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NSW Public Works Award

Shoalhaven City Council congratulates NSW Public Works who are the recipient of a Premier's Public Sector award in the Engaging with the Community category for its involvement with the South Coast Correctional Centre – Increasing Aboriginal Participation in Construction.

The Premier's Awards comprise the highest recognition in the NSW Public Sector.

They are judged by the Directors General of seven Departments, so there is extensive exposure across Government.

This award will now give the model that was developed for the South Coast Correctional Centre, the impetus to move onto virtually all other State Government projects.

This award based on the efforts of the Indigenous Consultative Committee at the Correctional Centre, means a great deal for Aboriginal people of the Shoalhaven and their employment prospects.

20 % of the custodial positions at the South Coast Correctional Centre have gone to Aboriginal people.

It is envisaged that these positions will not only change the lives of the appointees, but also those of the Aboriginal inmates and their families. It could be the first real step to addressing the over-representation of Aboriginal people in custody.