

Advocacy Projects 2023



Acknowledgement of Country



We would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land in which we gather upon today. We acknowledge their continuing connections to the land, culture and community. We pay respect to Elders past, present and future.

Natural landmarks like Cullunghutti Mountain (image above), Moyean Hill (north of Cullunghutti Mountain) and Didthul Pigeon House Mountain (Balgan), hold significant cultural meaning to Aboriginal people of the Shoalhaven and beyond.



A Message from the CEO

Stephen Dunshea

Shoalhaven is a wonderful place to live, work, stay and play. Just two hours from Sydney and Canberra the region has a strong relationship with Federal and NSW Governments to help grow and serve our 100,000 locals and three million annual visitors.

Shoalhaven City Council is committed to building on and supporting this growth by delivering strategic projects in to provide jobs and a strong vibrant community. Innovation that delivers sustainability and builds resilience is more important than ever since the impacts of the Currowan Bushfires, floods and COVID-19.

Made up of 49 towns and villages, Shoalhaven is one of the largest local government areas in NSW and includes commercial centres in Berry, Bomaderry, North Nowra, Nowra, Culburra Beach, Huskisson, Sanctuary Point, Sussex Inlet, Milton, Ulladulla with South Nowra hosting one of the largest available industrial areas south of Sydney.

With your support and our dedicated team Council looks forward to continuing building the Shoalhaven economy and securing our future.

Overview

Only two hours from both Sydney and Canberra the Shoalhaven region is looking forward. The upgrade of the Princes Highway from Sydney to Nowra and beyond is making our part of NSW even more accessible to the world.

More than \$15 billion will be invested by the NSW Government over the next 20 years to duplicate the entire Princes Highway between Nowra and the Victorian border. The recently completed Albion Park Bypass (\$630 million) has changed the trip length from Sydney to the coast, and further improvements are already under construction including the Berry to Bomaderry upgrade (\$450 million) and the Nowra Bridge Project (\$310 million).

You can see that the opening up of the South Coast will bring a level of development not seen in the past, and we need a meaningful partnership with the NSW and Federal Government to be ready to bring jobs and investment to the region.

High-speed broadband makes interstate, international operations or telecommuting viable. For international or interstate distribution, rail and road connections are critical. Sydney and Canberra International Airports are less than 2.5 hours away and the growing Shellharbour regional airport less than an hours drive.

A wide range of industries operate in Shoalhaven with many international businesses operating from the city. Manufacturing is strong, with food, chemicals, construction products, marine craft and

more. High technology companies provide aviation maintenance and systems support to the Royal Australian Navy.

The logistics sector is growing as are education, building and construction, retail and tourism. Significant growth in population is continuing across the region.

Shoalhaven is committed to local jobs and has an innovative vocational education sector, with a university, TAFE, Community College and private options. The region has an ongoing investment in tertiary education to ensure a skilled workforce with the newly established Country University Centre in Ulladulla and the University of Wollongong, Shoalhaven Campus.

As a major regional centre with a maturing economy, you won't go far to find professional business services and availability of skilled employees, including a constant inflow of talented sea/tree changers.



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Key Roads Project

Keep the South Coast moving

Funding Request: up to \$1.84 billion

The region has benefited from significant investment from both NSW and Federal Governments, including upgrades of the Princes Highway, and the development of Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Transport Plan, however, more investment is required to ease highway bottlenecks and local road congestion.



Key Roads Project Priority

- ENSA East Nowra linkage
- Princes Highway Upgrade - Plunkett Street to Hillcrest Avenue
- Princes Highway Upgrade - Cambewarra Road to Bolong Road
- HYSA Corridor Southern Linkage
- Nowra Bypass

Nowra Bypass

Stop the bottleneck and plan for the future

Funding Request: up to \$1 billion

The Nowra Bypass is the vital missing link between already committed Princes Highway projects to the north and south of Nowra.

The projects omission from the current Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Transport Plan will see Nowra - Bomaderry turn into the next Albion Park bottleneck, which routinely saw traffic backed up for over 5km in the summer months.

For nearly 40 years, the need for a bypass has been recognised as critical. Land west of Nowra has been earmarked since 1986 and the time to move on this important project is now, which will benefit residents, and visitors, as well as Sydney-Melbourne traffic.

- The project would benefit from a \$100 million commitment over the first five years to investigate options and prepare the project for construction.
- A further \$900 million + in funding would be required to see the project through the five year delivery phase.
- It is estimated that the \$1 billion + Nowra Bypass would require a 10-year program for planning, development, design and delivery.



