



## Building Brighter Babies Through Reading

Shoalhaven Libraries is launching their Building Brighter Babies program, encouraging parents to apply for baby's first library card and starting a lifelong reading journey.

On joining the library and getting your baby a library card, you will receive a free library bag and book to keep, including information about reading to children and appropriate booklists.

There is a wealth of research showing that daily reading to children puts them almost a year ahead of those who are not being read to and listening to stories can help develop their attention span and imagination. It has also shown that children who are read to from a young age have better outcomes throughout their lives, with about 85% of brain development happening in the first five years of life.

[Learn More](#)



## Fun Activities for the School Holidays

Looking for some fun activities to close out the school holidays? There's a number of options right on your doorstep:

- Check out the local pools at [Shoalhaven Swim and Fitness](#)
- Learn something new and have some fun at one of the many events at [Shoalhaven Libraries](#)
- Explore a new beach or something new from the [wide variety of attractions](#) the Shoalhaven has to offer



Discover more about art at the [Shoalhaven City Arts Centre](#). The Shoalhaven City Arts Centre has a number of programs for children and adults alike, see their [website](#) for more details.

## Roads and Works Update

### NEW ROUNDABOUT AT ULLADULLA

Shoalhaven City Council will be constructing a new roundabout at the intersection of South Street and Jubilee Avenue Ulladulla, incorporating a new entrance to the adjoining car park.

The roadworks are expected to commence early February and be completed late April, during which time South Street, Jubilee Avenue and the adjoining car park access will be closed at the work site.

Access to residents will be maintained throughout the project and Council has written to residents and businesses affected.

Council apologises for any inconvenience caused.

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



### AGARS LANE, BERRY

Road construction and sealing of 1.2km section of pavement. Road is scheduled to be undertaken from the 6 February to 6 March 2017, weather permitting. For further information please call Mr Ed Braddick on (02) 4406 2000



## Say G'Day at Australia Day Celebrations

Australia Day is fast approaching, so if you are looking for something to do, check out these great community events:

On Wednesday 25th January:

- **Council Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony**  
from 5:30pm - Shoalhaven Entertainment



Centre, Nowra.

Then on Australia Day, Council has supported a number of local events:

- **Berry Showground**  
8:00am-11:00am - Food and entertainment for the whole family,
- **Citizen of the Year Award - Callala**  
8:00am-10:30am - Bicentennial Park, Lackersteen st, Callala Bay,
- **Mollymook Beach Reserve**  
8:00am-2:30pm - Market and activities including music performances and exhibitions,
- **Nowra Showground**  
from 8:00am - Refreshments, games, displays and entertainment organised by acclaimed musician Paul Greene.

## Catch a flick at the Nowra Cinema Pop Up

From 2nd-6th February, movies will feature nightly at the Nowra Cinema Pop Up in Harry Sawkins Park.

Movies featuring include:

- Big Hero 6
- The Karate Kid
- Spectre
- Jerry Maguire
- Step Brothers



Various ticket, food and beverage options are available, see the [Cinema Pop Up website](http://CinemaPopUp.com.au) for more details.

## Grapest 5k Run - Coming to Coolangatta in March

Council is sponsoring the Grapest 5K Run taking place in Coolangatta Estate on 4th March.

Participants will run, jog, walk or skip through the amazing Coolangatta Estate Winery and surrounds. The event also contains four Wine Tasting Stations and live music. Please 'run' responsibly.

**Coolangatta Estate - 4th March 2017 - Starting at 4pm and ending at 9:30pm**

[Learn more](#)



## Future Swim Champions Coached in Ulladulla

Olympic Coach Doug Frost has been coaching a Summer Camp at the Ulladulla Leisure Centre sharing his knowledge with 40 Shoalhaven children providing intensive swimming coaching.

The camp included assisting with technical strokes, health and well-being and nutrition.


Doug Frost was behind the success of Australia's two most successful swimmers Ian Thorpe and Grant Hackett.



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