

An aerial photograph of a lush green valley. A paved road winds through the center, with a small white car driving away. The valley is filled with dense green trees and grassy fields. In the background, a long, flat-topped mountain range stretches across the horizon under a cloudy sky. A large white circular graphic element is on the right side of the image.

# *Community Consultative Bodies*

**Executive Meeting  
December 2025**

# **Caitlin Lewis**

**Manager – Media and Communications  
Emcee**



# Housekeeping



Bathrooms

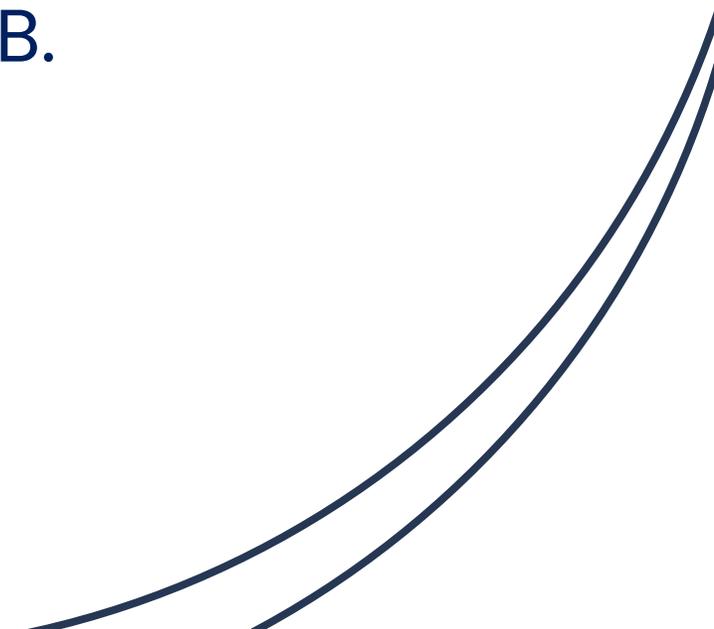


Emergency exits



Tea, coffee & water

# Meeting Ground *Rules*

- Treat everyone with respect.
  - Be courteous and considerate of everyone's views.
  - One person speaks at a time.
  - Please introduce yourself by name and CCB.
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# Agenda

- Acknowledgement of Country
- CEO Address
- Certification & Compliance – Successful Grant Application for RID
- End of Financial Year Update
- Community Led Projects
- Ulladulla STP Upgrades & Major Project Updates
- Material Recycling Facility & FOGO

# Mayor Patricia White





# Acknowledgement of Country

Walawaani (welcome),

Shoalhaven City Council recognises the First Peoples of the Shoalhaven and their ongoing connection to culture and country. We acknowledge Aboriginal people as the Traditional Owners, Custodians and Lore Keepers of the world's oldest living culture and pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Walawaani njindiwan (safe journey to you all)

This acknowledgment includes Dhurga language. We recognise and understand that there are many diverse languages spoken within the Shoalhaven.

**CEO – Andrew Constance**



# Structural reform

Heading one

Point 1

Point 2



# Sustainable Financial Futures

Saved **\$4.1 million** through salary savings.

Generated **\$11.3 million** in property sales.

Reduced debt by **\$17.93 million**

## Currently underway:

- Fleet vehicle reduction by attrition
- Bereavement services review
- SEC review

# Council report to *Reform*

**Proposal to reform engagement model.**

**Council report:** 16 December 2025

**Community consultation including with CCBs, planned.**



# **Hamish East**

## **Ranger - Illegal Dumping**



The logo for Shoalhaven City Council, featuring the word "Shoalhaven" in a stylized, cursive font above the words "City Council" in a simpler, sans-serif font.

Shoalhaven  
City Council

# “What a load of Rubbish!”

*Utilising EPA grant funding to combat illegal dumping in the Shoalhaven*

## WHAT IS ILLEGAL DUMPING?

- ***Illegal dumping is the unlawful disposal of more than small amounts of waste or litter on land or into water.***
- It includes waste materials that have been dumped, tipped or otherwise deposited onto publicly managed land or privately owned land without approval to do so.
- ***Examples include:***
  - *Dumping rubbish or green waste in natural areas or on the side of the road.*
  - *Placing unwanted household items on the footpath.*
  - *Businesses or contractors who are paid to correctly dispose of waste but instead dump it on land without proper approvals.*





# SHOALHAVEN AT A GLANCE

- The Shoalhaven is 4,660 square kilometres in area, 65% of which is bushland that is accessible to the public.
- Our population in 2024 was around 110,000 which increases to over 300,000 during summer months.
- The Shoalhaven is home to 156 threatened species of fauna.
- We are an area of ‘socio-economic disadvantage’ based on the SEIFA index. Our LGA features high rates of social housing and unemployment , and residents have a lower household income than other areas across the State.
- We have 3 Waste facilities (Nowra/Huskisson/Ulladulla) and 7 Recycling and Transfer Stations.

