



Last chance to sign petition

If you have family and friends visiting you this holiday, encourage them to [sign the Petition](#) for funding for a new bridge at Nowra and the Berry to Bomaderry road upgrade. [Sign online here.](#)

The petition will be presented to our local federal member at the end of the month.

Project Shark - Marine Awareness a hit with students

During the last school term, Council Environmental Services staff delivered "Project Shark 2016", an exciting program for students from four local schools (Huskisson Public School, St Georges Basin Public School, Sussex Inlet Public School and Vincentia High School) to learn about sharks and to help educate the local community on how they can help with the conservation of these amazing animals by protecting their environment.

Over 200 students were involved in Project Shark that included two Field Habitat Days held at Moona Moona Creek, Jervis Bay and an Expo at St Georges Basin Public School.

Project Shark educated students about the traits of animals, in particular certain species of sharks and research being carried out to better understand sharks, specifically Port Jacksons, create awareness of what shark species are/are not protected and where and what species people can/cannot catch when going fishing.



The program also provided information for students on encouraging them to protect the environment, including making wise choices when buying seafood; selecting more sustainable products over less sustainable products; reducing and removing rubbish to ensure it does not get into the marine environment and understanding the connection that aboriginal people have with the marine environment in and around Jervis Bay

Project Shark culminated with an expo held at St Georges Basin Public School in November 2016 where students from all participating schools presented their shark and marine conservation messages in incredibly creative and evocative ways including plays, puppet shows, raps and songs.

Green light for Mollmook inclusive playground



Shoalhaven City Councillors have agreed to provide additional funding of up to \$850,000 to the All Ages All Inclusive Playspace at Mollymook Beach. The Mollymook Inclusive Playspace will be the first of its kind in the Shoalhaven and will showcase the region as an inclusive community, aiming to create a space where all ages and abilities play and socialise, side by side.

The development of the Inclusive Playspace will incorporate shared pathways, inclusive play equipment for all ages (including seniors play), shade, seating, tables and a Changing Places amenities building, all within a fully fenced area.

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Roads and Works Update

[Huskisson Traffic and Parking Studies](#) are now available online to the public as the Council considers the area's future traffic and parking requirements.

The study found parking levels were currently adequate in accordance with recognised standards, however, noted the pressure placed on parking in popular coastal locations like Huskisson in times of higher tourist seasonal demand.

In the short term a range of pedestrian safety and traffic improvements are nominated to meet the town's current needs. Council has submitted grant funding applications for pedestrian improvements in accordance with the recommended strategy.

Further consultation with the community would be undertaken once designs have been prepared. To view the studies, visit the [Shoalhaven City Council Website](#).



Road repairs are scheduled to begin on **Hillcrest Ave, South Nowra** from early January to mid-February 2017, subject to good weather conditions.

The works consist of full width road reconstruction from the Browns Creek Bridge to East of John Purcell Way and reconstruction of the east bound lane to the Holloway Road intersection.

John Purcell Way will be closed at Hillcrest Ave and on street parking adjacent to the work zone will be limited.

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

Don't forget to have your say about the suggested rates increase at getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au



Green Army helping to save Shoalhaven's rarest plant

Shoalhaven City Council has contributed towards a Green Army Project at Bomaderry Creek to assist in saving the Bomaderry Zieria (*Zieria baeuerlenii*) plant population.

The Green Army team is made up of local young people aged 18 to 24 years who are interested in the environment and learn hands-on skills and knowledge that will assist them in finding employment in the future.

Over the last two months, the Green Army has been working hard planting 824 local native plants and installing kangaroo and rabbit proof guards to protect the plants. These new plantings will act as a buffer to weeds that directly threaten the Bomaderry Zieria plants.

Community Volunteers support busy hot spots over Christmas

Shoalhaven City Council Rangers teamed up with Shoalhaven Tourism and Huskisson Community Consultative Body (CCB) volunteers to help support the influx of tourists over the festive season at two of the busiest beach tourist destinations in the Shoalhaven, Hyams Beach and Huskisson.

Visitor Services staff were located at Huskisson and Hyams Beach to assist visitors with local information including: how to get to attractions, where to park, neighbouring picnic areas, bathrooms, cafes etc.

Read [more](#)



On Exhibition - Shoalhaven Coastal Hazard Review

Council has placed the Draft Shoalhaven Coastal Hazard Review on public exhibition until 3rd February 2017.

The document can be accessed on line on the Council's [website](#). Hard copies are available at Nowra and Ulladulla Civic Centre and the Bay and Basin Leisure Centre.

The Coastal Hazard Review takes into consideration Council's adopted sea level rise projections as well as new data that had been collated since the original study was completed.

Comments can be submitted online through the exhibition [page](#) or by writing to the General Manager, Shoalhaven City Council, PO Box 42, Nowra NSW 2541.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Mayor's Christmas Giving Box.

Charities that received the gifts donated by our community included: St Vincent de Paul, Red Cross, Boori Pre School, Cullunghutti Aboriginal Child and Family Centre and CareSouth.

Shoalhaven City Council Mayor Amanda Findley thanks everyone for their support and generosity.

"I cannot believe how giving our community has been. Thank you for being part of this Christmas Giving Box."



A special thank you to Stockland Nowra for their support with hosting the Giving Box.



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