



Congratulations to the Shoalhaven for being chosen to be part of the Queen's Baton Relay Race



The Chosen City

Last Sunday, Mayor Amanda Findley welcomed the community to her End of Summer Pool Party where she announced that the eyes of the Commonwealth will be on the Shoalhaven.

On Monday, 5 February 2018, as the Queen's Baton journeys will journey through Nowra on its way towards its final destination on the Gold Coast for the 2018 Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony to be held on 4 April 2018 .

Local legends are being called on to carry the Queen's Baton in the Shoalhaven as it prepares to host the Queen's Baton Relay.

Setting off in Australia on 25 December 2017, the Queen's Baton will travel for 100 days and will carry a message from Her Majesty which will be officially read at the opening ceremony.

Whilst in the Shoalhaven, it will be carried around the Nowra CBD and end up at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre where a fun community party will take place.

Nominate a Baton Bearer

Nominations are now open until 15 May 2017 for the community to nominate a person who inspires. Nominate [here](#) .

People who could be nominated include someone who has:

- achieved something extraordinary;
- made a significant contribution to either sport, education, the arts, culture, charity or within their community;
- excelled, or aspire to excel athletically or personally;
- Contributed to a fun, friendly, vibrant and inclusive community;
- Are at least 10 years old and;
- Are an Australian citizen or lawfully entitled to reside in Australia.

Mayor Amanda Findley is excited about the event. "I encourage the community to nominate a local legend that deserves to be a Batonbearer."



[Nominate a Batonbearer](#)



Your rates, everybody's future

THE FACTS

Special Rate Variation Information Sessions

presented by Shoalhaven City Council

We've been listening to your feedback and would like to invite you to hear firsthand rates information from Council senior staff.

Sessions will be held on the following dates commencing at **7.00 pm to 9.00 pm**

Date	Town	Venue
Mon 13 March	Ulladulla	Ulladulla Civic Centre
Wed 15 March	Sussex Inlet	Thomson St Facilities, (Community Centre) Upper Hall
Mon 20 March	Culburra	Waratah Hall, Culburra Beach Community Centre, Culburra Road (cnr Fred Evans Lane)
Wed 22 March	Wandandian	Wandandian Hall, D2683 Princes Highway
Mon 27 March	Nowra	Seven Mile Room, Level 2, City Administrative Centre,

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- The facts on why a rate rise is needed
- Where will the extra rates be spent in our City
- Our City rates compared to other regional Councils
- Actions taken and planned to cut expenditure
- Consultation and research that has been undertaken
- How Council currently monitors and maintains our current assets
- How the special rate rise increase was calculated
- What other options would be available for Council to be financially sustainable
- The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) process

For more information email council@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au or P: 4429 3111
No RSVP required

Road and Works Update

Quinns Lane and Old Southern Road, South Nowra - Works are progressing on the roundabout construction at the Quinns Lane and Old Southern Road intersection.

Due to wet weather and service relocation works, the completion of the project has

Bolong/Coolangatta/Gerroa Intersection & Coolangatta Road Upgrade

- Road works will commence late March/early April (weather permitting) on the upgrade of the final section of Coolangatta Road and on improvements to the Bolong Road and Coolangatta Road intersection. The works are expected to be completed by August.

Message Boards advising of the works will be

been delayed until April.

Centre island works are planned over the coming weeks that will allow the intersection to start working as a roundabout.

Traffic control measures will continue to minimise disruption to the flow of traffic.



placed near Berry, on Gerroa Road north of Coolangatta Road, and on Bolong Road south of Coolangatta Road. Traffic control will be in place during construction.

Ulladulla South Street Roundabout Works have commenced on site for the construction of the roundabout at South Street and Jubilee Ave Ulladulla. Rain over the past few weeks has delayed the start of the project. The project is now expected to be completed late May.

During the works South Street, Jubilee Ave and the adjoining carpark access are closed.

Access to residents will be maintained throughout the project.

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

Don't forget to share this newsletter with your friends who can sign up for their own copy on Council's website

What's Happening in the Shoalhaven

Seniors Festival - 3-12 March 2017 There are still a number of events held until the 12 March to attend. View the event calendar [here](#). On 12 March, the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre will hold a Seniors [Celebration of Youth](#), a magnificent program of classical and modern music. Adults \$35, Students \$20. Bookings 1300 788 503.

Neighbour Day - 26 March 2017 Connect with those who live in your neighbourhood. Enjoy a cuppa, picnic in the park or a message of support; it's the perfect opportunity to say thanks for being a great neighbour. More information is available at www.neighbourday.com.au or on Council's [website](#).

These events are organised or supported by Council.





Get Involved

Bayswood Playground Relocation at Bayswood Vincentia Council is engaging landowners within the Bayswood residential area regarding the Pacific City Park playground and seeking feedback on options to improve the facility. Pacific City Park is located on Coaster Circuit, Vincentia. The community can provide feedback until 26 March 2017. Learn more [here](#)

Currarong Beach Erosion and Beach Access Have your say on the long term management of erosion and beach access at Currarong Beach. Provide feedback [here](#)

Special Rate Variation Information Information about the special rate variation is available online [here](#).

Understanding Floods

Council has a series of videos available online to assist the community to better understand flooding and minimise risks to personal safety and property.

This series of [videos](#) features flood stories from local people together with information from State and Local Government staff involved in flood planning and management.

The videos outline the history of flooding in the Shoalhaven, explain flood management processes, provide guidance to the community on how to be flood prepared and bust a few common flood myths.



It is critical that communities in flood-liaible areas learn about flooding and how to be flood prepared, as flooding can occur at any time. Being flood prepared builds community resilience and enables people to cope more effectively during and after a flood. **View the videos [here](#)**



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