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A place of natural beauty with  
compassionate, resilient and  
thriving communities.

- Vision statement

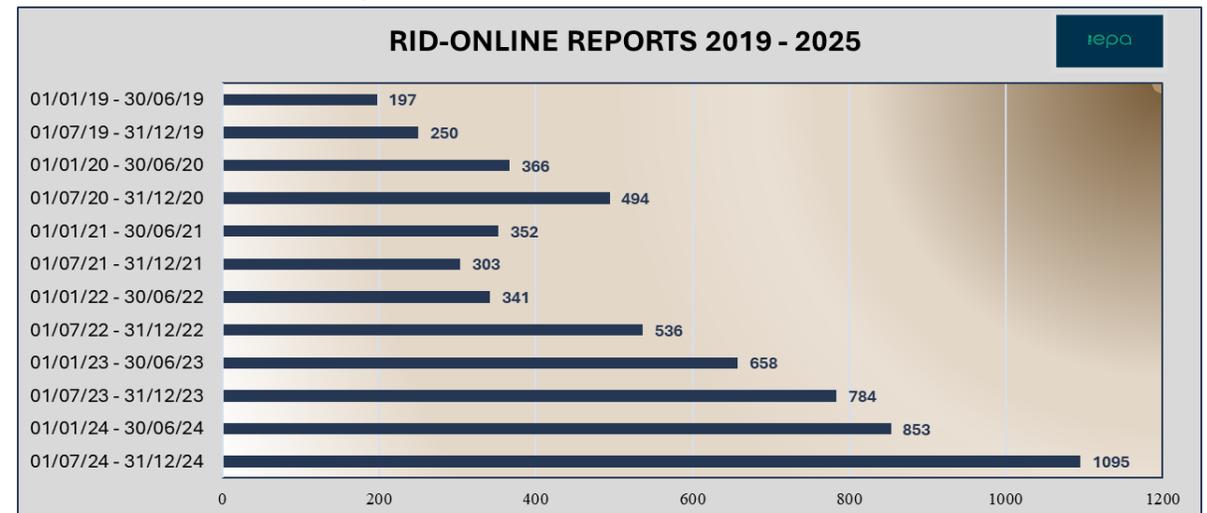
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## ILLEGAL DUMPING IN THE SHOALHAVEN

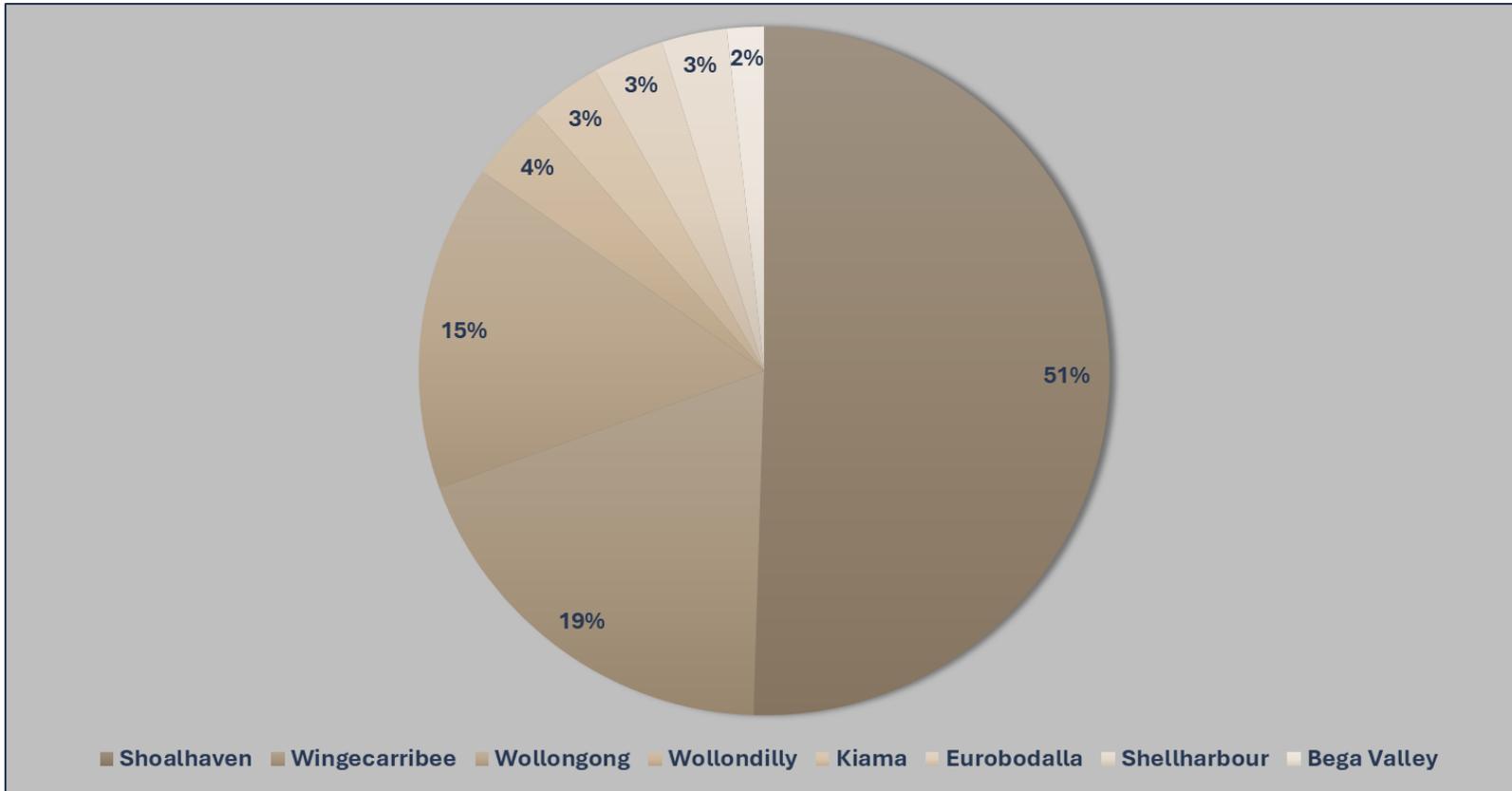
In the past 5 years, Shoalhaven LGA has seen a five-fold increase in reported illegal dumping offences.