PHASE	DESCRIPTION	YEAR	FUNDING
1	Strategic Options	1	\$5 million
2	Business Case	2	\$5 million
3	Environmental Assessments and Design Development	3-4	\$30 million
4	Land Acquisition and Procurement	4-5	\$60 million
5	Delivery	6-10	\$900 million +

Princes Highway Upgrade

Six lanes to the bay -
Boost tourism access
Funding Request: \$550 million

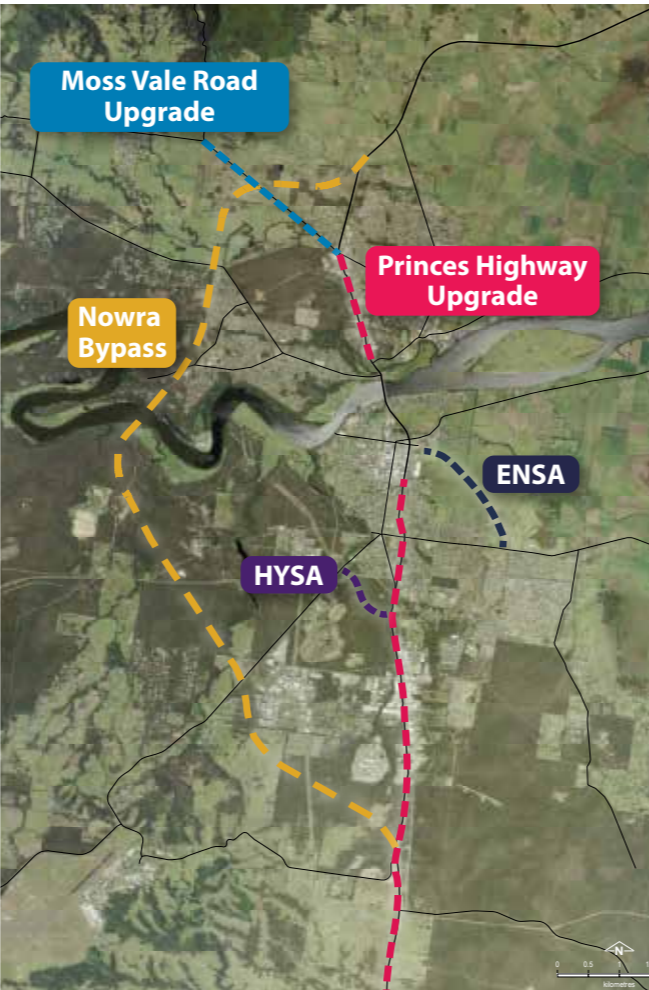
Currently the Princes Highway through Nowra-Bomaderry is mainly four lanes, with the only six-lane section being in Nowra's CBD.

Even with the completion of the Nowra Bridge Project (which will see the six-lane section extend north to Bolong Road), just 20% of the Princes Highway running through Nowra and Bomaderry will be six lanes.

A continuous six-lane would significantly reduce congestion through the city.

Planning is currently underway with Transport for NSW on delivery of the Jervis Bay intersection to reduce congestion and improve safety on this dangerous part of the highway.

Funding is urgently needed to effectively manage the 300% population surge experienced during the school holidays.



ENSA East Nowra linkage - Open Nowra CBD **Funding Request: \$100 million**

The proposed East Nowra Sub Arterial road (ENSA) removes traffic from congested parts of the network (e.g. Kalandar Street) and facilitates more efficient travel along the Princes Highway.

The project would connect Greenwell Point Road (at Old Southern Road) to the Princes Highway in the Nowra CBD, spreading the load and removing traffic from numerous local roads.

Additional works, costed and included in the project, on the eastern side of the Highway (est. \$20 million) would add value and could be performed concurrently.

- ENSA forms part of the adopted Nowra Bomaderry Structure Plan (supported by both Council and the NSW Government)
- ENSA is integral to the adopted Nowra CBD strategy to expand the road network to the east of the Princes Highway
- Improving local connections and accessibility would remove thousands of traffic movements from the Princess Highway and local rural roads

HYSA Corridor Southern linkage - Access for industry **Funding Request: \$40 million**

The Hillcrest to Yalwal Sub Arterial road (HYSA) would deliver similar benefits to ENSA (East Nowra Linkage) but on the southern side of the Princes Highway/ Kalandar Street intersection.

Part of the adopted Nowra Bomaderry Structure Plan, the project would connect Yalwal Road (at Albatross Road) to the Princes Highway (at Hillcrest Avenue), easing congestion along Albatross Road and Kalandar Street, improving access to the growing industrial precincts at south and west Nowra as well as visitors, locals and those heading to the Navy base.

