

Shoalhaven Tourism Master Plan

* 2016 Strategy & Action Plan *

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Purpose

Distillation Process

10 Year
SCC



5 Year
Master Plan



3 Year
Strategy Plan



1 Year
Business Plan



Community Strategic Plan

Long-term goals

Medium-term
plans

Short-term
actions

Vision

To achieve tourism revenue of
\$1 billion by 2020

- Shoalhaven City is the most visited, day trip and overnight, Local Government Area in NSW, outside of the Sydney region
- The Tourism Master Plan vision is for Shoalhaven City to retain this position and by 2017, to be recognised as a year-round destination, valued for its quality environment and visitor experiences.

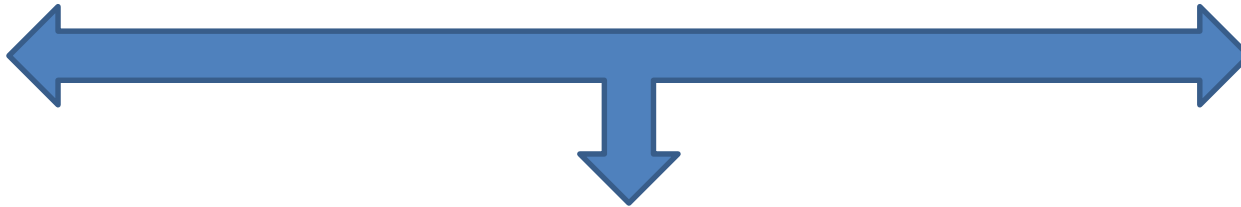
Mission

“To provide visitors to the Shoalhaven LGA with a world class experience that encourages them to do more, stay longer and come back time and time again.”

Linking Vision & Mission

ACCESS to information in formats appropriate to our target audiences

BUILD infrastructure and events that will attract more visitors to do more and stay longer



COLLABORATE with tourism stakeholder universe to maximise opportunities, amplify synergies and create a larger share of voice nationally [and internationally]

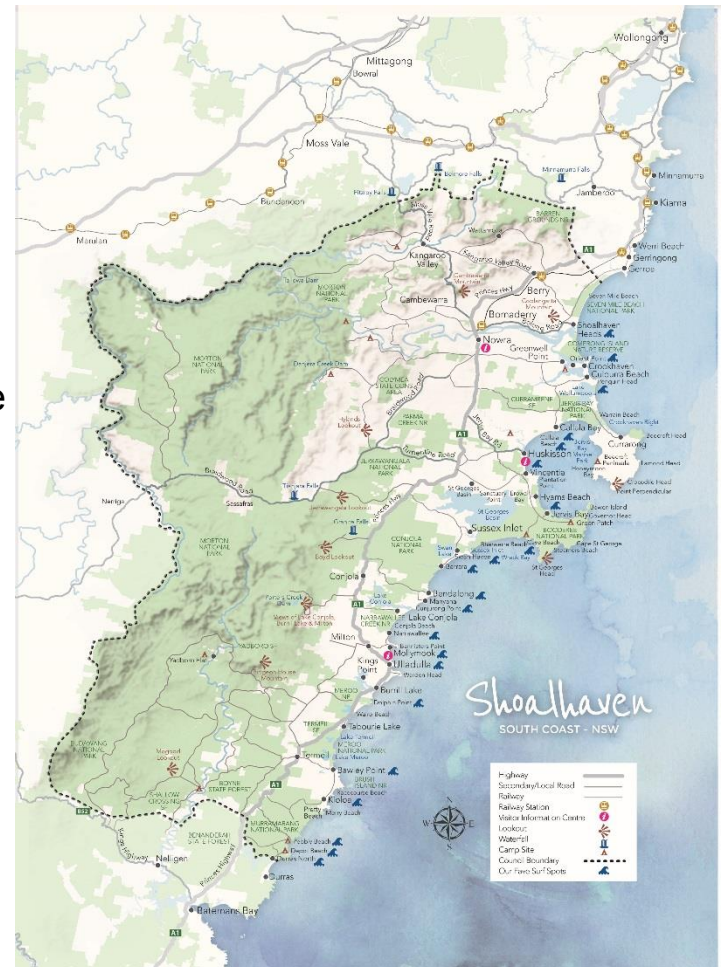
Background

Snapshot | market trends

- Tourism is important economy driver to the South Coast of NSW largely due to the geographical location, placed in close proximity to major population cities; Sydney and Canberra. This has been boosted by increasing upgrades to major roads.
- The Shoalhaven LGA is perfectly placed – both in tourism product diversity and geographical positioning.
- For the **DOMESTIC MARKET**, life is hectic and fast-paced, and a “staycation” is a great option to get away from it all in a way that is easily accessible and stress-free. Increasing demand from the consumer for tailored niche markets; food and wine experiences, pet friendly; active holidays; family friendly and more.
- For the **OVERSEAS MARKET**, the Shoalhaven represents the quintessential “Aussie experience” – pristine beaches, natural wonders, aboriginal cultural experiences, iconic Australian wildlife and a fast-growing food and wine scene that has achieved recognition both nationally and internationally
- **INCLUSIVE TOURISM** is also gaining increasing prominence domestically, and the Shoalhaven has a number of motivated tourism business operators who are championing this movement in the region.

Snapshot | tourism product

- The most visited NSW LGA outside Sydney for day and overnight visits
- The vast majority of visitors are from Sydney (37.5%), followed by regional NSW (22.4%), Canberra (18.1%) and Victoria (15.1%)
- 49 diverse towns and villages, and 109 magnificent beaches
- The area is rich in natural assets including a picturesque coastline, and diverse National Parks and Forests (75% total land area).
- History is prominent in towns such as Berry, Kangaroo Valley and Milton
- Specific tourism product areas are gaining greater prominence:
 - The activity-based sector focused on Jervis Bay, where dolphin and whale watching is a major drawcard for tourists
 - The burgeoning food and wine scene is gaining increased attention both domestically and internationally.



Tourist Profiles



Snapshot | the “new” tourist

Domestic

Demographics

- Visitors to our region are currently generally middle-aged with high incomes and older kids
- Families and older couples remain core market but they are increasingly being joined by small-medium size groups of women and wedding parties.

Expectations

- The new tourist is far more educated, sophisticated and demanding than previous generations
- Tourists are less loyal to a destination, and less tolerant of mediocre product/customer service

Information sources

- The internet now being the primary tool used to research and purchase travel, the use of social media to communicate and the emergence and rapid take-up of smart phones and tablets and ‘tools’ such as Apps and QR Codes

Behaviour

- Day trips and weekend stays are prominent outside of traditional peak holiday seasons; tourists need reasons to stay longer and spend more.