- In the 2019/20 financial Year, Shoalhaven City Council Ranger Services investigated 447 reports of illegal dumping.
- In 2024/25, we became the first agency in NSW to record over 2,000 RID-Online jobs in a 12-month period.

This not only highlights the challenge that we face, but it demonstrates why grant funding is vital to our operations.



# ILLEGAL DUMPING ISJO COUNCILS



# SO, WHAT'S BEING DUMPED?

The following table outlines waste types and weights dumped across the Shoalhaven during the 2024/25 financial year.

<b>Construction and Demolition</b>	<b>4.13 tonnes</b>
<b>Soil and Excavated Material</b>	<b>346.93 tonnes</b>
<b>Green Waste</b>	<b>114.52 tonnes</b>
<b>Household Waste</b>	<b>331.30 tonnes</b>
<b>Commercial and Industrial Waste</b>	<b>66.58 tonnes</b>
<b>Vehicle and Car parts</b>	<b>69.93 tonnes</b>
<b>Tyres</b>	<b>18.99 tonnes</b>
<b>Scrap metal</b>	<b>12.06 tonnes</b>
<b>Asbestos</b>	<b>3.96 tonnes</b>
<b>Electronic Waste</b>	<b>7.70 tonnes</b>

## .... AND AT WHAT COST?

- In the past 12 months, the amount of illegally dumped waste across the Shoalhaven totalled over 1,000 tonnes. That's roughly the equivalent weight of 270 male elephants!
- The total cost to rate payers and to landowners to dispose of that rubbish was \$378,500.00, and that obviously doesn't take environmental impact and damage into account.



# USING GRANT FUNDING TO COMBAT ILLEGAL DUMPING

In October 2024, Shoalhaven City Council were successful in securing EPA grant funding in the amount of \$76,428.00.

In preparing the submission, we asserted that adopting a holistic approach to illegal dumping would produce more positive outcomes than any strategy that targeted hotspots or waste types in isolation. For that reason, our project focused on strategic measures designed to address the problem.

These included:

- Education and community engagement,
- Increased collaboration between Council, Government Agencies and Landowners,
- Maintenance and further development of prevention strategies and,
- Improved compliance and enforcement outcomes.



# EDUCATION

In the 1980s, NSW Police ran a successful behavioural change campaign aimed at altering societal attitudes to drink driving. The EPA has run similar behaviour change campaigns including, 'Dob in a Dumper' and 'Don't be a Tosser'. In our submission, a similar approach should be taken to combat illegal dumping. Funding was sought and approved to:

- Lecture school students on illegal dumping and its impact on our environment.
- Create 3 short social media videos relating to illegal dumping.
- Develop and deliver training to TAFE, RTOs and Master Builders Association members engaged in Trade courses regarding the impact of illegal dumping and the penalties that apply.





## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- We are purchasing a commercial quality marquee that is fully sign-written with our logo and those of our principal partners (EPA, Crown Lands, NPWS and Forestry). This will be utilised at markets/community events to provide information, publicise initiatives like 'composting workshops' and make available samples of building materials (coated in polyurethane) so that attendees can safely handle and identify things like asbestos. It will also provide an opportunity to show the 3 short social media videos 'on loop'. Funding for the marquee and penalty rates associated with attendance at markets on Sundays and Public Holidays are components of the grant.
- Our partners will be encouraged to attend events and demonstrate that we are unified in our response. In addition, it will provide them with an opportunity to interact with, and highlight to the public, the work that they do. Surveys will be conducted to better understand community attitudes and knowledge, and RID branded 'engagement tools' will be given to those who participate.
- Regular appearances by Shoalhaven City Council Investigators on local radio stations will bring attention to our work, our successes and dumping trends across the LGA.