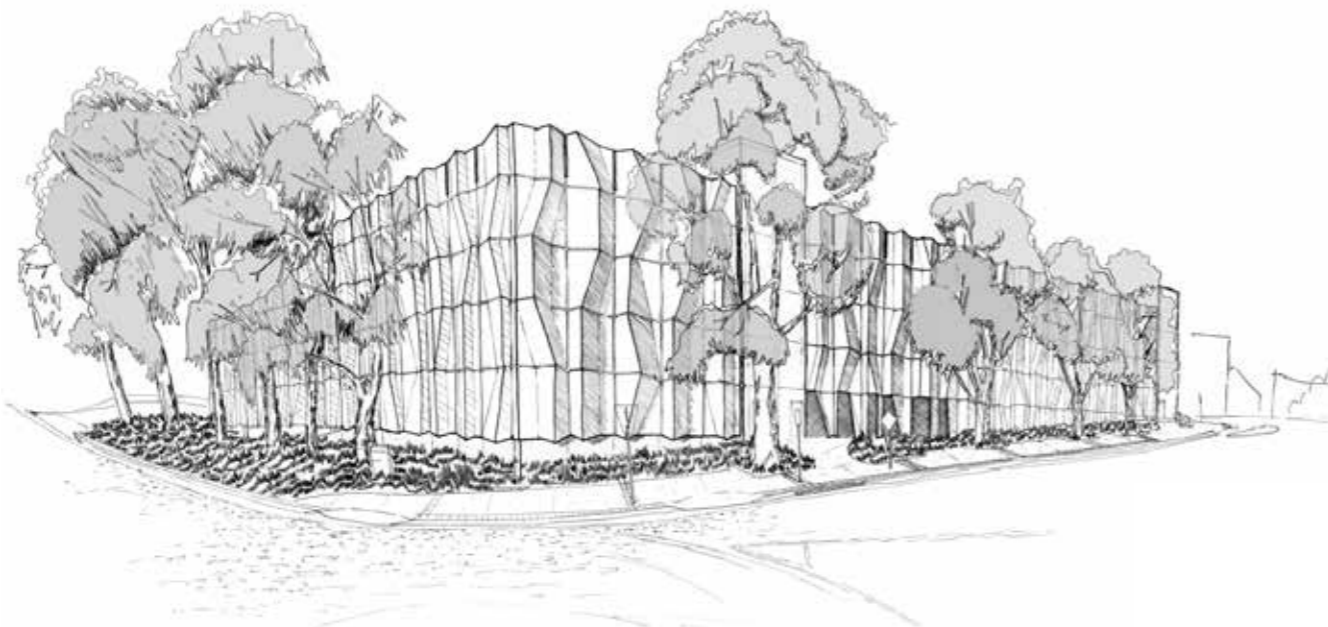
Moss Vale Road Upgrade Cambewarra linkage - Enable investment in housing **Funding Request: \$150 million**

Moss Vale Road forms part of the NSW Road Network through the northern Shoalhaven. The subject section is a 100kph rural road, reducing to 60kph at the entry to the Bomaderry urban area.

With an estimated 3,622 dwellings set for construction in the approved urban release area, work to radically improve safety for new families is imperative.

Under the proposed plan, work required to improve the area includes road widening and additional lanes.





Multi-storey Car Park, Nowra

More spots, more jobs, more money in the CBD

Funding Request: \$20 million

Beginning with a 2,000-signature petition in 2012, a proposal for a five-storey parking facility in the Nowra CBD is shovel-ready and crucial to progressing Nowra's economy. To be built on the existing ground-level car park at the intersection of Worrigeer Street and Berry Street, the 462 car and 18 motorcycle spaces will directly benefit local small businesses, with increased commercial activity leading to more jobs and a stronger local economy.

- Provides an extra 234 car spaces
- Allowance for additional levels to be built as Nowra grows
- Allowance for future upgrades as retail/commercial space

Doubling Freight Capacity into Industrial Area

Delivering for Shoalhaven

Funding Request: \$60 million

From 2024, larger trucks (HML - Higher Mass Limited) vehicles will have unrestricted access south across the Shoalhaven River at Nowra.

To accommodate the increase in heavy vehicle traffic, the 'first' and 'last mile' roads in and out of Nowra's industrial facilities will need upgrading.

Shoalhaven City Council will be seeking Federal and NSW funding to upgrade freight access into the South Nowra industrial precinct, Yalwal Road and Slaughterhouse Road.

Improvements to the productivity of these Council-owned roads will improve domestic supply and export sales, improving the prospects of local manufacturing businesses.

This project will also form part of the integrated road network solution required for Nowra, Bomaderry and the future bypass.



Local Road Improvement Package

Bringing local roads up to speed

Funding Request: \$30 million

Over 20% of the 1,770 km of roads in Shoalhaven City Council area are in "poor" to "very poor" condition, with impacts on safety and efficiency for both residents and the three million people who visit the region every year.

Council's \$36 million roads allocation is insufficient, with several natural disasters in the past three years and roads to new developments continually increasing the burden placed on the region's 100,000 ratepayers. Currently, each ratepayer is effectively paying for 177 metres of road.

A one-off support package of \$30 million would bring Shoalhaven's sprawling roads network up to a condition that could be maintained ongoing by Council under its current allocation and improve future resilience of the region.

The importance of this work can't be overstated. Whether it's mums and dads going to work, children to school, or millions of tourists stimulating the economy, safe roads are vital, especially in the regions.

Federal Budget
COMMITTED
\$40 Million
 over 3 years

- \$14 million - Culburra Rd, between Wollumboola and Culburra Beach
- \$8 million - Forest Road, east of the Princes Hwy
- \$6 million - Callala Bay Rd
- \$5 million - Callala Beach Rd
- \$5 million - Worrigeer Intersection
- \$2 million - Callala Bay Intersection

Local Roads Linked to Sites of National Significance

Connecting the world to significant facilities

Funding Request: \$15 million

Shoalhaven has several nationally significant facilities and access has never been more important to welcoming the world to our doorstep. A critical project to improve ongoing and future resilience to these assets through upgraded road access.