Emerging Trend

Independent travellers from China, Korea and to a lesser extent India, as well as larger groups from the Middle East.

Snapshot | customer mosaic

CURRENT DOMESTIC CUSTOMERS



- Margaret + Robert
- 50+
- Working full time
- Married
- Travelling as part of a couple or with kids
- On a holiday
- Earning on average between \$100,000 and \$150,000 pa.
- Likes; cafes, spending time with family, good customer service, easy access to information.
- Influenced by family and friends.
- Enjoy eating and drinking; like to balance life with activity based experiences.

Snapshot | customer mosaic

CURRENT DOMESTIC CUSTOMERS



- Jackie
- 55+
- Retired, on a pension or working part time;
- Traveling alone or with a friend or relative;
- Visiting family or friends;
- Earning on average between \$25,000 - \$85,000 pa;
- Likes; special deals, value for money, vouchers, cafes, spending time with family, soft and safe active experiences;
- Influenced by family and friends;
- Largely risk adverse.

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FUTURE DOMESTIC CUSTOMERS

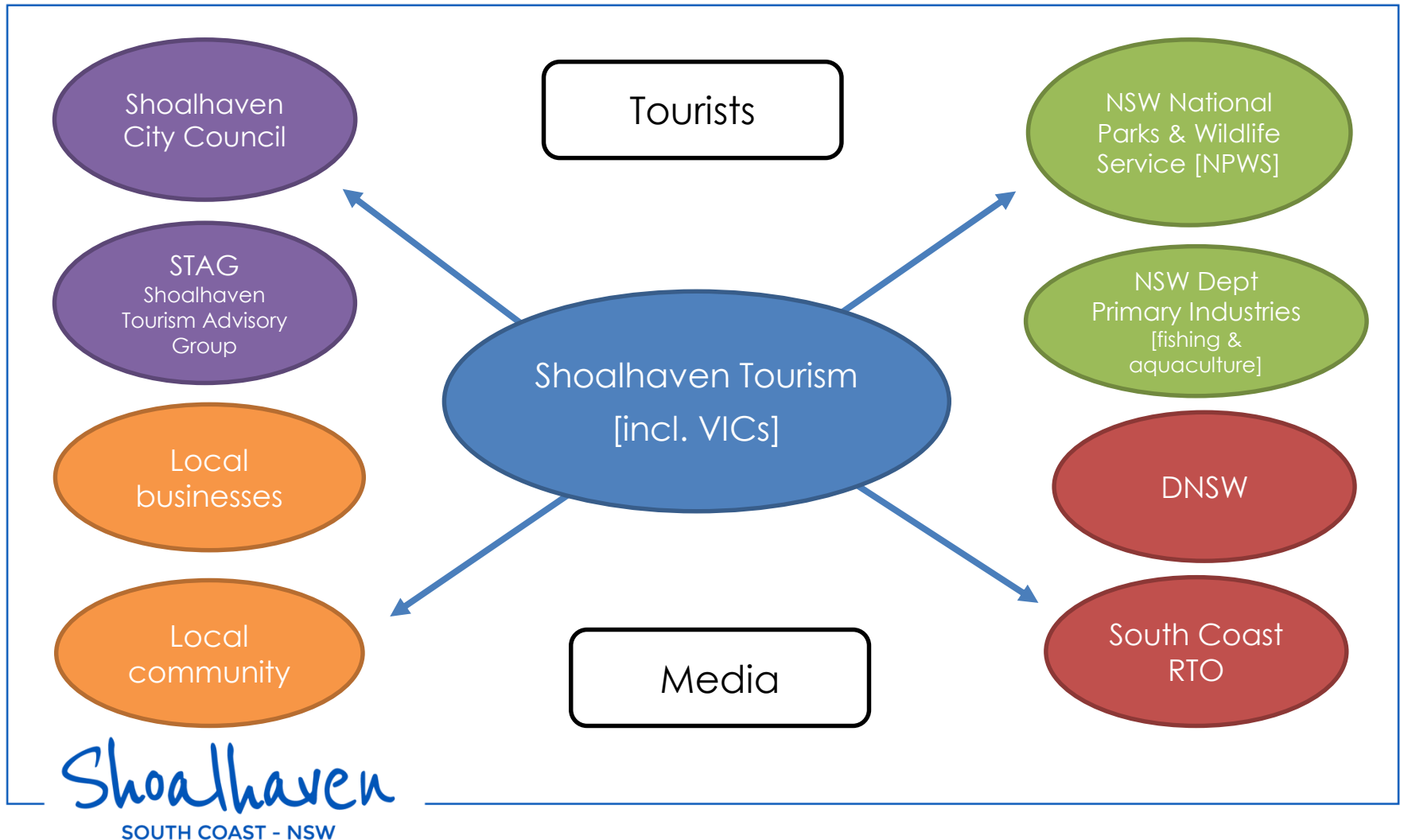


- Matt and Alison
- 35+
- Both working full-time, children in school or day care
- Travel as a family and with friends
- Visiting family or friends
- Earning on average between \$90,000-\$150,000 pa.
- Likes - special offers, holiday deals, vouchers, family and couples activities, finer things in life (if travelling without children)
- Influenced by social media, traditional media, family and friends.
- High demand for childcare and children's holiday activities that involve childcare.
- Love going to the snow and on a cruise ship where adults can spend time with kids but also have kids in school holiday fun activities while adults spend time together.