# INTERAGENCY MARQUEE



# STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS

- While we enjoy a healthy working relationship with Landowners and Managers across our LGA, Council staff propose to meet with other agencies and partners at a formal quarterly meeting to discuss illegal dumping problems, workable solutions, intelligence etc. This will promote a more professional response to planning and information sharing.
- Some years ago, Shoalhaven City Council entered a partnership with the Corrective Service NSW Community Projects Team (CSCPT) that saw low risk prisoners collecting rubbish from non-built-up areas. All tip fees were paid by Council, but due to fiscal constraints, that project was suspended in 2024. This is a vital component of our response, and part of our grant funding will cover the costs associated with re-establishing and continuing that project.

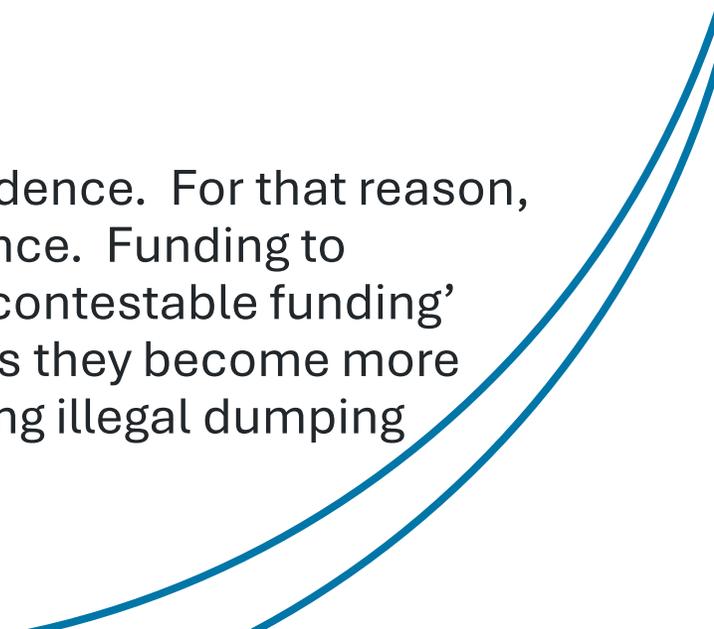


## PREVENTION STRATEGIES

- In the past 10 years, Shoalhaven City Council, with the co-operation and assistance of landowners and managers have restricted access to many dumping sites with the installation of gates and bollards.
- Funding to maintain existing barriers and to install similar prevention measures at other sites was a component of the grant. Cost sharing ('Landowner supply the gate and Shoalhaven City Council will pay for installation') is being discussed at an interagency level.

## COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

Unfortunately, most dumping sites that we attend afford very little, if any, evidence. For that reason, Council relies heavily on equipment like covert trail cameras to obtain evidence. Funding to purchase OSDs and other equipment is regularly sought from ISJO through 'contestable funding' grants. Drone technology offers enhanced surveillance opportunities, and as they become more affordable, drones will undoubtedly become an important asset in combatting illegal dumping activity across the LGA.



# DUMPINGS INVESTIGATED IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS







An aerial photograph of a rural landscape. A paved road winds through a valley, with a white van driving away from the viewer. The valley is filled with lush green fields and dense forests. In the background, a prominent cliff face with a reddish-brown hue rises above the trees. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. A large, white, curved graphic element is on the right side of the image.

Questions?

An aerial photograph of a town and its surrounding landscape. The town is nestled in a valley, surrounded by lush green fields and dense forests. The sky is a vibrant blue, dotted with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is bright and clear, suggesting a sunny day.

# Morning tea and *networking*

# **Mathew Badcock**

## **Chief Financial Officer**



# Finance Update



# Local Government 2024 NSW Auditor – General’s Report (released March 2025)

Financial sustainability is a concern for some councils, including Shoalhaven City Council. Specific reference is made to our Council in the report for the following:

- Inability to meeting the three key financial sustainability benchmarks for at least three years – these ratios are **Operating performance ratio, Unrestricted current ratio, and Infrastructure renewal ratio.**
- Listed as one of the least liquid councils in NSW (16 of 128 Councils were mentioned)
- The audit for the year ended 30 June 2025 is finalised. How did Council perform against the key ratios?