Bundanon

A reimagined art destination

Funding Request: \$5 million

Bundanon is many things. An art museum embedded in the landscape. A wildlife sanctuary set on 1,000 hectares. A gift to the Australian people. The vast array of experiences at this South Coast art destination means every visitor's journey here will be different. The Australian Government has granted Bundanon \$22 million along with NSW Governments contribution of \$8.5 million for completion of the Riversdale masterplan project.

Recognised as a venue of national significance for art and tourism, ongoing investment in operational funding is critical for the assets and its long-term success. The road to the Bundanon Homestead and Riversdale is in disrepair and requires significant upgrades.

Willinga Park

Leading equestrian centre

Funding Request: \$10 million

Willinga Park is one of Australia's leading equestrian centres, and an events destination renowned for exceptional quality and beauty.

The 2300-acre park is peppered with world-class, architecturally-designed equestrian facilities. Equally as stunning are Willinga Park's conference facilities, gardens and public art features, however, the local road access requires significant investment.



Riverfront Precinct

A Shoalhaven gateway Nowra can bank on

Funding Request: \$49.7 million

The Shoalhaven Riverfront Precinct Project serves two key outcomes – connecting Nowra's city centre to its beautiful river while elevating Nowra as the region's civic, community, tourism and recreational hub.

Situated near the Princes Highway, and boasting an abundance of natural splendour, judicious riverfront development will deliver for Nowra an uplifting 'sense of place'.

Shoalhaven City Council and the NSW Government are committed to progressing with proposed urban design and the planning control changes necessary to realise this exciting vision including repurposing the old Nowra Bridge as a community space.

A vision document for the precinct has now been created as a guide in the determination of the site.

All tiers of government partner on the Nowra Riverfront Advisory Taskforce, a true cross-government team approach to be proud of.



\$200K will fund remaining technical studies 50/50 with NSW Government

\$25,000
Strategic cultural framework

\$50,000
Graham Lodge Conservation Management Plan

\$25,000
Non-Indigenous heritage review

\$50,000
Traffic review and plan

\$25,000
Economic feasibility review

\$25,000
Social Impact Study - Housing Affordability

Flagship Park and Leisure Facilities

Driving investment with open space

Funding Request: \$39 million

The lynchpin to reinvigorating Nowra's relationship with the Shoalhaven River is a riverfront park which would transform the area into a vibrant community precinct.

A boardwalk and riparian enhancements will lift the riverbank's accessibility and aesthetic value, while an amphitheatre and stage build on the site's already significant cultural value.

A forecourt and plaza connect the aquatic centre to the river, with bus pickup and set down, grassed areas, shade trees, shelters, BBQs and seating bringing amenity to the site.

A nature-inspired stream with wetlands, endemic vegetation and creek play areas offer an adventure play-scape for children, with educational opportunities arising from interpretive displays.

Paringa Park, Nowra

Making the most of the riverfront

Funding Request: \$6.9 million

Paringa Park is located on the western edge of the Shoalhaven Riverfront Precinct. This popular picnic and swimming spot is located on the southern edge of the Shoalhaven River and is surrounded by tall sandstone cliffs. The site faces north, overlooking the water and riverbanks opposite.

Concept plans have been developed to accommodate additional community facilities on the site, including multi-watercraft storage and boat launching facilities.

The proposed building format will be multi-storey, providing space on the ground floor for storage of accessible sailing craft, which is a growing sport in the region. Upper levels will house multi-function rooms and a breakout space for meetings or small group gatherings.

Concept plans include space for formalised parking and a watercraft launching facility. Pedestrian pathways will provide connectivity to the adjacent riverfront areas, including the nearby Nowra Aquatic Centre. Funding is being sought to progress concept plans (complete) through to detailed design and construction.

Precinct Road Linkages

Take me to the river

Funding Request: \$4.5 million

The proposed park would absorb Scenic Drive, making the establishment and construction of a new route into the riverfront precinct critical to the development.

The alternative route would deliver safe access from Hyam Street for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians and play a role in the precinct's visual transformation.

In addition to the new section of road, the development would also see traffic lights or a roundabout at the Bridge Road and Hyam Street intersection, a roundabout at the Hyam Street and Keft Avenue intersection, the new 220 metre access road from Hyam Street, and the required property acquisition to make the plan possible.

Social and Affordable Housing

Helping provide housing for all

Funding Request: \$200 million over 4 years

The entire nation is in the grip of a housing affordability crisis, and, sadly, Shoalhaven is no exception.

Housing insecurity, mortgage stress and the spectre of homelessness looms in all of NSW, but is especially pronounced in popular lifestyle destinations.

The situation has been exacerbated by trends associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and in May 2021, Council declared a "housing crisis".

Council has been extremely proactive in this space following the release of the Affordable Housing Strategy in early 2018, including work with community housing provider Southern Cross Housing to deliver up to 40 additional housing units on a former Council site at Bomaderry.

Council is also strongly advocating for a broader Shoalhaven urban renewal project with potential to deliver a significant increase in affordable housing stock locally.

