



Australia Day Awards Nominations Now Open

Shoalhaven City Council is accepting nominations for the 2019 Shoalhaven Australia Day Awards.

Mayor Amanda Findley is encouraging Shoalhaven residents to play their part by nominating an unsung hero, so their efforts and contributions are recognised publicly.

"We are looking for those quiet people in our community who are outstanding individuals who have helped improve our environment or individuals who have contributed in some way to making the Shoalhaven a more inclusive place to live," Cllr Findley said.

This year there are two new categories, Outstanding Contribution to Arts and Culture as well as Outstanding Emerging Artist. Our sports, not for profit, volunteer and arts communities are filled with individuals who have achieved amazing results and deserve acknowledgement."



Be Great! Nominate! Find out more on the Council Website

[Complete a nomination form online or download a copy](#), contact Council on 4429 3111 for a copy or visit our Nowra or Ulladulla Administration Centres for a hard copy form.

Nominations are open until 5pm on Friday, 30 November 2018.

Water Restrictions

Just a reminder that Level 1 Water Restrictions start this Monday, 3 September 2018. Level 1 water restrictions encourage everyone to be aware of how we can save water and water wastage. Keep up to date with [Water Restrictions on the Shoalhaven Water website](#).

Shoalhaven Council's Water Utility
WATER



TOPPING UP EXISTING SWIMMING POOLS
Use fixed timer.
Any time.

LEVEL 1 Water Restrictions Now Apply

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WATER



WATERING GARDEN & LAWN
Hand held hose.
Any time.

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SPRINKLERS & DRIP IRRIGATION
Includes laying new turf
Use fixed timer.
Any time.

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WASHING VEHICLES & BOATS
Hand held hose.
Any time.

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Artie Smith Oval Update

At Council's Strategy and Assets Meeting, an update was provided on the successful negotiations with Bomaderry Croquet Club to relocate from their current Bomaderry Oval site to the Artie Smith Site. Council endorsed to include a flat playing surface for Croquet as part of the detailed design for Artie Smith Oval.

Council will also undertake consultation with the Athletics Club to identify an alternate site for a new facility.



Shoalhaven Ambassadors Call Out

Shoalhaven Tourism is calling out for the next intake of locals for this year's Volunteer Ambassador program. If you are a storyteller



and keen to share your knowledge of our beautiful region – then apply now to join the Mid-October training session.

There will be learning on the job and formal training. If you know anyone passionate about our beautiful region then they can apply [here](#) or contact Joe Puglisi on Joe.Puglisi@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au or Tel: 0403 186 688.

Support for Farmers

At Council's Ordinary Meeting this week, Councillors recommended the Mayor's Relief Fund committee consider providing a donation to the most suitable charitable organisation to distribute the funds to our local farmers in need.

Council is investigating practical ways to support our farmers to ease the burden of the drought.

Council resolved to:

- Immediately suspend the accrual of interest from 1 July 2018 on all farmland rating properties with overdue rates and charges.
- Receive a report at the September Strategy and Assets Committee Meeting on options available to Council to amend its Hardship Policy to provide further rates relief to affected farmers.
- Request the Mayor and the General Manager to activate the Mayor's Relief Fund for a local appeal to support the local farmers in difficult situations.

Further information on ways to support local farmers will be promoted shortly.



Are you a farmer that needs support? The government has the following farmers emergency drought relief support programs in place. Find out more about the [Emergency Drought Relief Transport Subsidy](#).

[Regional Investment Corporation](#) (RIC) is the Commonwealth's farm business concessional loans. The RIC can offer two loan products for farm businesses – Farm Investment Loans and Drought Loans. For more information contact the RIC on 1800 875 675 or visit the [RIC website](#).

[Drought Assistance Fund Interest free loans](#) of up to \$50,000 are available to eligible primary producers to assist in implementing systems and management practices that enhance the sustainability of their enterprise by funding; Transport of livestock, transport of fodder and/or water; Water and Fodder infrastructure, and Banking of genetic material

of livestock.

The [Australian Government](#) provides a number of assistance measures to support farm families, farm businesses and rural communities to prepare for, manage through and recover from drought and other hardship. Find out more on the [Government's Assistance Measures page](#).

[Lifeline](#) - If you are experiencing a personal crisis, help is available. No one needs to face their problems alone. Contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 (24/7).



Congratulations Gordon

Council's Senior Strategic Planner, Gordon Clark, has won the Local Government NSW Planning Award, Excellence in Leadership for Outstanding Individual Contributions Division B (population 30,000-70,000) at the Local Government NSW Awards in Sydney.

Council's Strategic Planning Unit also received a Highly Commended Award for Culture Change Innovation and Excellence for their Affordable Housing Strategy Project.

Judges stated Gordon had championed the cause and development of a local based and collaborative Affordable Housing Strategy for the Shoalhaven, showing outstanding vision and initiative and individual leadership. Well done Gordon.

Road Updates

Black Forest - Bolong Road (east of Broughton Creek) - The works involve the widening, pavement upgrade, and resealing of approximately 1.3km of Bolong Road from 400m east of Broughton Creek. Works have been temporarily halted due to excessive subsurface moisture affecting the pavement. Geotechnical investigations have been concluded. The works are now expected to be completed by mid-October 2018, weather permitting. Changed traffic conditions are



operating for the duration of works, noting that in order to complete the works, one lane will be closed 24 hours a day with traffic lights set up.

Woollamia - Pritchard Avenue – Drainage easement works began on 27 August 2018 and are programmed to be completed by 31 August 2018.



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