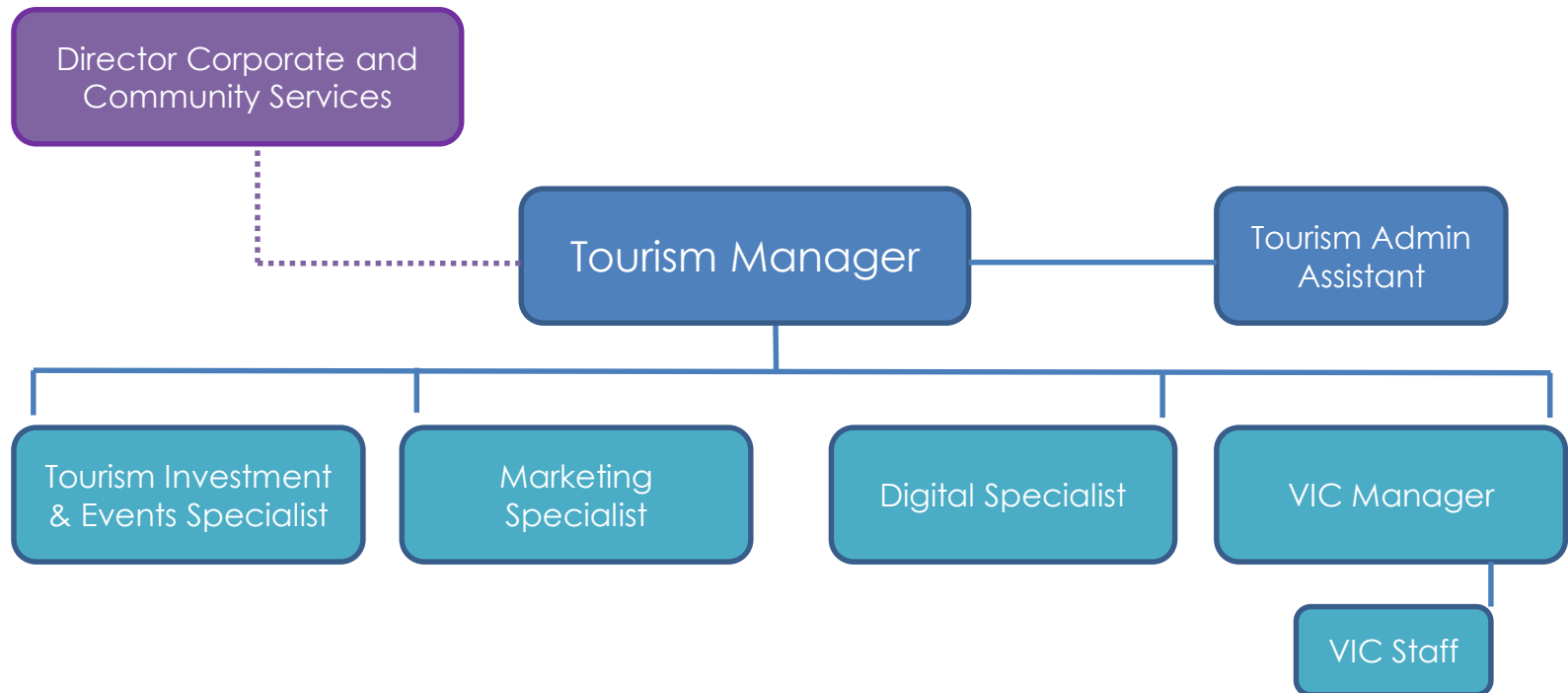
Stakeholder Universe



External



Internal



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Situation Analysis | Internal

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong equity in traditional Shoalhaven• Diversity of tourism product• Strong internal team led by Tourism Manager• Strong links with industry e.g. DNSW, SCRTO• Iconic and unique experiences e.g. Hyams Beach, Rick Stein, Jervis Bay, South Coast Oysters.• Council support/backing, recognition of importance of tourism to the economy• VIS staff dedicated and knowledgeable• STAG – highly motivated group championing tourism, facilitating positive relationships• Strong sports events program and established relationships• New staffing positions have increased resources• Committed/engaged community members• Unspoilt area, not overly developed in an inappropriate way.• Lots of safe beaches that are not surf beaches, perceived safer for people not confident in swimming• Collaboration between operators targeting same market e.g.: Discover JB, Shoalhaven Wine Coast, Milton Food Trail, Aust. Oyster Coast.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low recognition of broader Shoalhaven brand/49 towns & villages• Lack of tourism infrastructure limits some market local groups operating in isolation• Lack of perceived communication between Tourism HQ and local community• Quality and accessibility of tourism information• Broad Master Plan; difficult to implement.• Poor telecommunication connectivity throughout the region• Lack of accommodation, particularly apartment style and serviced, which inhibits growth of international and high yield conference /business and events markets.• 49 towns and villages all competing for the same tourist and tourism dollar.• Lack of appropriate quality product• Lack of online presence and packaging.• Lack of international ready operators• High number of holiday properties which are difficult to engage.• Aged and long term residents not supporting tourism as an industry and see the population increase as an inconvenience.

Situation Analysis | External

Opportunities

- DNSW relationship including access to grants / funds Media interest – on the increase both in terms of tourism product and location, especially with bloggers
- Major tourism activities in area (fishing, waling tracks, rock climbing, kayaking, cycling)
- Digital/social media including website development
- New thinking on Visitor Information Services, as indicated with move to SEC
- Consumer sentiment
- Growth in food & wine movement
- Recognised Wedding Destination
- Tourist desire for customised experience = opportunity to tailor product to show case the Shoalhaven identity
- Strong Aboriginal history and community
- Commitment from Council to support tourism events program
- Increasing move towards “short break” holidays (Sydney and Canberra markets)
- Increase in “staycations” in addition to a strong and growing Visiting Family and Friends (VFR) market
- New Shoalhaven branding offers chance to upgrade and update all tourist information including brochures and factsheets
- Further leverage of activity-based sector
- Short drive from capital cities
- International destination for Asian market with engaged and motivated operators.

Threats

- Similar domestic destinations e.g. Kiama LGA, Eurobodalla LGA, Queensland
- Competitor LGAs vying for contestable funds e.g. DNSW grants
- Overseas destinations offering similar experiences often for less cost e.g. Bali, Fiji
- Destinations with better infrastructure to meet demands of distinct markets e.g. Wollongong better equipped to service MICE market
- Seasonality and natural disasters
- Economic downturn
- Seasonal high demand for tourism product
- VIC inability to meet consumer needs
- Limited forecast growth in the domestic travel market
- Fluctuating \$AU
- Aged and long term residents of the area against development and tourist
- State Legislation; prevents some strategic desirable outcomes.

Tourism Objectives

To achieve tourism revenue of \$850k.

Objective 1 | Industry

- To be **recognised** as a national tourism industry leader.
- To **maximise** depth/breadth of tourism offering, driving demand for regional products
- To **support** local operators in delivering a high quality tourism product.

Objective 2 | Visitation

- To **sustain** and **grow** core markets (younger families, over 50s, VFR)
- To **ignite** potential high yield industry market segments
- To **leverage** international market opportunities
- To **drive** tourism asset utilisation all year round
- Deliver **high quality** Visitor Information Services throughout the region.