The Federal Government currently provides approximately \$1.6 billion in funding to support the NSW Governments in delivering housing and homelessness services and programs. This funding eventually finds its way to the local level via a range of programs or initiatives. While this is welcomed, much more is needed to provide safe, secure and affordable homes for Shoalhaven families.

Bomaderry Urban Renewal Planning

Creating linkages from housing, shopping and communities

Funding Request: \$200,000

Bomaderry is the last point of contact by rail to Shoalhaven and the town shopping strip has been identified as a key revitalisation project. With a passionate and active community wanting to engage, there is a real opportunity to plan for the future health and wellbeing of our communities by providing future linkages, open spaces and shopping precincts. Cross-government collaboration is needed to address social, rail, open space and jobs growth on this project to assist with broader renewal planning.

Building on the planned affordable housing project that is already underway, an investment of \$200,000 in a new master planning exercise for this key precinct considering retail, housing, transport linkages and place making would involve community and cross government consultation and collaboration. This will deliver a blueprint for future revitalisation activities and associated infrastructure delivery.

Funding for Crisis and Transitional Housing

Supporting Community who are 'doing it tough'

Funding Request: \$653,000 ongoing annual funding

Shoalhaven is experiencing a housing shortage and homelessness crisis across the entire community. Salt Care and Safe Waters are vital local organisations that provide crisis accommodation support in the North and South of Shoalhaven, respectfully. These organisations are dependent on community donations, however, to continue these critical operations Salt Care requires \$262,000 per year of ongoing funding and Safe Water requires \$140,000. Additionally Salt Care require funding for their Collective Home Project. This project connects people experiencing homelessness with unused

holiday homes converted to long-term rentals and provides wrap around support to assist them to maintain their tenancy. To run these essential operations Salt Care requires a further \$251,000 per year of ongoing funding.

Shoalhaven City Council supports the provision of much needed emergency and transitional accommodation and supports, and advocates for ongoing government funding for Salt Care and Safe Waters to ensure the sustainability of their operations which play a crucial role in Shoalhaven community.





Masterplan for the Integrated Emergency Management Centre

Prepared for the worst and working together

Funding Request: \$2.8 million

Development of Shoalhaven City Council's Integrated Emergency Management Centre in Nowra has progressed incrementally in line with the 2015 masterplan.

Currently, the site accommodates the Shoalhaven Rural Fire Service Fire Control Centre (FCC), West Nowra RFS Brigade, SES Nowra Unit, Surf Life Saving and the region's primary Emergency Operations Centre.

For the past decade, the facility has been the command central for responses to numerous events including storms, tornados, bushfires, structure fires, mass cattle deaths, equine disease outbreaks and, most recently, the COVID-19 pandemic.

Support to implement future stages of the masterplan would realise:

- Enhanced cooperation by facilitating co-location and consolidated facilities for other emergency response agencies
- The construction of a helicopter landing pad to enhance emergency operations in response to fires and major floods
- Improved logistics management

Shoalhaven Reclaimed Water Management Scheme (REMS) Stage Two

Improved water recycling for sustainability outcomes

Funding Request: \$26 million

Stage one of the northern Shoalhaven Reclaimed Water Management Scheme (REMS) reclaims 14 million litres of high-quality water from six wastewater treatment plants every single day.

With infrastructure improvements, bulk storage (600 million litres) and a wastewater treatment facility, Stage one has maximised water efficiency at farms, sporting fields and golf courses, while significantly reducing river and ocean discharge.

Stage two will build on this achievement by adding another 900 million litre (total 1.5 billion) bulk storage dam, reducing demand on potable water and building a war chest against certain drought and fires.

The benefits of REMS Stage 2:

- Address agricultural demand for additional water needed for increased economic activity
- Provide a reserve of water for emergency use including bushfires like Currowan in 2019/20
- Future-proof water supply for a growing population. Identified as crucial in strategies including: the Environmental Impact Statement - Shoalhaven Northern Regional Effluent Management Scheme – 1997; Shoalhaven Delivery Program and Operational Plan (DPOP) 2021/22; and the Draft Review of Environment Factors 2021
- Stimulate the economy by increasing the amenity of sporting facilities, parks and gardens for community and visitors alike
- Council has committed \$8 million in the 2022/23 draft budget for this project

Shoalhaven Circular Economy Model of Waste

A fresh start - Improving environmental and financial sustainability

Funding Request: \$2.5 million

Lots of plastics from the recycling bin are dirty and still covered in food or waste. If it's not sorted and cleaned then it's not ready to be reused. Shoalhaven has plans for a plant that will shred, flake and wash the plastics so that they can be readily sorted and sold to produce plastic pellets suitable for manufacturing plastic products. Working towards long term sustainability will provide an opportunity for Council to secure income, even in the most difficult times.

