomaderry Lions Park, Thompson Street sporting complex, Sussex Inlet and Voyager Park, Huskisson
- Harry Sawkins Park received a major face lift with the removal of the floating weed from the pond surface.



OUR ENVIRONMENT

Shoalhaven Environments focuses on enhancing, managing and maintaining Shoalhaven's distinct and exceptional natural environment by supporting biodiversity, planning for future impacts of climate change and population expansion, and pursuing innovative and ecologically sustainable policies and approaches to development and community living.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Biodiversity protection integrated into the draft Local Environment Plan
- Climate change risks assessed and reported
- Sustainability Action Plan developed and adopted
- Endangered Ecological Communities on public land assessed
- Wind energy infrastructure constraints analysis undertaken for the Shoalhaven
- 14kW photovoltaic power generation system installed at the Bay and Basin Leisure Centre
- More than \$130,000 in grant funding achieved for vegetation restoration and education projects on Council owned and managed reserves
- Monitoring of rivers and estuaries health and water quality indicated healthy conditions for the majority of waterways
- Food safety and handling tips calendars distributed during food inspections and seminars on food hygiene
- Shoalhaven food outlets continue to comply with food standards, based on results from more than 1300 inspections
- Free children's immunization clinics conducted throughout the Shoalhaven with nearly 550 children immunized.





HIGHLIGHTS

- Extensions to the Shoalhaven Entertainment centre (SEC) completed, creating additional amenities, foyer and function areas
- The Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre hosted the CWA, Rotary and Jehovahs Witnesses conferences with more than 2100 delegates in total
- International standard Hockey facility completed at the Bernie Regan Sports Complex, North Nowra
- Completion of the Greenwell Point boat launching ramp
- Ulladulla Harbour foreshore redevelopment and installation of pontoons at the southern boat launching ramp
- Coordination of community groups for the "Welcome to the City" event for new residents
- The realignment of the Princes Highway at Conjola Mountain completed at a project cost of \$58 million
- Completion of the South Coast Correctional Centre (\$130 million) provided direct employment for approximately 220 staff. Open days attracted 75,000 visitors to the facility
- Main Road 92 upgrade from Nowra to Nerriga completed at a cost of \$95 million. The opening ceremony at Nerriga featured community historic activities
- Shoalhaven Tourism businesses performed extremely well in the NSW State Tourism Awards taking out gold in 10 of the 26 categories
- Shoalhaven Tourism Board launched a \$400,000 multi-media campaign, expanding its market coverage
- Council's new Events Manager secured three business and three sporting events
- Tourism estimated to inject \$617 million directly into the Shoalhaven region
- Booderee National Park gained world acclaim by winning "best conservation of cultural heritage" award and Kangaroo Valley "highly commended" in the "best destination" category in the Responsible Tourism Awards, London 2010

OUR ECONOMY

Working together we will create an economy that is linked to the unique characteristics and advantages of the Shoalhaven, ensuring that a variety of employment and training opportunities are available, the workforce is supportive of innovation and business excellence and in which skill-based and sustainable operations, transactions and development will occur.

COMING EVENTS

Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre

Event

David Scheel in Don't Shoot Me, I'm Only the Piano Player
Henri Szeps – Wish I'd Said That
James and the Giant Peach
Happy Birthday Peter Rabbit - Celebrating 110 years!
Me and My Shadow
The Land of Yes & The Land of No – Sydney Dance Company
Tom Burlinson and Swing Band
Rhinstone Rex and Miss Monica – By David Williamson

Date

Wednesday, 14 March, 2012
Tuesday, 27 March, 2012
Sunday, 13 May, 2012
Friday, 15 June, 2012
Friday, 22 June, 2012
Saturday, 14 July, 2012
Saturday, 4 August, 2012
Friday, 14 September 2012

Event

Shoalhaven City Gift Pro Athletic Championships
NSW RSL State Swimming Championships
Seniors Week
Blessing of the Fleet
Youth Week – Celebration event
Baseball NSW State Little League Championships
NAIDOC Week
NSW Little Athletics Conference
2012 Bowls NSW State Pennant Finals

Date

March, 2012
March, 2012
18 to 24 March, 2012
8 April, 2012
21 April, 2012
April 2012
1-8 July, 2012
July, 2012
August, 2012

Location

Nowra Showground
Ulladulla Leisure Centre
Shoalhaven
Ulladulla
Marriott Park, Nowra
Bernie Regan or Ison Park
Shoalhaven
Milton Ulladulla Ex-Servicemen's Club
Bomaderry – Berry Bowling Clubs

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