# General Fund FY25

	Key OLG Benchmark	FY25 Original Budget	FY25 Actuals
Operational surplus	>0	<b>-28.1M</b>	<b>-17.4 M</b>
Operating performance ratio	>0%	<b>-10.3%</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>
Infrastructure renewal ratio	>100%	<b>48.0%</b>	<b>66.2%</b>
Unrestricted current ratio	>1.5	<b>1.21</b>	<b>1.68</b>

## Financial improvements achieved FY25 :

- \$4M cash quarantined in Financial Sustainability Review (FSR) Reserve – internally restricted cash
- Closing unrestricted cash balance after all restrictions negative \$6.7 M, \$49.3 M after externals.
- Reduction in employee costs due to strategic management of vacancies to generate short term cash savings, and several acting arrangements in senior management positions (not backfilled)
- Ongoing success in managing grants spent in advance
- 12 Land parcels were sold with sale proceeds of \$11.3M received in the financial year
- One off Waste Levy refund received which helped reduce GF operational deficit for the year

# General Fund FY26

	Key OLG Benchmark	FY26 Budget	Revised FY26 Budget (as at Q1)
Operational surplus	>0	<b>-18.5M</b>	<b>-16.4M</b>
Operating performance ratio	>0%	<b>-6.0%</b>	<b>-5.4%</b>
Infrastructure renewal ratio	>100%	<b>67.0%</b>	<b>75.3%</b>
Unrestricted current ratio	>1.5	<b>1.72</b>	<b>1.77</b>

## Comments:

- Improvement of **\$2.1M** in Operational Deficit, from **-\$18.5M** to **-\$16.4M**, mainly due to timing of grants receipt.
- **\$942K** savings through plant and fleet review under the Sustainable Financial Futures Plan; proceeds transferred to Financial Sustainability Reserve.
- Improved Unrestricted Cash position at Q1:
  - Surplus of **\$5.8M** at 30 Sept 2025 (no need to draw on internal restrictions).
  - Grants spent in advance reduced to **\$3.8M**, aided by **\$6.4M** Natural Disaster fundings received
- Unrestricted Cash position is expected to moderate in the coming quarter due to:
  - Costs associated with organisational restructured (commenced on 27 Oct 25).
  - Increased capital spend.
  - Scheduled loan repayments in December 25.

# Key risk – FY26 Budget

- \$7m reduction baked into the budget.
- No opt in fees for new ND declarations – divert \$ from capital to fund
- No budget for major mechanical failure – divert \$ from capital to fund
- Staff leave not taken due to workload – increases employee costs
- Land sales not being achieved – won't build cash as quickly
- MRF operational cashflows embedded in the budget, these will need to be revised downwards at Q2

# Water Fund FY25

	Key OLG Benchmark	FY25 Original Budget	FY25 Actuals
Operational surplus	>0	478K	3.4M
Operating performance ratio	>0%	0.8%	12.5%
Infrastructure renewal ratio	>100%	76.7%	52.52%
Unrestricted current ratio	>1.5	5.14	18.5

## Financial improvements achieved FY25 :

- Increase in water usage rates and water availability rates charged in 2025 FY
- Additional income – Manildra water usage increase
- Reduction in employee and material cost for Cambewarra Dam decommissioning (operational project) – project timing to carry forward into FY26

# Water Fund FY26

	Key OLG Benchmark	FY26 Budget	Revised FY26 Budget (as at Q1)
Operational surplus	>0	3.6M	4.3M
Operating performance ratio	>0%	7.7%	8.9%
Infrastructure renewal ratio	>100%	66.6%	78%
Unrestricted current ratio	>1.5	16.6	17.86

## Comments:

- Improvement in Operational Surplus is mainly due to additional water availability charges and increased residential water usage charges
- Renewal ratio will improve over future years when funding is available to deliver projects
- 10 year LTFP – build reserve to fund major project – Bamarang to Milton stage 2

# Sewer Fund FY25

	Key OLG Benchmark	FY25 Original Budget	FY25 Actuals
Operational surplus	>0	8.5M	12.8M
Operating performance ratio	>0%	13.1%	20.16%
Infrastructure renewal ratio	>100%	64.1%	73.77%
Unrestricted current ratio	>1.5	1.82	5.16

## Financial improvements achieved FY25 YTD:

- Growth in sewer availability revenue – growth and new connections have exceeded original budget
- Increase in interest income
- \$975k reduction in cost of disposal of Biosolids

# Sewer Fund FY26

	Key OLG Benchmark	FY26 Budget	Revised FY26 Budget (as at Q1)
Operational surplus	>0	15.0M	15.0M
Operating performance ratio	>0%	20.7%	20.7%
Infrastructure renewal ratio	>100%	67.2%	62%
Unrestricted current ratio	>1.5	1.53	2.01

## Comments:

- Renewal ratio will improve over future years when funding is available to deliver projects
- 10 year LTFP – build reserve to fund major projects – Ulladulla Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade and Northern Water Recycling Plant \$100m

# Expected prior to 30 June 2026

## FINAL COST ESTIMATES FROM KEY STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS

- **Community Infrastructure Strategic Plan (CISP)**
- **Developer Contributions Plan (DCP)**
- **Coastal Management Plan (CMP)**
- **Floodplain Management Plan (FMP)**
- **Stormwater data**

These big and important documents when combined with the roads data will tell us what the community's wants, and needs are over the next 15 years and how much it will cost.