Objective 3 | Infrastructure

- To **prioritise** tourism supporting infrastructure in council policy and priorities
- To **recognise** and lobby for development that will drive visitation and spend in the region
- Continue to **shine a light** on inclusive tourism opportunities, supported by inclusive infrastructure.

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Objective 1 | Strategic Roadmap

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Strategy

- By creating true innovation that meets visitor demand for information.
- By developing an effective and strategic events calendar driving visitation and working to priorities within council investment in world class facilities that attract major events and conferences
- By establishing collaborative networking activities, exchanging best practice and share industry information and insights.
- Encourage business to a strong develop quality and competitive product offering

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Strategy

- Develop Visitor Information Services that meet customer demand
- Create and execute marketing campaigns that drive visitation and spend
- Target and/or develop events to drive visitation in the shoulder and off seasons
- Develop cutting edge digital assets infrastructure to meet customer demand with focus on packaging product to drive spend.
- Collaborate with broader industry to drive international visitation
- Partner with other LGA's and Government agencies to leverage campaign exposure.

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Strategy

- Work within council to create smooth and proactive mindset to development, working together with investors to create desired outcomes.
- Ensure tourism priorities are considered and (where appropriate) prioritised in infrastructure planning
- Work in partnership with local tourism industry to support moves towards inclusive tourism.
- Drive tourism investment to the region to build relevant infrastructure.

Strategic Action Plans

Tourism Management

No.	Issue / Opportunity / Initiative	Critical Steps	Lead	Action Dates
1	Review and refine strategies for each element of the Tourism Master Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide guidance and direction for key team to develop strategically-aligned action plans• Conduct annual survey for both visitors and tourism businesses to inform development of 2017 plans.	Tourism Manager	January August
2	Collaborative networking activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set up regular “meet” events• Attend existing meetings• Share best practice via regular e-communication channels• STAG and Council meetings attendance .	Tourism Manager	All year (calendar of meetings to be developed)
3	Ensure delivery of all KPIs, milestones and business-critical deliverables across the entire tourism portfolio	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set regular review and appraise meetings to ensure timely delivery.• Product and develop reporting in line with Council policy and requirements.	Tourism Manager	All year (quarterly reviews as a minimum)

Infrastructure

DPOP Priority

No.	DPOP	Issue / Opportunity / Initiative	Critical Steps	Lead	Action Dates
1	3.2.07	Ensure tourist basic infrastructure are of high standard and meet demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit of basic amenities in key tourist areas Development plan to address areas of shortfall / priority amenity upgrades Regular meetings with appropriate Council depts to ensure delivery. Promote tourism development grants for improvement of infrastructure needs. 	Council / Tourism Manager	ongoing
2		Work with Council, National Parks, State and State Forests to identify possible upgrades and promotion opportunities, in line with strategies outlined in the Master Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular meetings Timeline development. 	Council / Tourism Manager	ongoing
3		Inclusive Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit and continue to develop databases and infrastructure for inclusive tourism Champion market "leaders" in area to encourage other businesses. Connect infrastructure to marketing opportunities 	Council / Tourism Manager / Marketing Specialist.	February onwards
4	3.2.06	Infrastructure investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify opportunity's in line with council and the master plan to attract tourism investment 	Events + Investment Specialist / Tourism Manager	February onwards.
5	3.2.06	Identify new opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify possible new opportunities for basic infrastructure to support events Work within council to make opportunities in to reality 	Events + Investment Specialist / Tourism Manager	May

Marketing

DPOP Priority

No.	DPOP	Issue / Opportunity / Initiative	Critical Steps	Lead	Action Dates
1	4.2.10.1	Marketing Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop strategy including key actions, timelines and budgets. Implement agreed plan 	Marketing	February Ongoing
2	4.2.10.2	Collaborative networking activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend all local tourism groups/ committee meetings to share information about tourism activities Increase sales and marketing skills amongst tourism operators. 	Tourism Manager + Marketing Specialist	All year (calendar of meetings to be developed)
3		Collateral consolidation including internal and intra comms upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop strategic Marketing Plan Develop external and internal communications plan Review and update marketing collateral, both online and in print with focus on packaging and consumer needs. 	Marketing Specialist/ Visitors Services	February
4.		Leverage funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review, develop and implement income generating component to leverage funding and partnership opportunities. 	Marketing Specialist	January

Marketing

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5.	4.2.10.3	Advertising & PR programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create and implement PR strategy in line with Marketing Plan. Create and implement one major campaign with SCRT0 and destination NSW Create and implement one major VFR campaign Create and deliver 2017 Visitors Information Guide. 	Marketing Specialist	January onwards March June December
6.	4.2.10.4	Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review current branding and develop as needed Develop internal and external communications plan Implement agreed plan. 	Tourism Manager + Marketing Specialist	February Ongoing
7.	4.2.10.5	Direct Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and grow customer database and direct marketing schedule Continue to develop and grow operator direct marketing schedule. 	Marketing Specialist	January Ongoing
8.	4.2.10.6	Support VIS services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade all materials to reflect new branding Assist with all marketing for VIS's including installation of touch screen directories Assist in Visitor's Mobile services development. 	Marketing Specialist	January Ongoing

Digital

DPOP Priority

No.	DPOP	Issue / Opportunity / Initiative	Critical Actions	Lead	Action Dates
1	4.2.10.7	Website upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop brief for agency Site architecture testing and design framework finalisation Go "live" with upgraded site Disseminate update via marketing and digital channels to key stakeholders (internal and external). 	Digital Specialist / Marketing Specialist	January February onwards
2	4.2.10.8	Digital Marketing Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop strategy including key actions, timelines and budgets Implement agreed plan. 	Digital Specialist / Tourism Manager	January February onwards
4		Digital access to tailored information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work in partnership with VIS Manager to understand market dynamics and desires Research options to deliver in innovative digital format 	Digital Specialist	January onwards
5		eDM's (Tourism Operators/Visitors)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop eDM framework and structure to deliver regular, important information to core databases. 	Digital Specialist	January onwards

Digital

No.	DPOP	Issue / Opportunity / Initiative	Critical Actions	Lead	Action Dates
6		Support events program with online digital promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Tourism Investment & Events Specialist to devise digital components aligned to core events program. 	Digital Specialist	January onwards
7		Develop forms for community requests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop form Brief internal team on use and distribute to external stakeholders as appropriate. 	Digital Specialist	January onwards
8		Develop social media structure and processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host a team brainstorm on planned social media posts Develop structured content plan including associated imagery and boosts / ads Develop conversation guidelines Analyse post responses and FB analytics to tailor and boost FB likes Share content plan with DNSW Digital Team for greater exposure Confirm core Admin team with access to passwords (x2 members needed). 	Digital Specialist	January Quarterly content plan update Ongoing

