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Free training in traffic controlling

Shoalhaven City Council is seeking interested people from community associations to train as traffic controllers in 2011. Council will offer two free courses, but spaces are limited and interested citizens should register with Council as soon as possible.

There are approximately 650 community events held every year throughout Shoalhaven City. These range in size from market days and shows to larger events such as the city wide Anzac Day parades and the (Ulladulla) Blessing of the Fleet.

Since 2001, about 250 community volunteers have been provided RTA training. These volunteers provide an invaluable service to the community in assisting with traffic control at a broad range of community events.

Courses in community traffic control are fully funded by Council. Funding is available through the Shoalhaven Tourism Board.

Council will offer two days training each year with limited spaces available. The number of volunteers that can be trained is limited by the RTA, with their intent to provide greater learning potential for smaller groups.

The courses will be held from 8am to 4pm with morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea provided. Council has been running courses on a Friday and either Saturday or Sunday depending on demand and availability.

The courses run by Council are a modified version of the standard RTA course to cover all aspects of traffic control (Level 1) and how to apply traffic control plans, such as set up/removal (Level 2). A Level 1 license will be issued as there is insufficient time in the one-day course to complete the Level 2 assessment required by RTA.

Volunteers interested in the course should be active members of a volunteer organisation and be available to participate in traffic control at community events.

If you are interested in attending a course, please contact Council's Events Liaison Officer Sonia O'Reilly on (02) 4429 3541, or at oreilly@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au or Traffic Unit Manager Scott Wells on (02) 4429 3312, or at wellss@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au.

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