We have seen some very good improvements, but:



“NOW THIS IS NOT THE  
END. IT IS NOT EVEN  
THE BEGINNING OF  
THE END. BUT IT IS,  
PERHAPS, THE END OF  
THE BEGINNING.”

*Winston Churchill*

**Craig Exton**

**Manager – Technical Services**



# Community-Led Projects

A woman with curly hair, wearing a light blue t-shirt, is smiling and holding a clipboard. She is standing in front of a wall covered in colorful graffiti. Two men are facing her; one is on the left, wearing a dark jacket, and the other is on the right, wearing a blue hoodie. The scene is outdoors, with green foliage and pink flowers visible in the background.

# Policy

## Link

### Policies › Community-Led Projects Policy

<https://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Council/Publicly-available-information/Organisation/Policies>

## Objectives

Provides the framework for receipt, assessment, and delivery of community-led projects.

*Applications are assessed against policy provisions.*

*Community groups may be required to provide certain information / enter into agreements with Council in accordance with policy provisions.*

## Community-Led Projects Policy

<b>Adoption Date:</b>	17/12/2024
<b>Amendment Date:</b>	N/A
<b>Minute Number:</b>	MIN24.695
<b>Next Review Date:</b>	17/12/2028
<b>Related Legislation:</b>	Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (NSW) Crown Land Management Act 2016 (NSW) Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999(Cth) Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW) Fisheries Management Act 1994 (NSW) Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) Shoalhaven Local Environmental Plan 2014 (NSW) State Records Act 1998 (NSW) Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (NSW)
<b>Associated Policies/Documents</b>	Procurement Policy Sportsground Management Policy Grants (Incoming) Management Policy Guidelines for Community-Led Projects Community Engagement Strategy 2022 - 2026
<b>Directorate:</b>	City Services
<b>Responsible Owner:</b>	Manager – Technical Services
<b>Record Number:</b>	POL24/129

# Guidelines

## Link

**Community and culture >  
Community-Led Projects > Related  
Information**

## Objectives

Designed to assist community groups to plan for a community-led project.

*Provides information about what to expect and what to include in a community-led project application.*

*Provides an overview of approvals and steps to consider.*



# Website

## Link

Community and culture > Community-Led Projects

## Launched

July 2025

**Step 1:** Review the Guidelines



**Step 2:** Submit application



## Community-Led Projects

If you're interested in starting a community project in Shoalhaven, you can submit your proposal here.

### Important information

- We have developed a comprehensive guideline document to help you understand what information will be required by council when considering requests for community-led projects.
- Please make sure you have reviewed the Community-Led Project Guidelines before starting your application.
- Got any questions?

[See our FAQ's >](#)

### Steps to request

**Before you start**

What happens next

Need help?

1

#### Review the Guidelines

Review our [comprehensive guidelines for community-led projects](#).

2

#### Submit Your Project Details

Once you've reviewed the guidelines, you're ready to submit your project.

Follow the link below to the online form

[Submit a Community-Led Project Application Form >](#)

### Related Information

[FAQ's - Community-Led Projects](#)

[Media Release: New guidelines for community-led projects to drive successful outcomes](#)

[Guidelines for Community-Led Projects](#)

[Community-Led Projects Policy](#)

# Application Form

## 4 Pages

### Page 1

- Confirm you've read the Guidelines

### Page 2

- Project Details
- Project Justification
- Project Status
- Upload supporting documentation

### Page 3

- Funding Sources
- Cost Estimate
- Upload supporting documentation

### Page 4

- Applicant Details



## Community-Led Project Application Form

Page 1 (of 4)

Reference: CLP202500139

### 1. Guidelines for Community-Led Projects

*Please use this form to notify us of your proposed community-led project. The information you provide here will be reviewed and assigned to the appropriate team for review.*

You will receive a unique project reference number, and a confirmation email will be provided for your records.

It will take approximately 15 minutes to complete this form. Please make sure you have set aside enough time to complete the form in full.

The Guidelines for Community-Led Projects will help you to prepare to complete this form. [Click HERE to Download or View the Guidelines.](#)

Use the **Previous** / **Next** buttons at the bottom of each page to navigate between pages / review your responses at any time.