Visitor Information Services

					DPOP Priority
No.	DPOP	Issue / Opportunity / Initiative	Critical Actions	Lead	Action Dates
1.	4.2.11.1	Develop business plan with emphasis on high level of visitors services and retail trade to drive visitation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop strategy including key actions, timelines and budgets Include key section on move from VIC to SEC across all key stakeholder groups Implement agreed plan. 	VIS Manager	March ongoing
2.		Move current Nowra VIC into the SEC in line with new direction of VIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate operational moving of Nowra VIC services into the SEC 	VIS Manager / Tourism Manager / Marketing Specialist.	May
3.		Mobile vans to disseminate information where tourists are e.g. events, city centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate options including researching other tourism bodies Develop proposal including options, timings and costings Implement agreed plan and launch new service. 	VIS Manager	January February March onwards
4.		Develop local ambassador and roving volunteer programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop proposal including roles, responsibilities and areas of recruitment Implement agreed plan and launch new service. 	VIS Manager / Marketing Specialist	Jan to March
5.		Upgrade all materials to reflect new branding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade all materials to reflect new branding. 	Marketing Specialist	
6.	4.2.11.2	Upgrade online accommodation booking and packaging system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop proposal including options, timings and costings Implement agreed plan and launch new service. 	VIS Manager / Marketing Specialist / Digital Marketing Assistant	Jan to March

Events + Investment

DPOP Priority

No.	DPOP	Issue / Opportunity / Initiative	Critical Steps	Lead	Action Dates
1.	3.1.07.1	Develop a strategic Events and Investment plan with emphasis on driving visitation and spend in the region, identifying key opportunities and relevant measures and KPI's.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop strategy including key actions, timelines and budgets Implement agreed plan. 	Events & Investment Specialist	January February onwards
2.	3.1.07.2	Drive investment in events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and manage event sponsorship opportunities calendar Develop and manage funding / grants calendar Devise and submit submissions 	Events & Investment Specialist	January
3.		Drive investment in tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify opportunities in line with the strategy and seek tourism investment in the region with focus on proactive high density development. Work on practical ways to clear the road blocks and reputation of SCC to make the path easy and smooth for investment. 	Events & Investment Specialist	February onwards
4.		Events + Investment Collateral Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop core suite of materials including event prospectus tailored to core markets, 	Tourism investment & events specialist	January Update June

Events + Investment

DPOP Priority

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5.	Leveraging funds in partnership programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review current partnership program Develop and implement new plan Generate \$50k in sports partnership additional income. 	Tourism investment & events specialist	January
6.	Investment transparency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create and ratify core event sponsorship criteria parameters to guide decision making around investment in external activities Test and measure effectiveness. 	Tourism investment & events specialist	January Ongoing
7.	Build and support the current events calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist community to grow and develop current event calendar Work to assist in the sustainability of current community events, lead by volunteers. 	Tourism investment & events specialist	February, ongoing.

Appendices

Appendix 1

Shoalhaven Tourism and VIC Customer Satisfaction Survey Report 2015 | Key Findings

- Overall the survey indicates that there is a range of areas for improvement in the services being provided by ST and the VIC
- Clarification of the role of ST and Visitor Services both in terms of services to visitors and services to industry
- Identify that the core activity if ST and VIC is potential and existing visitors and all product and services should be directed at this focus. Operator services are a separate matter
- Improve customer interface and customer service provision
- Communication to be provided to the industry generally that contains a greater level of detail and relevant information in relation to the products, campaigns, timing and budgets
- A greater level of direct involvement with operators and improved knowledge of the industry
- The ongoing development of the relationships with the industry
- The ongoing development of Product Information knowledge
- A review of the direct booking system and the use of a Channel Manager to improve interface with the visitors and operators
- A review of the referral system
- Increased presence in the field by staff leading to a greater level of direct communication
- Improved levels of Famils and industry information sessions
- Review current information distribution process to ensure it has a broader coverage.

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Appendix 2

DNSW, Internet use by visitors to NSW 2014 | Key Findings

- For both domestic and international markets, holiday visitors to NSW were the biggest users of the Internet for sourcing information and for booking
- Increasingly, the internet is the most commonly used source of information used before the trip for both the international and domestic markets to NSW
- The domestic market has a high preference for pre-booking accommodation via the Internet; entertainment, activities and events were LESS likely to be pre-booked online perhaps reflecting the lower online presence of these businesses
- Domestic visitors to NSW aged between 30-44 years are the biggest users of the Internet; international visitors to NSW were aged 15-29 years
- The importance of travel agents has decreased.

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Appendix 3

Expedia, Travel Decisions in a Multiscreen World 2014 | Key Findings

- Mobile device ownership continues to grow steadily – TODAY the mobile travel audience is BIGGER than the PC travel audience with engagement on mobile spanning all travel stages and categories of content
- While mobile bookings are at 6% of the market, over 70% of travellers are engaging with content via their mobile device on a monthly basis
- Mobile bookings will continue to grow – most who have booked on mobile will again, many who have yet to book on mobile intend to in the future
- Those who aren't booking are looking and you need to be where they are
- Consumer experience on mobile across stages has room to grow, ad relevancy and grabbing attention are key to driving mobile ad clicking

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Appendix 4

Tourism Research Australia Forecasts Autumn 2014 | Key Findings

TOTAL SPEND ON TRACK FOR MODERATE GROWTH, BUT GROWTH IN INTERNATIONAL VISITOR SPEND TO OUTPACE GROWTH IN DOMESTIC TOURISM SPEND

- By 2022–23, total tourism expenditure will reach \$119 billion in real terms. As domestic tourism enters a low-growth period, the growth of total visitor expenditure is forecast to be primarily sourced from inbound expenditure. From 2012–13 to 2022–23, the share of inbound visitor expenditure is forecast to increase from 29 per cent in 2012–13 to 36 per cent in 2022–23.

A MORE POSITIVE OUTLOOK FOR GROWTH IN INTERNATIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS

- The improved global economic outlook, especially the sustained economic recovery in Australia's traditional inbound source markets—including the United Kingdom and United States—and for leisure travel has led to an upward revision of forecast growth for Australia's international visitor arrivals for this year and 2014–15.

