



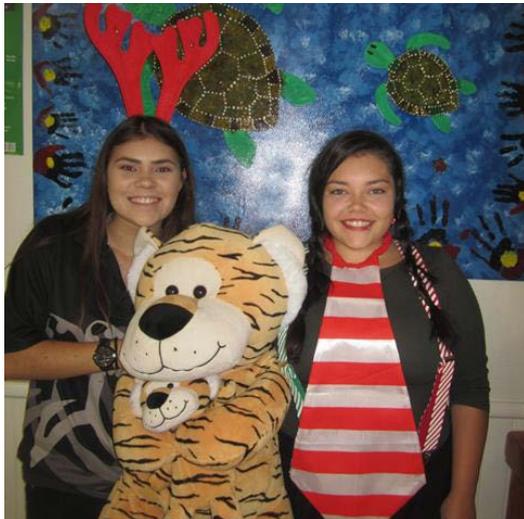
Rates Information ... our future

Just a reminder that information about the options and the proposed rate increase is available on our website or can be sent to you in the mail. Over the last year, Council has conducted many internal changes to save money including service reviews and a full restructure saving \$3 million.

Your rates contribute to a range of important Council services. An increase is required to maintain current services and to relieve a backlog of works particularly in road maintenance.

Ratepayers can download information packs from the Council [website](#) or contact Council on telephone: 4429 3111 or email: council@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au.

The Council [webpage](#) includes a poll, survey and feedback section for people to engage in the rate rise proposal.



Boori Pre School families celebrate the arrival of gifts this week.

Keep the gifts coming

Two charities have already received box loads of gifts from the Mayor's Giving Box. The Mayor's Giving Box at Stockland Nowra has been full of amazing gifts for children. Mayor Amanda Findley said she has been overwhelmed by the generosity of the community.

Gifts can still be left at Stocklands Nowra in the Mayor's Giving Box near Kmart or at Council Administration buildings in Nowra and Ulladulla, Libraries, Swim and Fitness Centres or the Shoalhaven Art Centre.

Charities supported include St Vincent de Paul, Red Cross, Boori Pre School, Cullunghutti Aboriginal Child and Family Centre and CareSouth. [Read more](#)

Roads and Works Update

The upgrade works for Turpentine Road have been finalised with the road officially opened on Thursday. Roadworks were carried out over

three stages covering the 8km of unsealed road - 4.6km from the Princes Highway finishing at Braidwood Road.

The 10 tonne load limit on Turpentine Road no longer applies and a speed limit of 80kph is now enforced.

Council received funding for the upgrade totalling \$6,450,000 from government programs including the Gilmore Safety Program (\$2,000,000), Black Spot Program Total (\$1,584,000) and Roads to Recovery (\$2,866,000).

Read more about Turpentine Road [here](#)

Road and assets projects are regularly updated on the [website](#).



Immunisation Clinic celebrates its service

After half a century of providing free Childhood Immunisation Clinics, the last group of children went through the clinic this week, all receiving a teddy bear to ease the pain of their jab.

Due to free immunisation now being offered by general practitioners under bulk billing and declining usage of the clinics, Councillors resolved to close the clinic.

The Shoalhaven has still one of the highest immunisation rates in the Illawarra District with parents preferring to access vaccinations at one of the many general practices across the city.

It is estimated that over 40,000 children under the age of five years of age have been vaccinated over the 50 years of the program.

Mollymook Surf Club Wins

Mollymook Surf Life Saving Club has been

awarded the winner of the Shoalhaven City Council Report Illegal Dumping (RID) Community Champions program. The announcement was made by Mayor Amanda Findley at a special presentation in the Council Chambers. Mayor Findley congratulated each group on implementing a motivating educational campaign.

The program encouraged four organisations to compete in the final stages of an educational campaign to their community about illegal dumping. Community groups that were chosen for the final round included:

- Shoalhaven Mariners Baseball Association
- Bay and Basin Cricket Club
- Mollymook Surf Life Saving Club
- Berry Junior Touch Football Club - The panel agreed to offer supplementary support to the Club due to their excellent application. Read [more](#)



Garbage and Recycling Kerbside Collections

Council is advising residents that garbage and recycling kerbside collections will continue as normal over the Christmas period.

While garbage collections will remain on Boxing Day, residents are advised to ensure their garbage and recycling bins are placed out the night before collection. Collection trucks will be picking up garbage and recycling much earlier than normal on Boxing Day.

Regular collection days will not change. [Read more](#)

Festive Season Hours

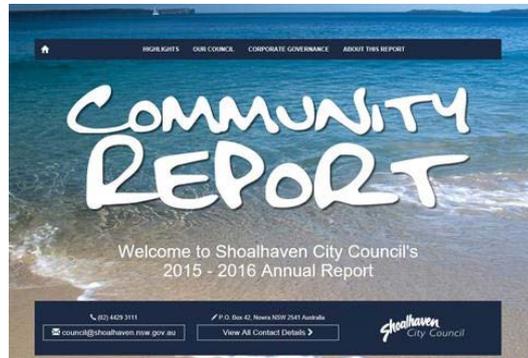
Council will be closed during the Christmas New Year period from Monday, 26 December to Monday, 2 January 2017 inclusive. Both offices will close at 4pm on Friday, 23 December 2016. Council offices will reopen for business on

Annual Report Available

Shoalhaven City Council's Annual Report is available to view on the Council's [website](#).

Tuesday, 3 January 2017.

An after hours call centre number for emergencies is available on Tel: 4421 3100.



Wear a life jacket when rock fishing

Rock fishing is one of the most dangerous sports in Australia and of the 10 people who died in NSW in the last year, not one was wearing a life jacket.

From 1 December 2016, you must wear a life jacket if you are rock fishing in the Randwick Local Government Area. This is part of a 12-month trial that will see enforcement officers from Randwick City Council, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Primary Industries and the NSW Police Force warning offenders not wearing a life jacket and providing advice. After this trial period a \$100 fine will be issued to offenders.

The Shoalhaven has had many injuries due to rock fishing. We encourage you all to keep safe over the holiday season when you are rock fishing.

The *Rock Fishing Safety Act 2016* aims to reduce drowning along the state's coastline. Find out more about the [Rock Fishing Safety Act 2016](#).

Mayor's Season's Greetings

As the year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to wish the Shoalhaven community all the best for the festive season.

This is a time to spend with family and friends, to be thankful and express gratitude for what we have and an opportunity if you are able, to give to others less fortunate.

Wishing you all a very safe, happy and healthy festive break and 2017.

Yours sincerely

Amanda Findley, Mayor, Shoalhaven City Council

The next edition of *The Neighbourhood News* will be 12th January 2017.



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