Have you reviewed the Guidelines for Community-Led Projects?\*

Yes  
 No

**NEXT** **SAVE**

# Deed of Agreement

## Purpose

- Establishes an agreement between the parties
- Outlines roles & responsibilities
  - Community group will...
  - Council will...
- Documents expectations regarding compliance with relevant codes / legislation
- Establishes benchmarks
- Documents funding solution
- Must be executed prior to commencement of works



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Community-Led Project

DEED TITLE

## Deed of Agreement

between

Shoalhaven City Council

and

COMMUNITY GROUP NAME

DEED NUMBER

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Shoalhaven City Council  
ABN 59 855 182 344

COMMUNITY GROUP NAME

ABN 99 999 999 999

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# Performance to date

## Key statistics

- Launch date: **7 July** 2025
- Community interest is **HIGH**
- Over **20** applications received
- Quality of applications is generally **high**
- Total value of applications received to date: **+ \$5M**
- Total requests for Council funds: approx. **+ \$500K**
- Assessment completed for **9** applications (support / engagement ongoing)
- **15** applications under assessment



# Structured submission periods

## Launch Phase ( July – Dec. 2026 )

- Launch phase to close: 21 December 2025.

## Proposed Annual Cycle ( from June 2026 › )

- OPEN 1 July – 30 September
- CLOSED 1 October – 31 December
- OPEN 1 January – 31 March
- CLOSED 1 April – 30 June



An aerial photograph of a coastal landscape. In the foreground, there's a sandy beach curving along a bay with turquoise water. The background shows dense green forest covering rolling hills under a sky filled with soft, grey clouds. A large white circle is partially visible on the right side of the image.

Questions?

A lush green forest with a small stream flowing over rocks. The scene is filled with dense foliage, including tall trees and various ferns. The stream is the central focus, with water cascading over mossy rocks. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

# Lunch and *networking*

**Andrew McVey**  
**Director Shoalhaven Water**



Shoalhaven Council's  
Water Utility

# WATER

Shoalhaven Water &  
Waste Services  
Update



# Milton Ulladulla Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

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Upgrade of Milton Ulladulla Wastewater Treatment Plant to increase the efficiencies of existing treatment processes and cater for growth in the catchment.

Project Value: circa \$50M

Estimated completion date:  
June 2028



- Process review and assessment was conducted 2022
- Option Assessments performed to provide a preferred option to be utilised for the design stages.
- 2024 - Council engaged an external consultant to produce a Concept and Detailed Design (current engagement). Expected to completed design by mid-2026

## The latest

- Currently in Detailed design to 90% design review planned for early 2026.
- Review of Environmental Factors assessment is being finalised.
- Electrical Pad Mount Substation is currently in design phase for an upgrade to allow for the increase in power consumption.



# Bamarang to Milton Water Trunk Main – Stage 2 Works (B2M2)

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Stage 2 Works aims at upgrading the existing northern water supply scheme infrastructure to further support the southern districts of the Shoalhaven and ensure a more reliable, sustainable and cost-effective solution for the future.

Project Value: \$190M

Estimated completion date: 31  
December 2036



Step 1 - January 2024 – Shoalhaven Water Hydraulic Model Development and Water Servicing Strategy Report

Step 2 - September 2024 – Bamarang to Milton Water Trunk Main Stage 2 Final Options Water Servicing Report

Step 3 - November 2024 – Resilience, Reliability and Redundancy of the Southern Scheme Strategic Business Case

## The latest

Council has engaged a specialist design consultant to carry out a constructability assessment of the various piped alignment options, to identify and inform Council of the preferred alignment and inform future design development stages.

## B2M2

Bamarang to Milton Water Trunk Main

Stage 2



Stage 1 -  
Commissioned  
2005

Stage 2

Enhancing water security, supporting housing and tourism growth.

Cost effective solution.

Increasing disaster resilience and addressing climate change impact.

# Northern Water Recycling Scheme (NWRS)

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The Northern Water Recycling Scheme (NWRS) aims at revolutionising water management in the Shoalhaven by utilising advanced technologies to enhance the quality of reclaimed water for agricultural and recreational use, whilst drawing upon efficiencies by consolidating multiple wastewater treatment plants.

Project Value: \$200M



Step 1 - July 2023 – Process Review Reports for St Georges Basin WWTP and Culburra WWTP

