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## Australia Day awards 2011

Shoalhaven City Council will celebrate Australia Day 2011 with a ceremony for the Australia Day awards on Monday 24 January 2011.

Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green will present the 2011 Australia Day Awards.

“Australians love to recognise the day when they are able to see themselves as a nation, young and strong, but full of hope and the ability to learn and retain flexibility about our future,” Cllr Green said. “This Australia Day I will be asking all citizens to remember the fact that we have beautiful environment and a wonderful society where we can enjoy a gamut of things to see and do. We should also remember that Council, together with our citizens, are aiming to make the city the best place to be in NSW, a safe, clean, connected and strong place to live and play.”

Council will hold its annual Australia Day Awards Presentation Ceremony at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre in Nowra.

Australia Day Ambassador for the City will be Dr David Butcher, Chief Executive Officer of Greening Australia. Dr Butcher will provide the Australia Day address during the celebration.

The awards ceremony will begin at 5.30pm and will include the announcement of the winners of the 2010 Australia Day awards with members of the community honoured with awards for their outstanding contribution to the City, including the Citizen and Junior Citizen of the Year, and Sportsperson and Junior Sportsperson of the Year.

Cllr Green will also conduct an Australian citizenship ceremony for 17 people on the day. The people are from places such as Myanmar, Canada, India, and South Africa.

### Background

Dr David Butcher was CEO of Greening Australia, a position he held since 2004 and is currently working with as Special Projects advisor with Greening Australia. Since 1982 Greening Australia has been working to protect and restore the health, diversity and productivity of our unique Australian landscapes. A qualified Veterinarian he is the Governor of the Centennial Parklands Foundation, and a member of the BHP Billiton Forum on Corporate Responsibility.

From 1994 to 2004 Dr Butcher was the Chief Executive Officer World Wide Fund for Nature Australia.

He was also a former Assistant Director of Taronga Zoo and also Director of the RSPCA NSW. He currently continues his veterinarian practice in two veterinary hospitals in Sydney's Bankstown.

**Photo caption:** Dr David Butcher, Shoalhaven City Australia Day Ambassador 2011

# Media opportunity

Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green will present the Australia Day Awards and Dr David Butcher, CEO, Greening Australia will provide the Australia Day address.

**What:** Australia Day Awards presentation and address by Australia Day ambassador Dr David Butcher

**Where:** Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra

**When:** Monday 24 January 2011, from 5pm for tea / coffee, 5.30pm ceremony begins, following by light refreshments at 7pm.

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