



## Meet Our Shoalhaven Australia Day Award Winners

### Citizen of the Year - June Stevens

June has provided longstanding community service and leadership to residents of the Shoalhaven for over a decade. She was one of the original founding members of the Shoalhaven Neighbourhood Centre, a service that now plays a valuable role in our community.

June has served as President of Nowra Family Support, is the former CEO of Australian National Lifeline and Lifeline South Coast and has supported many families in her role as a Marriage and Family Counsellor.

As a current Director for Southern Cross Community Housing, June has provided leadership and mentorship in not only this role, but in roles that include being a Board Member of Kemblawarra Child Care Centre, Chair for Shoalcare and Chair for Nowra Family Support Service.

*June has enriched our community through her dedication, commitment and spirit in supporting and serving those in need.*

### Citizen of the Year Highly Commended - Richard Manwarring

Richard has dedicated his life to raising funds to combat cancer. He has hosted cancer events such as the Code C Cancer Benefit Night, gained sponsorship, rallied the community as well as organising and promoting fundraising events full of entertainment, memories and purpose.

His energy belies his age as he tirelessly and with much passion organises each event, obtaining media and business support to reach his fundraising objectives.

Richard's work was rewarded when his dream to purchase a cancer patient bus came to fruition. The bus is used every week to provide free transport for cancer patients to attend the Shoalhaven District Hospital,

Richard has raised over \$250,000 in the past eight years for projects including a cancer bus.

*We all owe this great man recognition and thanks. Richard you are an inspiration to all.*



*Above: Richard Manwarring with The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP and Mayor Findley. Left: Mayor Findley with June Stevens. Below Mayor Findley with Ava Del Tufo; Ashleigh Hewson with Tarje Whitford.*

Our congratulations are extended to the other



award winners:



- **Shoalhaven Young Citizen of the Year:**  
Ava Del Tufo - Unwavering dedication and whole hearted enthusiasm to assist with social issues and community initiatives.  
*"I want so many things from my life and I have such a passion to help people. Sometimes I feel that I am bursting at the seams to just get started out there in the big wide world."* Ava Del Tufo



- **Shoalhaven Sportsperson of the Year:**  
Ashleigh Hewson – Outstanding sports representative for the Shoalhaven promoting women's sports at all levels, particularly in rugby union.  
*"I can only play to my full potential because of the team around me."* Ashleigh Hewson
- **Shoalhaven Junior Sportsperson of the Year:** Tarje Whitford - Contribution and consistent performance in rugby league.  
*This award is deserved recognition for Tarje's prowess as a player and his contribution to sport and community as a patrol member of Mollymook Surf Life Saving Club.*

## Berry School of Arts Makeover

Berry School of Arts is getting an internal makeover, ensuring one of our oldest halls in the City can meet up with demand in hosting more local activities for the community.

Refurbishments to the kitchen, new section of roofing, art room and repainting of the hall and supper room will occur over the next few months thanks to a \$300,000 Federal Government Department of Infrastructure and

Shoalhaven City Council has added additional funding of \$27,000 to replace and upgrade lighting throughout the building as well as sanding and sealing of the main hall and a fire protection upgrade.

The iconic building was open on 18 January 1906 by Alexander Berry and Council has been working hard bringing the historic building up to date for the community.

The Berry School of Arts is used for many functions and events and with the new addition of a commercial kitchen, it is hoped the

Regional Development grant received with the support of Federal Member for Gilmore Ann Sudmalis MP.



beautiful building will enjoy hosting more luncheons, weddings, meetings and special events.

It is hoped refurbishments will be completed by April 2017.

The hall is available for hire from April 2017. For more information, please contact Council on Tel: 4429 3111.

## Roads and Works Update

As part of Council's ongoing commitment to preserving and enhancing its road pavement assets, a bitumen road resealing program will be undertaken in the following locations throughout the Shoalhaven commencing Monday, 6 February 2017.

Milton: Church Street (South), Crooybyar Road, Woodstock Road, Gordon Street

Mollymook: Mitchell Parade, Ocean Street, Niblick Ave, Drive Ave, Garside Road, Jones Ave, North East Place

Narrawallee: Bannister Head Road, Leo Drive

Ulladulla: North Street (West) St Vincent Street

Cunjurong: Cunjurong Point Road

Termeil: Old Princes Highway



After the reseal is completed, some loose stone will remain on the road surface. Please drive carefully.

**Culburra Road, Woolumboola** - Road rehabilitation works are scheduled to be undertaken from 30 January to 10 April 2017 (weather permitting). The works consist of 1.2km of full width pavement reconstructions and the construction of adjacent shoulders from Coonamia Road to the previously completed rehabilitation works to the East.

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

## Meet someone new in your neighbourhood

Council has 24 recognised resident's groups that meet on a regular basis to discuss important local projects in your community.

These groups, known as Community Consultative Bodies, (CCBs) are a great way to get to know people in your town and assist Council on setting community driven goals.

Meetings are coordinated by a volunteer committee and are



attended regularly by Shoalhaven City Councillors.

We all want to make the Shoalhaven a great place so find a group near [you](#) and get involved!



## Stay active and learn more about:

Falls Prevention

Cardio vascular health using wet and dry water based activities

Improving mental health

Aqua aerobics

Gentle exercise

## Staying Active program

Council has been successful in a Funding Application submitted to the Aquatic & Recreation Institute of Australia for the amount of \$8,000 to enable Shoalhaven Swim & Fitness Centres to host the Institute's Staying Active Program.

The Staying Active Pilot Initiative will run from February to June this year and will focus on:

- Falls prevention – through improving the strength and balance of participants;
- Combining wet and dry activities – water based classes improve cardio vascular health and range of movement, while land based classes improve load, bearing capabilities;
- Removing barriers – Reducing costs and making classes more accessible to seniors; and
- Creating a social atmosphere – Improves mental health, and maximises the potential of over 50s returning regularly.

The following Staying Active Programs are subsidised and are \$10 per class offered at Bomaderry Aquatic Centre:

**Aqua Aerobics** - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1pm, at Bomaderry Aquatic Centre.

**Gentle Exercise Class** - Fridays, 2pm, at Bomaderry Community Centre (starting Friday 3rd February 2017).

For more information contact Bomaderry Aquatic Centre on 02 4429 5600. Visit the [website](#) to learn more about Swim & Fitness.



## Every drop counts - Start saving water

Flows in the Shoalhaven River have gradually decreased due to the prolonged dry weather and are now at the trigger level where pumping is required to cease.

Shoalhaven Water will continue to draw water from the off-stream storage at Bamarang Dam.

If no rainfall occurs to allow pumping to recommence, Shoalhaven Water will anticipate that the trigger level for the implementation of Level 1 Water Restrictions (Bamarang level to 60% capacity) will be reached in early March.



## Seniors Week Treatment Plant Tour - Wednesday, 8 March 2017

Join Shoalhaven Water for a special Seniors Week Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour on Wednesday 8 March 2017.

You will see how water is collected and treated before being distributed to your home and how wastewater is treated before becoming a part of the highly acclaimed and award winning recycled effluent management scheme.

There is no charge to attend and morning tea will be provided. To find out more or to book a place, phone 4429 3214. Numbers are limited so book early!




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