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## Council welcomes retail choice

Shoalhaven City will have a new Woolworths supermarket shortly with the retail company planning to construct a supermarket at Culburra Beach.

Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green said it was pleasing that the 85 year old Australian company will offer a choice of retailers at Culburra Beach.

"It is important that we continue to ensure our communities have choice and that we work to strengthen our economy in the Shoalhaven," Cllr Green said. "The employment that Woolworths will bring to the city is very welcome. Council also considers that Woolworths will help create a better access to shopping for people in Culburra and surrounding villages, as they will be able to complete their grocery shopping without having to make the longer trip to Nowra.

"This retail addition to the city will help to strengthen the city's economy."

Woolworths Community Relations Manager Simon Berger said Woolworths is looking forward to delivering quality, range, convenience and value to local residents and holiday makers.

"At the moment, many local residents drive to Nowra to do their main grocery shopping," Mr Berger said. "Bringing Woolworths' offer to Culburra Beach will mean that for more residents, shopping can fit around their lifestyle, rather than their lifestyle having to fit around their shopping.

"The timing of the project is still being finalised, but Woolworths hoping to be open for business in time for the busy summer holiday period." Mr Berger said.

Woolworths was founded in Sydney in February 1924 and now employs more than 191,000 people. Woolworths plans to construct a 1,650 square metre supermarket which will cater for all people in the Culburra and surrounding villages. When operational the supermarket will employ between 80 to 100 people.

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