



Above: The original dam constructed in 1967.

Below: Porters Creek Dam upgraded



Porter Creek Dam Facts

- Provides 30% of Southern Shoalhaven's drinking water supply.
- Reservoir capacity 1900 mega litres.
- Shoalhaven City Council commissioned GHD Pty Ltd to design modifications to the dam and a contract for construction was awarded to Leed Engineering and Construction Pty Ltd in 2015.
- 4,500m³ of concrete was batched and poured on site to form the new dam wall.
- 3.6km of Porters Creed Rd sealed from the Princes Hwy

Water flows into Porters Creek Dam upgrade

Shoalhaven Water has officially opened the upgraded Porters Creek Dam, half a century after the initial dam construction in 1967.

The dam provides approximately 30% of Southern Shoalhaven's drinking water supply and has a reservoir capacity of 1,900 mega litres.

Carmel Krogh, Director Shoalhaven Water, is proud of the outcomes of the upgrade from a number of perspectives, saying "The dam upgrade is a major milestone for Shoalhaven Water. It will ensure we have adequate water supply for the southern Shoalhaven in the future. The dam was built on time and under budget and included 25,000 man hours to upgrade."

Ms Krogh was particularly pleased that the new project provided some fascinating linkages with the original dam. "The original dam was constructed in 1967 by Shoalhaven Shire Council and was designed and supervised by the engineering firm Gutteridge Haskins and Davy (GHD). A young 17 year old named Laurie Andrew started his working life at that time as a trainee surveyor on that dam project. Fifty years later GHD designed the upgrade and that same Laurie Andrew works for Shoalhaven City Council and acted as Council's site supervisor for the upgrade".

The original dam consisted of a 17 metre high by 139 metre long post-tensioned concrete gravity section with an overflow spillway integral with the crest. The upgrade commenced in March 2016 and eight months later, a new dam wall involved the construction of 4,500m³ of concrete gravity buttress and stilling basin has been constructed.

The upgrade of the dam was in response to meet safety requirements, to ensure longevity of the dam structure and consequently meet the future water supply demands of the Milton and Ulladulla communities.

The upgrade also included the 3.6km of Porters Creed Rd sealed from the Princes Hwy to Graydon Pointer Rd.

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- 25,000 man hours.
- Cost \$8.5M (within the \$10M budget).

Shoalhaven City Council

End of Summer POOL Party!

**Nowra Aquatic Park
Scenic Drive Nowra
Sunday, 5 March 2017
10am – 1pm**

**Free entry and waterslides
between 10 am – 1pm**

- Sausage Sizzle available for purchase to support local charities
- Lucky Door Prize
- Best Dressed Pool Costumes (Age group Under 10 years, 11-17 years and Adults)
- Inflation Race (BYO Floation device)
- Music and Entertainment
- Sandpits for the kids
- Jumping Castle
- Clown, Tapstar and Dripette

This is a free event with limited tickets available from Swim and Fitness Centres and Council Administration buildings.

Children (under 10 years) are not allowed entry unless under active supervision of a person 16 years or older.

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On Friday, 3 March from 10am – 1pm join Council at the Seniors Festival Launch in Jelly Bean Park for jazz and activities.



What to do during the Shoalhaven during Seniors Festival 3-12 March 2017

Join the NSW Senior's Festival Celebrations across the Shoalhaven from 3-12 March 2017. If you are over 60, NSW Seniors Festival gives you the chance to make new friends or get together at an array of local community events, many of which are free or heavily discounted.

At the launch, enjoy the Southern Stompers Jazz band or try out some brain training apps. Shoalhaven Arts Centre will be hosting a weaving workshop with recycled and collected materials.

Festival activities include Men's Shed Open Days, luncheons, workshops, entertainment, technology and cooking demonstrations and recreational opportunities like aquarobics from Swim and Fitness Centres to tai chi.

Let's do more together in the Shoalhaven. Come along and enjoy the festival.

[Click here to view the Seniors Festival event calendar](#)

Roads and Works Update

The following road works are programmed for February and March:

Road Rehabilitation of Coolangatta Road and Intersection Upgrade - Underway by mid 2017. [Click here](#) to Review the Environmental Factors.

Agars Lane, Berry – Pavement construction, heavy patching and sealing of 1.2km section of pavement commenced on 30 January and are scheduled to be complete by 27 February 2017, weather permitting.

Culburra Road, Woollumboola - Road rehabilitation works commenced 30 January and are scheduled to be completed by 10 April 2017. The works consist of 1.2km of full width pavement reconstructions and the construction of adjacent shoulders from Coonemia Road to the previously completed rehabilitation works to the East.

Greenwell Point Road, Brundee – Road



Naval College Road - Limited to between Pine Forest Road and Seagrass Avenue. Works will include road shoulder widening and sealing. The project construction activities are expected to start in mid February and it is expected to be completed by the end of July 2017.