CHINA TO BE THE MAIN SOURCE FOR GROWTH

- China is the largest contributor to both the growth of inbound arrivals and inbound expenditure. In terms of visitor numbers, from 2012–13 to 2022–23, China will contribute about 24 per cent to the total growth. Further, about 40 per cent of inbound tourism expenditure will be sourced from China over the forecast period.

MORE AUSTRALIANS ARE FORECAST TO TRAVEL OVERSEAS

- The forecast growth for Australians travelling overseas has been upgraded marginally in 2014–15. This is on the back of a slightly higher-than-expected Australian dollar and cheaper airfares due to strong growth of international air capacity to Australia.

MODERATE GROWTH PROSPECTS FOR DOMESTIC TOURISM

- Forecast growth of domestic overnight travel remains low in the next two years, after a period of solid growth.

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DIGITAL MARKETING REPORT

November 2015 – January 2016

website

social media

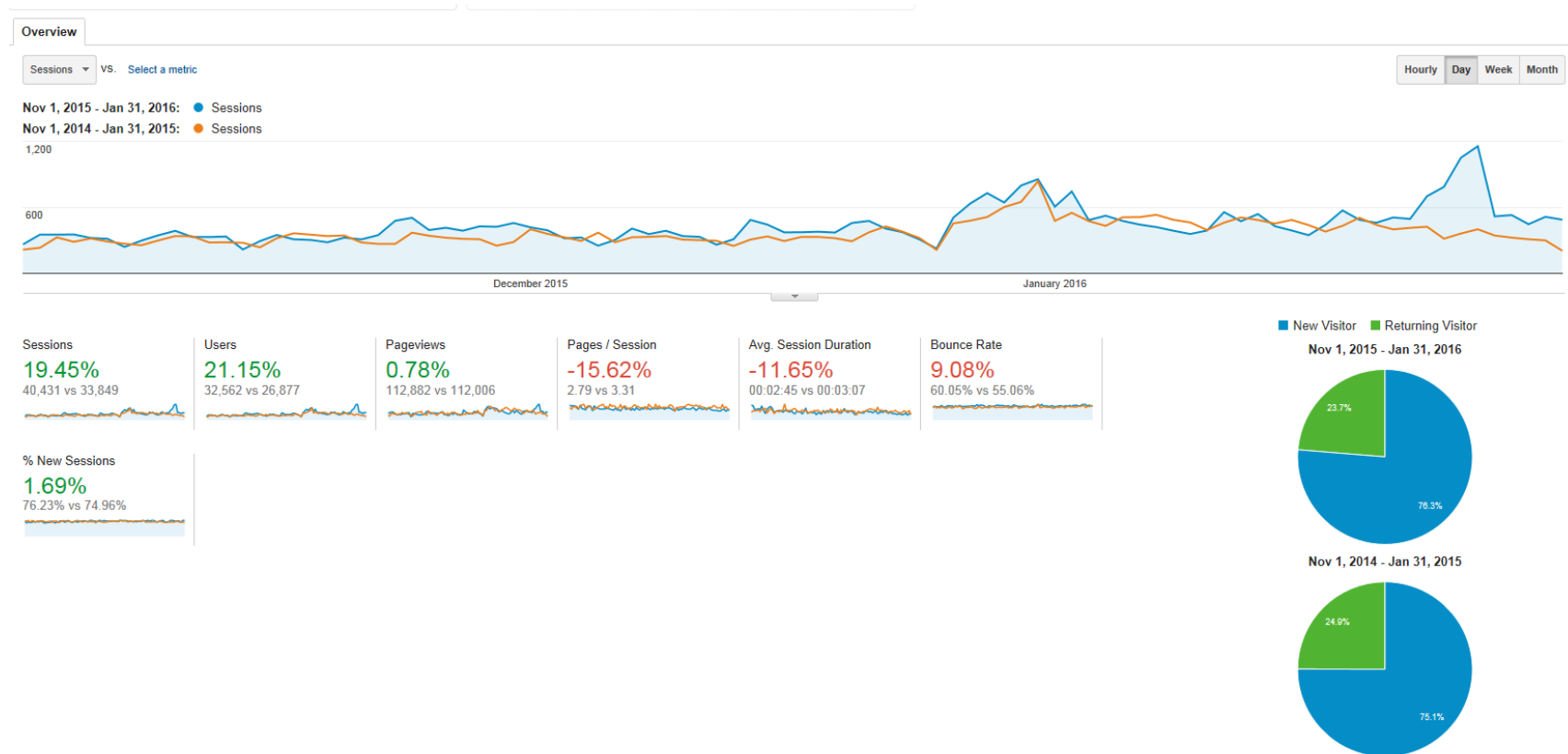
digital campaigns

email marketing

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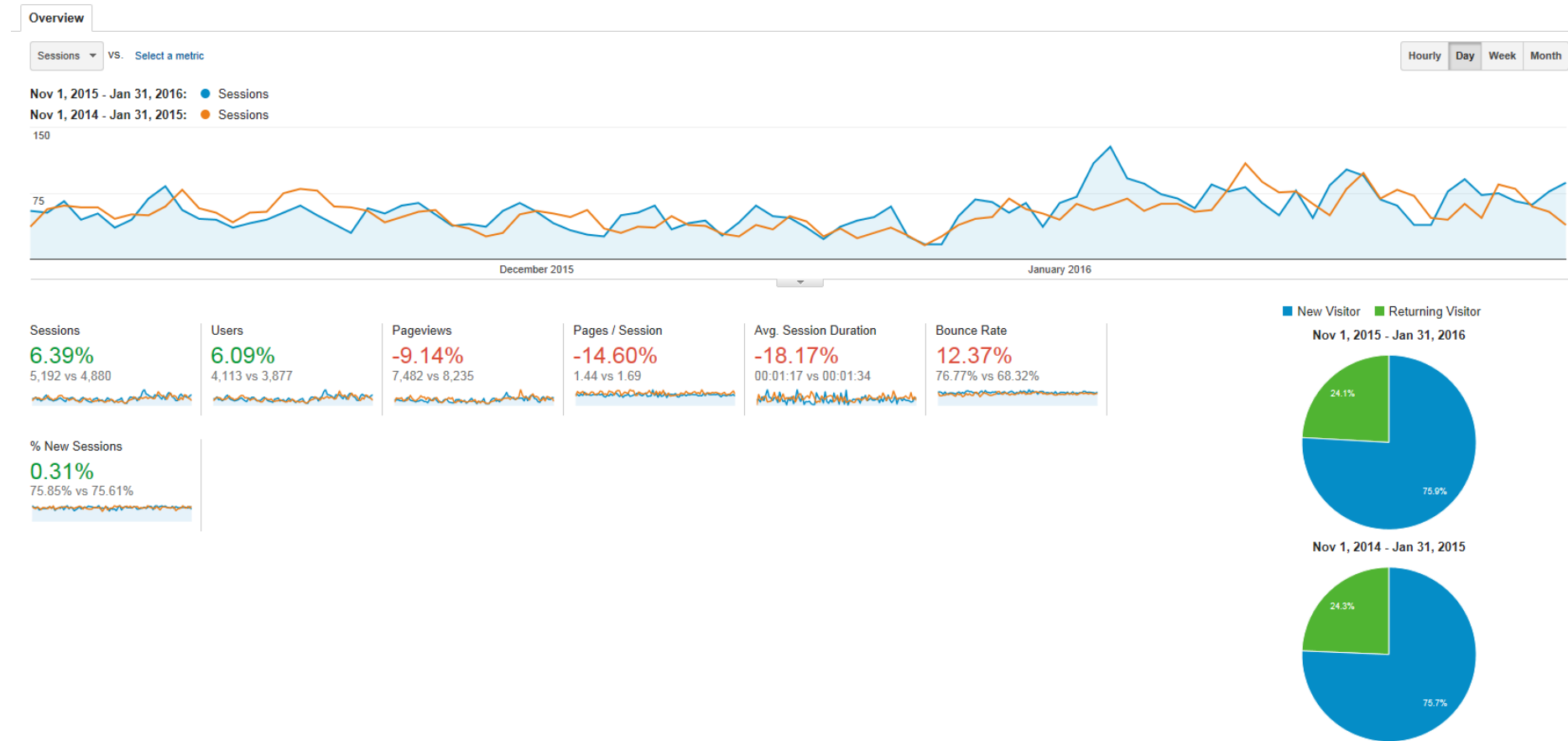
www.shoalhaven.com.au

Sessions numbers (visits to the site) are up almost 20% from last year, at 40,431 for the November-January period. The noticeable peaks were over Christmas and Australia Day, with traffic significantly higher this Australia Day than last year, which may have been due to the weather, with people looking for events rather than spending the day at the beach.



www.weddingsouthcoast.com.au

Traffic to the WSC website is up 6%, however as with page views for www.shoalhaven.com.au the number of page views is down. This may be due to the new mobile culture, where people no longer take their time to decide. Recent studies have shown that along with a 29% increase in mobile conversion rates, there has been an 18% decrease of time spent per visit (Google Masterclass 2015). Customers have their mobile at the ready and make faster, more informed decisions.




Social Media

Visit Shoalhaven Facebook

Likes at January 2016: 34,377

November and December were great months on Facebook for post reach, with our top post reaching 21,796 organically. The post (below) was a link to a News.com.au article which helped to boost the reach and featured a story on Jervis Bay aimed at visitors to the Gold Coast and Sydney beaches. Other successful posts were based around informing visitors to the area of alternatives to Hyams Beach to help with capacity issues.



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Published by Jemma Wood (?) · 10 November 2015 ·

Just in case you needed to be persuaded.... thanks for the great write up news.com.au

Book your getaway in #JervisBay now! www.shoalhaven.com.au

#shoalhaven #experienceunspoilt #NewSouthWales #unspoilt



Why we're all going to Jervis Bay

ARE you over the glitz and seediness of the Gold Coast, already visited Hamilton Island, bored of Bondi and over the Byron Bay bogans?

NEWS.COM.AU

21,796 people reached

Boost Post

268 Likes 28 Comments 68 Shares

21,796 People Reached

549 Likes, Comments & Shares

391 Likes	268 On Post	123 On Shares