- Council has committed \$2.5 million in funding for the \$5 million project budget
- Strategically aligned, this project is supported by cross-government strategies including: NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041; DPIE June 2021 (particularly the target to triple plastics recycling rate by 2030). This project is also supported by the Federal Government Recycling and Waste Reduction Act 2020, in particular addressing the ban on the export of plastic waste in July 2021



Bewong to Milton Water Pipeline

Securing water to the south

Funding Request: \$70 million

A 20km long water supply trunk main is proposed from Bewong to Milton. This extension to the previously constructed main from Bamarang to Bewong will provide water supply security and added resilience to the growing southern Shoalhaven area.

Identified in the Shoalhaven City Council Water Supply Augmentation Strategy Report – 1993, a recent feasibility study has been completed and a preferred alignment identified. Council has committed \$35 million in future budgets towards this project.



South Nowra Industrial Lands

More growth, more jobs, help secure our future

Funding Request: \$30 million (out of \$150 million)

An additional 110 hectares of land at South Nowra was rezoned to Industrial in 2014 by Shoalhaven City Council.

To bring this land to a marketable state approximately \$150 million is required in infrastructure build - roads, drainage, water, sewer and electricity.

An infrastructure facilitation fund needs to be established by all three levels of government to

kick start this vital employment precinct. Capable of being reimbursed and delivering further infrastructure, Council will be seeking seed capital loans to enable the facilitation of this project.

If northern Shoalhaven is to increase in population by 50,000, then approximately 10,000 jobs need to be generated at South Nowra. The future of Shoalhaven is dependent on this project which needs to commence roll out within five years.

SHOALHAVEN



Population
108,497

Median Age
48

+3 million
Visitors
Annually

Contributing over
\$1 Billion



21%
of households are
made up of couples
with children

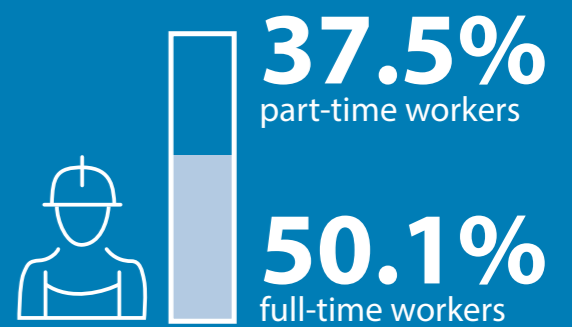


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Beautiful Beaches

49
Towns & Villages



6.5% of the Shoalhaven's
population identify
as Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander



44,477
Labour Force

7,618
Local Business



\$6.428
Billion (GRP)
Gross Regional
Product

Shoalhaven Community and Recreational Precinct (SCaRP)

Wellness hub for a community in need

Funding Request: \$81 million

The Shoalhaven Community and Recreation Precinct (SCaRP) aims to provide open space and community facilities in one location. This includes a community pavillion, rugby league, soccer and synthetics athletics facility and community support and wellness facilities.

SCaRP is intended to meet the needs of a growing community now and in the future. The project enhances the potential for the Nowra Bomaderry Structure Plan (2008) with the development of the Moss Vale Road North and South Urban Release areas progressing currently.

The objectives of the precinct are to:

- Deliver a precinct which meets today's community needs and growing demands
- Create spaces that address community needs
- Provide a safe community meeting place and quality sports facilities in one location
- Deliver community services which integrates with sporting groups

The net present value of the project is estimated at \$16.5 million over a 30-year period and represents a benefit-cost ratio of 1.18:1. The project will result in an increase in the level of participation in sport,

recreational and community activities. This benefit is estimated at \$41 million, around 37% of total benefits.

- Council secured \$8 million for the southern precinct from the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery (BLER) Package, with the total spend to date \$43 million
- Stage one delivery is well underway assisted by Federal and NSW funding. The new Shoalhaven Indoor Sports Centre is complete and officially open, plus construction works are underway on new a new AFL, cricket and croquet facility, including fields, amenities, landscaping, carparking and more! The planning and design options for the refurbishment of the original Bomaderry Basketball Stadium are also at an advanced stage
- Stage two requires an \$81 million investment for a new community pavillion including a 50m indoor pool, children's play areas, and a community hub to deliver health, fitness, education, rehabilitation and wellbeing services facilities. This stage also includes a regional synthetic athletics facility and a NRL senior competition standard rugby league facility - completing the vision for a true community wellness hub.



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Bomaderry Basketball Stadium Redevelopment

Creating a sporting centre of excellence

Funding Request: \$8.5 million

The old Bomaderry Basketball Stadium was originally constructed in 1966 and is being re-developed to complement and build on the success of the recently opened Shoalhaven Indoor Sports Centre.

The Bomaderry Basketball Stadium will form part of the Shoalhaven Community and Recreation Precinct (SCaRP). Works are required to refurbish the stadium to align with current building standards, and to adhere to the relevant sporting codes, creating a state-of-the-art sporting precinct, which will service the current and incoming population, as well as attract interstate visitors.

The new design includes an extended building footprint and renewed exterior façade. The internal layout will provide an additional two basketball courts, taking it to a total of six basketball courts, which facilitate six volleyball courts, two basketball mini courts, six futsal courts, and six netball courts. It will also allow for two changerooms to cater for larger events, and provides additional storage for a wide range of user groups. This project has already undergone several rounds of community consultation, and detailed design is anticipated to be completed by March 2023.



