



## Community Strategic Plan

The Community Strategic Plan identifies the community's main priorities and expectations for the future.

In the next few months we will be seeking your involvement in the creation of this plan and encourage you to have your say on the future of the Shoalhaven.

Stage 1 includes a random phone survey to residents in the Shoalhaven. If you are contacted, please use the opportunity to provide your feedback.



## Slow Down Kids Around

Council will once again be working with the Little Blue Dinosaur Foundation's "Holiday Time; Slow Down, Kids Around" signage campaign, to help ensure the safety of children on our roads these school holidays.

"Holiday Time; Slow Down, Kids Around" is a highly visible and timely reminder about the importance of road safety for both residents and visitors to be more aware of the increase in pedestrian activity as well as highlight road safety awareness.

## Gifts needed for the kids

Mayor Amanda Findley is appealing to the community to give this Christmas to the Mayor's Gift Appeal.

Charities are in need of children's gifts to help make Christmas bright for families this year.

Gifts can be left at the Mayor's Giving Box at Stockland Nowra, Council Admin Buildings, Libraries, Swim and Fitness Centres, Shoalhaven Arts Centre and Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre.



## Funding to rebuild Gantry

Council has received \$60,000 in grant funding from the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust to upgrade the Bawley Point gantry which was washed away in the June 2016 East Coast low.

The gantry has a rich history as it was part of the timber mill which began operation in 1891.

The community has driven the upgrade of the historically significant gantry and Council have supported this with plans created in early 2016 to upgrade the structure and establish it as a safe fishing platform.

In response, the community, with the generous support of local resident Terry Snow, have partnered with Council and the State Government to replace the platform and locate and retain parts of the timber mill heritage.

[Read more](#)



## Draft Collingwood Beach Dune Vegetation Management Plan Outcome

Shoalhaven City Council would like to thank all the community and petitioners who made submissions to the draft Collingwood Beach Dune Vegetation Management Plan and the Collingwood Beach Preservation Group Alternative Approach. Thank you for your input, contribution and comments.

In view of the petitions and submissions received, Council did not adopt either of the two plans that were placed on public exhibition. Councillors decided in response to the submissions received and position of relevant Government agencies, to engage consultants NGH Environmental and a coastal expert to revise approach and work with key government agencies to gain their endorsement.

The new revised approach will reflect the new Coastal Management Act 2016 management objectives.

As part of the review, a consultant will assess and consider a reasonable balance between appropriate vegetation and the vista of Jervis Bay from the cycleway. A revegetation plan for the dune and a strong policy that responds to vandalism will also be considered.

A new report to Council will be presented in July 2017.

## Receive your Shoalhaven Water Notices Electronically

Did you know you do not have to receive your Shoalhaven Water Account by snail mail?

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## Environmental Services share skills

Throughout the year, Council officers from Council's Environmental Services have hosted numerous work experience students. Environmental Services also participated in the Youth Frontiers mentoring program delivered by Workplace Learning Shoalhaven and supported by the NSW Government, with Vincentia High school students. Vincentia High School students ran a project to raise awareness about threatened animals that live in the bushland adjacent to the school. As part this project students ran a 'design a sign' competition with local primary schools. Students presented the outcomes and findings of their projects to school leaders and teachers, mentors and Mayor, Amanda Findlay.

This sharing of skills is really important to students from local schools who are trying to decide what career they would like to aim for. Environmental Services provide the students an overview of the jobs available at Council and the equipment used to increase efficiency of environmental monitoring.

A series of community sessions with local residents were also held to share knowledge with interested groups about the Shoalhaven's sensitive environments.

## Recycling and Waste Depots: Christmas Operating Hours

Council advises that its Recycling and Waste Depots are open for business as usual, except all will be closed on Christmas Day.

Additional opening days apply from the 26 December 2016 with all Depots (except Bendalong) being open 7 days per week until 31 January 2017. See hours [here](#)

## Community Matters Fair

The monthly Community Matters Fair will be held next Thursday, 15 December 2016 at Jelly Bean Park from 10 am to 1pm. Come along to learn more about the community services available in the Shoalhaven.

There will be entertainment, giveaways and children's activities.



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