90 Comments	37 On Post	53 On Shares
68 Shares	68 On Post	0 On Shares

1,415 Post Clicks

0 Photo views	666 Link clicks	749 Other Clicks ⓘ
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NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

12 Hide Post	1 Hide All Posts
0 Report as Spam	0 Unlike Page

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**Visit Shoalhaven**
Published by Jemma Wood [?] · 24 December 2015 ·

Okay, okay.
We've been holding out. Visitors have heard of the magical white sands of Hyams Beach for as long as we can remember. They do not, however, hear that many Jervis Bay beaches feature the same powdery white sand and crystal clear waters without the crowd - in fact locals PREFER many of the lesser known beaches which dot along the Bay. Callala Beach, Huskisson Beach, Greenfield Beach, Blenheim Beach, and Green Patch & Murrays Beach (both in Booderee NP) are just a se... [See More](#)



White Sands walk and Scribbly Gum track | NSW National Parks
Starting at Greenfield Beach picnic area, you'll Pass Hyams and Seamans beaches along this scenic walk. Go for a swim, keeping your eyes peeled for birds and...
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24,122 people reached

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441 Likes 36 Comments 88 Shares

24,122 People Reached

741 Likes, Comments & Shares

569 Likes	441 On Post	128 On Shares
80 Comments	64 On Post	16 On Shares
92 Shares	88 On Post	4 On Shares

1,245 Post Clicks

0 Photo views	243 Link clicks	1,002 Other Clicks
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**Visit Shoalhaven**
Published by Jemma Wood [?] · 28 December 2015 ·

When people talk about #JervisBay Huskisson, Vincentia and Hyams Beach easily come to mind...
However slightly off the beaten track but still in glorious Jervis Bay lie the towns of Callala Beach and Callala Bay, NSW, nicely nestled on the northern shores of the Bay. Both towns offer a relaxing, quiet beach escape away from the crowds. With pristine beaches, stunning scenery and an abundance of wildlife Callala Beach and Callala Bay are hidden gems and once you've been here too you will see why. Find out more about this special area via the link. #shoalhaven #callalabeach #callalabay #SouthCoastNSW #NewSouthWales #Australia #unspoilt



Callala Beach | Shoalhaven, South Coast NSW
Sitting side-by-side at the northern end of Jervis Bay are the three townships of Callala Bay, Callala Beach and Myola. Best known for their stunning beaches,
SHOALHAVENHOLIDAYS.COM.AU

19,446 people reached

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307 Likes 29 Comments 59 Shares

19,446 People Reached

544 Likes, Comments & Shares

436 Likes	307 On Post	129 On Shares
48 Comments	35 On Post	13 On Shares
60 Shares	59 On Post	1 On Shares

1,092 Post Clicks

0 Photo views	283 Link clicks	809 Other Clicks
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Weddings South Coast Facebook


Likes at Jan 2016: 7899

There has been a shift in the way people use the page, with people using it as a community noticeboard for business promotion, selling wedding items and asking for opinions and suggestions on wedding related queries.