Marriott Park Nowra

Green space and play space for a growing CBD

Funding Request: \$10 million

Marriott Park is located on the southeast fringe of the Nowra CBD, and is within walking distance of both the commercial centre and surrounding residential areas.

A master plan has been developed for the site, involving significant community consultation. The masterplan aims to transform the site into a calming and attractive green oasis, offering play spaces and passive recreation at a strategically significant location within the Nowra Urban Area.

The project aims to maximise the site's potential by delivering safe and welcoming parkland facilities connected to surrounding streetscapes. The project will support increased usage of the site, and will improve quality of life outcomes for Nowra residents.

A play space has been designed in accordance with Everyone Can Play guidelines, and is supported by consultation with the community. Plans for the play space are endorsed by the elected Council.

Bay and Basin Skate Park

Masterplan implementation for a valued community asset

Funding Request: \$1 million

In response to population growth in the Bay and Basin area, Council is developing the Bay and Basin Leisure Centre and surrounding sporting precinct to create a Community and Sporting Hub. In October 2019, Council endorsed the location of the Bay and Basin Skate Park. Detailed design is now complete, and the project is shovel ready.

The Bay and Basin Skate Park would be co-located with the heavily utilised Bay and Basin Leisure Centre, is within walking distance of Vincentia High School and Public School, and is surrounded by picturesque, native bushland that has a number of walking trails.

The development of the proposed skate park and broader precinct provides an opportunity for Council to provide active recreation infrastructure suitable for a wide range of ages and skill levels. It will become a key community asset and a contemporary skate park that meets current industry trends. This facility will cater to all wheeled sports and skill levels and provide a mix of street and transition features, as well as shade and spectating opportunities.



Boongaree Recreation Precinct

Transforming how we play

Funding Request: \$8 million

Boongaree (pronounced: boon-ga-ree) is a destination park located on the northeast edge of Berry, which is experiencing rapid population growth. Census data indicates the Berry – Kangaroo Valley area grew by 7.9% between 2016 and 2021 (ABS, QuickStats). This growth is placing significant pressure on public places and recreation facilities in the area.

The Boongaree Recreation Precinct projects aims to transform existing, aging local recreation facilities into a contemporary destination park. Boongaree has already cemented its role a popular gateway attraction to the Shoalhaven area.

The Rotary Nature Plan Park and learn to ride facility were delivered in January 2022. Construction has commenced on the: skate park; pump track; cricket nets; and netball courts. Construction is yet to commence on the: reconciliation garden, playing field upgrades; long vehicle parking; and a fenced dog off-leash exercise area.

The net present value of the project is estimated at \$24.7 million over a 20-year period, with a cost-

benefit ratio of \$2.73 based on a 7% discount. This means that for every dollar invested, the project is expected to generate \$2.73 of economic and community benefit.

It is expected the project will:

- Create a four-fold increase in visitation to the site (from around 46,000 p/a to around 175,000 p/a).
- Result in increased localised expenditure of more than \$4 million p/a, which will directly benefit local businesses in Berry.
- Support the creation of 41 new full-time equivalent jobs over the long term (32 direct, and 10 indirect).
- Result in significant improvements to social interaction and wellbeing.
- Help prevent social isolation.

Funding is being sought to support the delivery of Stages four b (reconciliation garden), five (junior sports oval), six (dog fenced off-leash area) and seven (senior sports oval and car parking).



Building the Shoalhaven as an Arts and Cultural Destination

Create, stay, play

Funding Request: \$3.25 million

Based on investment made by the NSW Government into the creative and cultural life of the Shoalhaven through the new Bundanon Art Museum and the South Coast Regional Arts Development office, Council is looking to develop a targeted and strategic approach to ensuring Shoalhaven is the next regional creative destination for NSW.

Destination Sydney Surrounds South's (DSSS) Destination Management Plan notes a vision for the region to be the number one overnight destination for visitation – including domestic and international arts and cultural visitors.

To grow the visitor market Shoalhaven needs to strategically develop an annual sustainable cultural tourism offer. Through the development of guiding strategies, masterplanning our cultural facilities, and delivering destination festivals that are funded for growth across three years, Shoalhaven will support DSSS to meet their targets and be a year-round destination for cultural tourism.

The suite of works includes:

- The development of a Shoalhaven Creative Economy Strategy (\$200K)
- The development of a new Public Art Policy and Strategy (\$100K)
- Investigation and planning for a new Shoalhaven Regional Gallery (\$1.2 million)
- Masterplanning for the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre (\$150k)
- Three to five year investment into two destination arts festivals produced by Council:
 1. The Arty Farty Party – a family focused festival bringing world class art experiences to children and families across the South Coast (\$150K per year)
 2. South Coast Country – an all-ages festival celebrating local and national country music artists (\$170K per year) This highly successful two-day event, which attracted people from Victoria, ACT and across NSW was made possible in 2022 with Reconnecting Regional NSW funding.