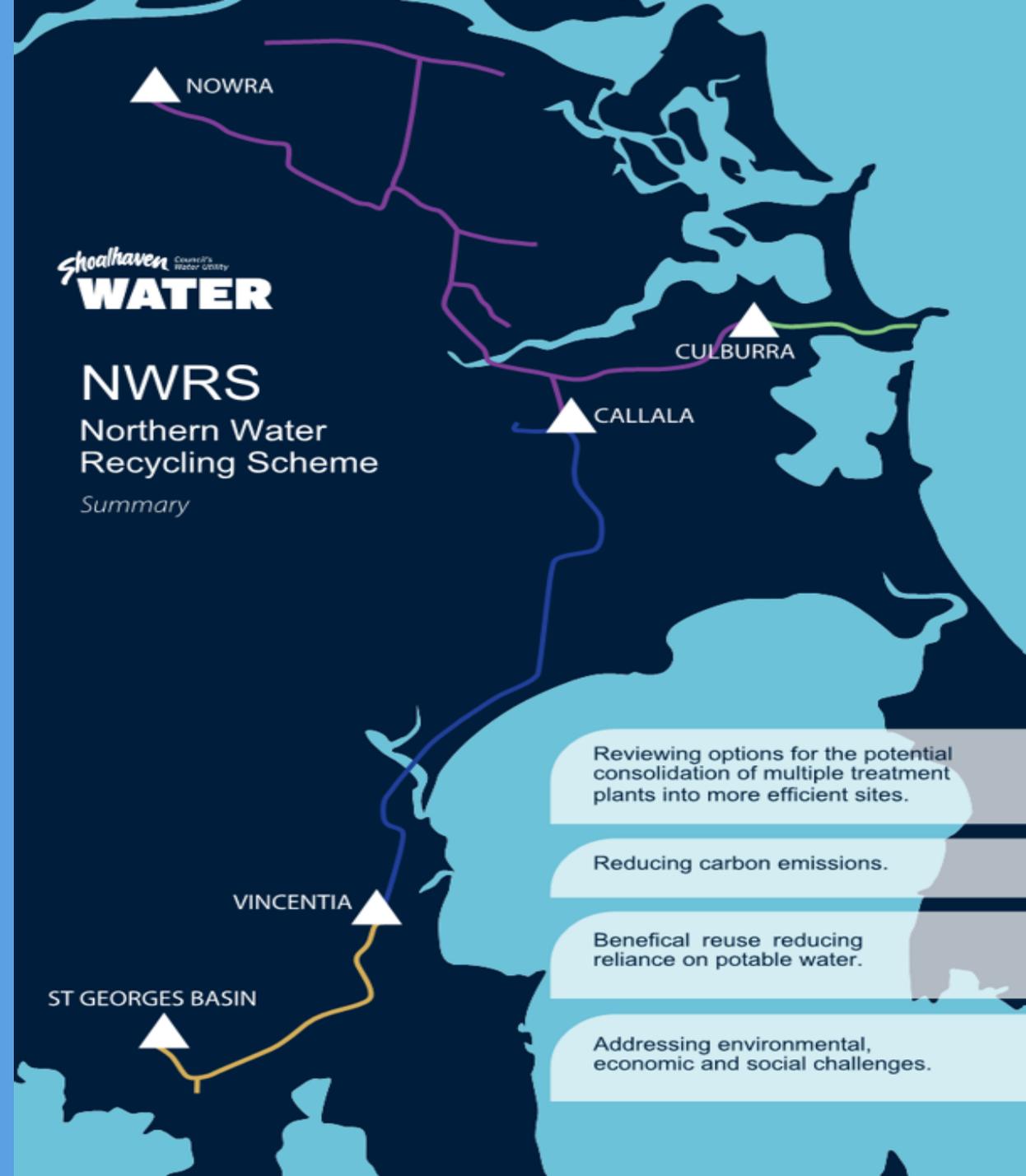
Step 2 - July 2024 – Option Reports for St Georges Basin WWTP and Culburra WWTP

Step 3 - September 2024 – Technical Memo Network Capacity Assessment – Shoalhaven REMS

Step 4 - Ongoing - Northern Water Recycling Plant Options Assessment, Preliminary Business Case and Ecological/Heritage Constraints

## The latest

Council has engaged a specialist design consultant to identify and assess viable consolidation options, to inform Council identify the preferred option(s) and inform future design development stages.



# Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

Materials Recovery Facilities (MRFs) are comprised of a series of mechanical, electronic and manual sorting processes which sort the commingled recycling stream into individual material types.

Recyclable materials will be sourced from Council's kerbside collections, waste depots and other Council owned entities such as Holiday Haven Tourist Parks. Opportunities for processing materials from beyond our region are also being investigated.

**Estimated Completion Date: 30 March  
2026**



## The latest

Commissioning of the facility is under way and expectation is that the project will soon be complete.



# Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO)

- Shoalhaven City Council must provide an organic collection service by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2030 as per NSW Government legislative requirements.
- Food organics and garden organics disposal in green bin.
- Weekly collection service.
- Community Consultation will begin at the start of 2026 as part of the Waste Strategy.



An aerial photograph of a coastal landscape. On the left, a dense forest of green trees covers a dune area. A small, calm pond is situated near the edge of the forest. A wide, sandy beach stretches along the coast, with a large area of grey pebbles in the foreground. The ocean waves are breaking onto the shore, creating white foam. The sky is a mix of blue and light orange, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The word "Questions?" is written in a white, serif font across the middle of the image. In the bottom right corner, there are two white curved lines that sweep across the frame.

Questions?

An aerial photograph of a river delta. A large, light-colored sandbar dominates the center and right side of the image. The river flows from the top left towards the bottom right, curving around the sandbar. The water is a pale, milky green color. On the left side, there is a dense forest of green trees. The top right corner shows a larger body of water, possibly a lake or bay, with some dark green vegetation along the shore. The text "Thank you" is written in a large, bold, black serif font across the middle of the image.

**Thank you**