Weddings South Coast shared **Thomas Stewart Photography's** photo.
Published by Jemma Wood (?) · 20 January at 15:09 ·

Some great points about having an 'unplugged' wedding!
#weddingssouthcoast



Thomas Stewart Photography with **Syed MD Saad** and 19 others.
6 November 2015 · Burradoo, NSW ·

Right, I've had enough. I want to talk to you all about guests using mobile phones / cameras at weddings. I want to plead with you, and I'm going to make this v...

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3,006 people reached

Boost Post

28 Likes · 5 Comments

3,006 People Reached

33 Likes, Comments & Shares

28 Likes	28 On Post	0 On Shares
5 Comments	5 On Post	0 On Shares
0 Shares	0 On Post	0 On Shares

387 Post Clicks

42 Photo views	0 Link clicks	345 Other Clicks
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Digital Media Campaigns

Pets on holiday Download

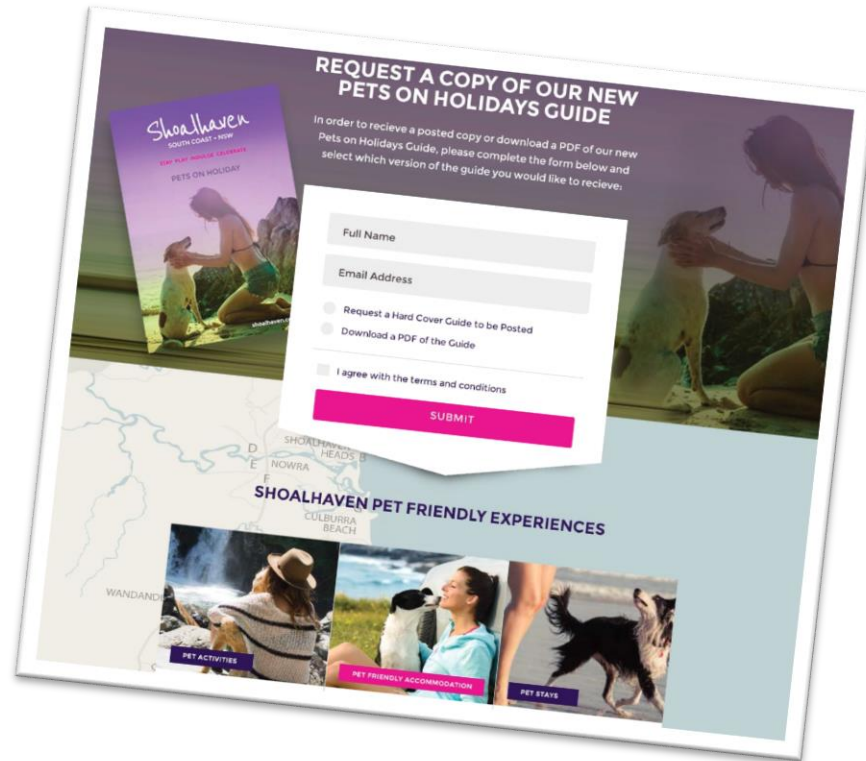
Google Adwords and Facebook Ad campaign directing customers to a landing page on www.shoalhaven.com.au to download the Pets on Holidays Guide and sign up to the Shoalhaven Tourism Mailing List. This campaign was in market from late November 2015 to late January 2016.

Google Adwords: 804 click throughs

Facebook: 5051 click throughs

This resulted in

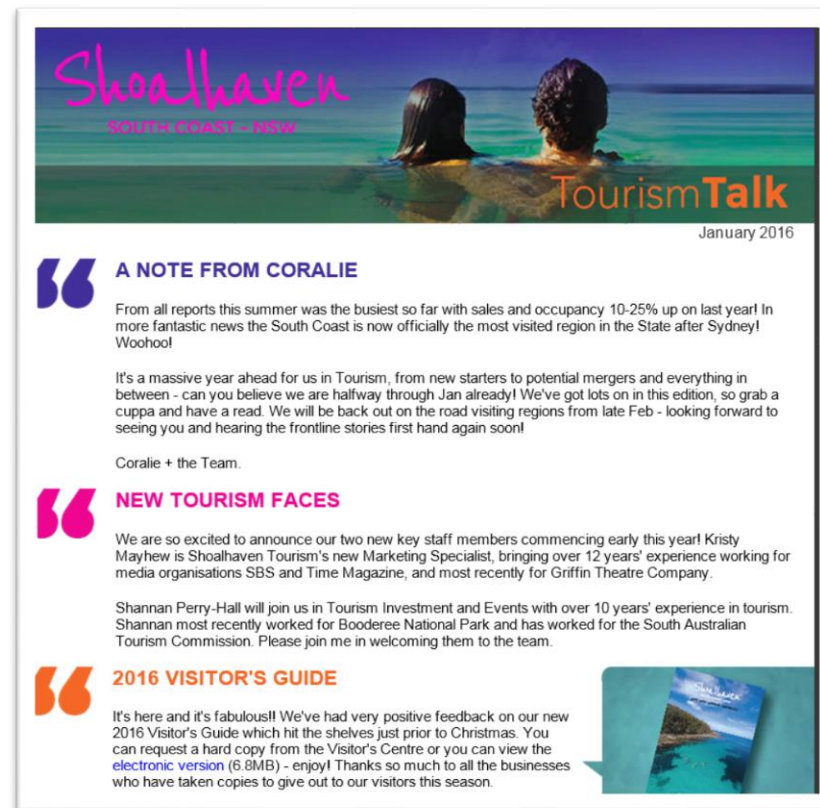
- 964 online downloads
- 431 requests for hardcopies
- 1008 subscribers to the tourism e-newsletter



Email Marketing

Tourism Talk

4 Tourism talk e-Newsletters have gone out in the Nov- Jan period, with lots of great feedback from operators. As of January 2016 our operator database is at 700 subscribers.



Shoalhaven Tourism E-Newsletter

Our first Shoalhaven Tourism E-Newsletter went out on January 22, just prior to Australia Day. The email went out to 1482 subscribers, with an open rate of 45.9% which is way above the industry standard for all sectors which sit around the 20-25%. This is a great result!

