



Shoalhaven Australia Day Awards close 1 December 2017
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Learn more about the Proposed Special Rate Variation

Shoalhaven City Council is inviting the community to learn and provide comment on the proposed Special Rate Variation. Council is proposing to apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for a continuation of the 13.2% rate increase that was applied to ratepayers this year. The previous increase was only approved to be implemented for a one-year period and Council is seeking for this increase to remain in place for the future.

As part of this application Council will also be seeking a 5% rate increase (including the rate peg) for each of the next three years. This increase is to meet the ongoing maintenance and renewal needs of our community infrastructure. The proposed increased revenue will fund maintenance and improvements to Shoalhaven roads, parks, sport fields and other community assets. [Learn more here.](#)

In the simplest terms, the general purpose rate increase means you would pay 5% more than the current year. If your general rates were \$1000 in 2017/18 they will be \$1050 in 2018/19.

The Special Rate Variation and the Delivery Program and Operational Plan documents will be on exhibition until 23 November 2017 and can be found on Council's [website](#) and at administration centres. Alternatively contact Council on



Council will be hosting three public meetings to provide the community with more information and facts on the proposed Special Rate Variation. The community is encouraged to attend one of the public meetings which will be held on:

Tuesday, 31 October 2017 at 7.00pm at Huskisson Community Centre

Wednesday, 1 November 2017 at 7.00pm at Ulladulla Civic Centre - Auditorium

Monday, 13 November 2017 at 7.00pm at the Nowra School of Arts

The public meetings will provide an opportunity to learn more about the Special Rate Variation proposal directly from Council's General Manager and Directors, senior staff and Councillors, who will all be in attendance to engage in discussions and answer questions.

All welcome, no RSVP required.

Annual Photo Competition



Thank you to all the people who entered Shoalhaven Water's 7th Annual Amateur Photographic Competition.

This year there were over 50 amazing entries. An exhibition of the photos is currently on display in Council's Nowra Administration Building. So if you are in the area, drop in and have a look.

With so many talented photographers submitting images supporting the theme 'Water - the heart of our Culture' it was very difficult to select a winner. We are pleased to announce that the winner of the competition is Sky Martin with her photograph titled 'Healing' taken at Upper Kangaroo Valley River.

Pictured (L-R) Sky Martin with Director of Shoalhaven Water, Carmel Krogh

Roads and Works Update

Cambewarra - Tannery Road – Maintenance grading and re-sheeting are being undertaken until 26 October. Further works will be undertaken prior to June 2018, to prepare and seal the existing unsealed road.

Brundee - Greenwell Point Road – Road pavement reconstruction, reshaping and shoulder widening are being undertaken at the intersection of Greenwell Point and Mayfield Roads to provide a new stabilised pavement and high friction asphalt surface at the intersection. From 4 November to the 1 December, Greenwell Point Road will be closed to through traffic between Millbank Road and Jindy Andy Lane and vehicles detoured at these locations.

RECENTLY COMPLETED WORKS



Cambewarra - Barfield Road – Construction of sealed pavement over existing gravel pavement between Mossvale Road and Tannery Road has been completed.

Myrning Grove – The construction of the approximately 105m of kerb and guttering between #14 & #22 Myrning Grove has been finalised.

Nowra - Stewart Place Bus Interchange Area –

Callala Bay - Callala Beach Road (Pictured) – Road pavement reconstruction and road widening have been completed. A final seal will be undertaken prior to November 2018.

Callala Beach Road and Forest Road Intersection
– Road widening and safety improvements. A final seal or asphalt wearing course will be placed prior to November 2018.

The wind break has been installed and the line marking works have been completed.

Wharf Road - The Wharf Road boat ramp, wharf and car park are operational now, after demolition of the Nowra Sailing Club.

To keep up to date with road works in our community, visit the [Road Conditions webpage](#) on Council's website.

Roadworks are weather permitting.

Anti Graffiti Day - Sunday 29 October



On Sunday 29 October 2017 it's time to take ownership. It's time to be proud. It's time to Love Where We Live by taking part in Graffiti Removal Day!