Callala Bay – Various drainage projects, commencing in late February, around Bay St, Chapman St and Morton St area.

rehabilitation works are scheduled to be undertaken from 26 April - 30 June 2017. The works consist of 940m of full width pavement reconstruction and construction of adjacent shoulders, from adjacent to # 584 to 180m East of Mayfield Road. During the works Mayfield Road intersection will be closed for up to three weeks.

Prince Edward Ave, Culburra – Road rehabilitation works are scheduled to be undertaken from 27 February to 7 April. The works consist of 455m of full width pavement reconstruction between The Lake Circuit and Eastwood Ave (#145 to #146). During the period 6 -17 March, Prince Edward Ave will be closed from The Lake Circuit to Eastwood Ave. Resident access will be via Canal and Brighton Pde, with through traffic detoured via Penguins Head Road.

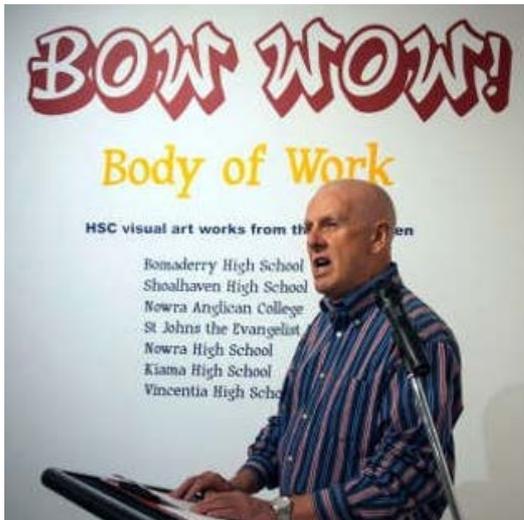
Mitchell Parade, Callala Bay – Minor kerb and gutter works have commenced.

Kingsford Smith Crescent, Sanctuary Point – A concrete footpath is currently being constructed along Kingsford Smith Crescent from Idlewild Ave to Paradise Beach Road. Construction is expected to be completed in early March.

Winnima Lane, Huskisson – Pavement and shoulder sealing adjacent to the new kerb and gutter construction at Nowra St / Beach St corner, are scheduled to be completed in March.

Illfracombe Ave and Plantation Point Pde Vincentia – Minor kerb and gutter works during February/March.

Road and assets projects are regularly updated on Council's [website](#) and are dates are determined by weather.



Shoalhaven City Arts Centre Celebrates Youth Art Achievement

Shoalhaven City Arts Centre and Regional Gallery will once again celebrate the achievements of HSC visual arts students in the annual **Bow WOW** exhibition opening on the 25 March.

Students from high schools across the Shoalhaven will have their work displayed in the exhibition, following a nomination and selection process.

The exhibition aims to promote the work of HSC Visual Art students and acknowledge the high level of artistic excellence achieved by students of the Shoalhaven.

In 2017 the exhibition will feature works from students who graduated in 2015, and whose works have recently been returned to the area following *ArtExpress* tours. These works have not been seen by local audiences.

Bow WOW opens at 12pm on 25 March 2017 at the Shoalhaven City Arts Centre and Regional Gallery. Entry is free and the exhibition will be on display until the 15 April.

For more details visit the Shoalhaven City Arts Centre [website](#)

Get Involved in Nowra

Showground Ideas Day

Sunday, 26 February from 11am to 1pm.

Shoalhaven City Council and the Nowra Show Society are inviting the community to get involved with the showground and share any ideas about Nowra Showground.

An Ideas Day at Nowra Showground will be held at Nowra Showground Pavilion on Sunday, 26 February from 11am to 1pm.

The community will be able to provide feedback on a range of topics based on precincts, as identified in the current Nowra Showground Plan of Management including general use, events and facilities at the Showground which can be used by locals as well as visitors

If you cannot attend, leave your ideas on the Get Involved platform by clicking the button. To attend the event, please RSVP for catering purposes by Thursday 23 February to email: council@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au

get involved
your ideas matter

[Click here to Get Involved](#)



Welcome to our new Citizens

Last week, the Shoalhaven Citizenship ceremony welcomed 13 new citizens to Australia who now calling our City their home.

Mayor Amanda Findley congratulated all the new citizens saying, "Becoming a citizen represents a commitment to Australia and its people. It gives a sense of belonging and participate in all aspects of Australian life."

ENTER TO WIN a Voucher to host your Neighbour Day Party

Sunday, 26 March 2017

Gather your neighbours and organise a picnic or gathering to celebrate Neighbour Day. To

help you have a great party, enter [here](#) to WIN a \$100 food or BBQ voucher package for your street party .

[Enter the competition here](#)



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