The aim of Graffiti Removal Day is to highlight the problem of graffiti across NSW and encourage people to volunteer to remove and prevent graffiti. Graffiti vandalism costs the NSW Government and residents more than \$300 million every year and it has to stop.

What can you do - Prevent it

There are some simple things that you can do to deter graffiti, including;

- Plan for easy graffiti removal (i.e. rough surfaces)
- Install lighting
- Consider a mural
- [Project Eyewatch](#) - is based on the social networking site Facebook, enabling locals to exchange information with police about crime and report issues of concern, in real time.

Remove it

Council strongly recommends that you remove all graffiti as soon as you can. Not only will the graffiti be easier to remove, but your quick response sends a positive message to the community.

Report it

To report graffiti on Council property please call the NSW Graffiti Hotline on 1800 707 125 or Council on 4429 3111. Graffiti is a crime. If you see suspicious activity, report it to [Crime Stoppers](#) on 1800 333

Children's Week

This week was Children's Week where many organisations in the Shoalhaven celebrated in such a creative style. From the production of Room on the Broom to Monday's launch of Paint Shoalhaven REaD Black and White, each activity excited children young and old.

The theme of Children's Week is that education should develop the child's personality and talents to the full.

Thank you to all our partners and to the children who participated.



Join free workshops in:

- Worm farming
- Beeswax Wraps
- Furoshiki (Japanese fabric wrapping)
- Backyard Chicken Basics
- Bokashi/Probiotics for House and Garden
- Backyard Bees
- Hand Weaving and Basket Making using recycled materials
- Boomerang Bags
- Take 3 for the Sea
- "Tip Tour"

Free workshops for National Recycling Week

Planet Ark's National Recycling Week from Monday, 13 to Sunday, 19 November 2017 is the annual opportunity to brush up on your knowledge and become successful recyclers.

Shoalhaven City Council is celebrating National Recycling Week this year by offering a series of free workshops, talks and activities in Ulladulla on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th November.

Bookings to all workshops are essential. Find out more [here](#).

Council Appoints New Director of Assets and Works

Shoalhaven City Council has announced the appointment of a new Director of Assets and Works, Paul Keech. Learn more [here](#).



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Mayor Amanda Findley is encouraging everyone in the community to acknowledge the contribution of quiet achievers in the Shoalhaven.

"There are so many well deserving people in the community who should be acknowledged for the achievements. The Shoalhaven Australia Day Awards and Shoalhaven Medals provide an ideal way to publicly thank individuals who give so much to our community, sport, not for profit organisations, volunteering and the generosity of the human spirit."

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"Once a year we can honour people who have made a commitment to support others. These people are from all walks of life and give so generously to others, to not for profits, the environment, people in need and causes they believe in deeply."

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"They don't do it for recognition, but often go above and beyond in their personal contribution."

Visit the Shoalhaven City Council [website](#) to nominate today.

How are you getting to the River Festival?

Council in partnership with Transport NSW is providing an accessible shuttle service for the duration of the event. The shuttle will service Bomaderry Train Station, Nowra CBD and Stockland. Why not make it easy and park and ride? Click here for the [timetable](#).

This service is available for everyone for a gold coin donation.



Visit the [Shoalhaven River Festival](#) website to view the festival program.

Have Your Say

Council has developed a Property Strategy



Property Strategy

that sets out guiding principles for the best management and growth of Council's property portfolio to ensure current and future community and operational needs are met.

The draft Property Strategy is on exhibition for community comment from Wednesday, 25 October to Friday, 24 November 2017. View it [here](#).

Climate Change Recognition

Congratulations to the Sussex Inlet and District Community Forum for being recognised with two awards for their Community Resilience Plan in partnership with Shoalhaven City Council and Griffith University.

The Sussex Inlet and Districts Strategic Action Plan: Building Community Resilience has won the Local Government NSW Excellence in Environment Award 2017 (Climate Change Action Category) and received a highly commended honour in the Resilience Australia Awards 2017 (Community Category).

Pictured (L-R) Council's Director Phil Costello, Gwen Downing and Gail Drummond from Sussex Inlet and District Forum and General Manager Russ Pigg.



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