Nowra Showground

Masterplan implementation for a valued community asset

Funding Request: \$23.5 million

Nowra Showground is located on the western edge of the Nowra Urban Area, near the highest point in town. The site offers spectacular views over the Shoalhaven River, and to coastal land to the east. It is an important community facility used by both Shoalhaven residents and visitors alike.

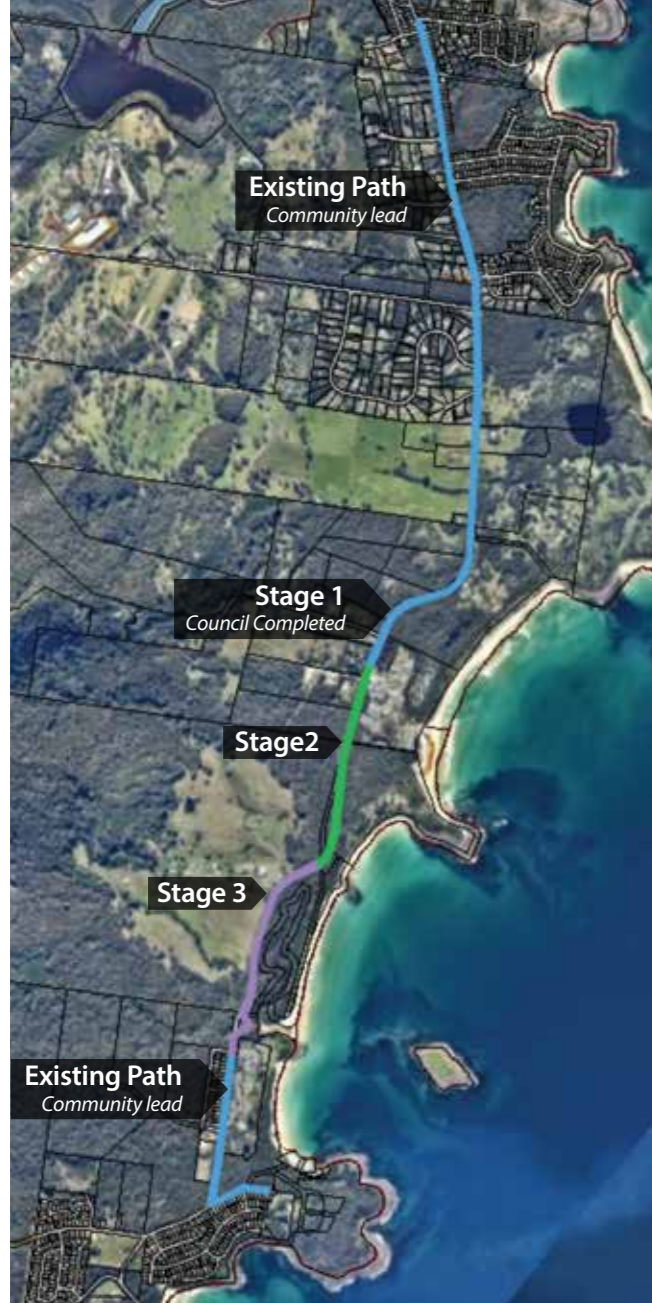
Shoalhaven City Council has developed a master plan for the site, which is underpinned by extensive community consultation. The master plan will be used to guide future management and improvement works.

Flagship projects identified in the master plan include:

- Improvements to the internal circulation networks including internal road upgrades, delivery of active transport infrastructure, accessible parking, and community multipurpose facilities (\$9.6M)

- Transformation of Hanging Rock Lookout including new play space, destination viewing point, and picnic facilities (\$4.7M)
- Delivery of a second sports oval, fenced dog off leash exercise area (\$3.1M)
- Upgrade to the main arena, including spectator facilities, tennis courts, entrance upgrade (\$3.1M)
- Rejuvenation of the internal camping facilities approximately (\$1.3M)
- Upgrade to the agricultural area including livestock holding areas and truck/ trailer parking (\$740K)
- Embellishment of the main memorial entrance to Junction Street, main access road (\$955K)

Council is seeking a funding commitment of \$23.5M over ten years to implement works identified in the master plan.



Murramarang Shared User Pathway

Connecting the villages of Bawley and Kioloa

Funding Request: \$1.5 million

A nearly 7 kilometre long shared user pathway will connect residents and tourists safely between the coastal villages of Bawley Point and Kioloa. This shared pathway will provide local residents and tourists with a safe walking/cycling route for exercise, access to the village shops, beaches and holiday and caravan parks. Local community volunteers have championed this project and already completed the 3.5 kilometres of pathway at both ends of the villages. In October 2022, one kilometre of the 'missing' pathway between the two villages was completed by Council.

To complete this project, 2.2 kilometres of pathway are required at an estimated cost of \$1.5 million. The first part traverses Tasman Holiday Parks, Racecourse Beach to Shelley Beach Access Carpark and is shovel ready for an estimated cost of \$650,000. The final section continues on from Shelly Beach Access Carpark to the O'Brien Street intersection, has preliminary designs complete and requires \$850,000 of funding.



Ulladulla Sports Park Clubhouse for the Milton Ulladulla croquet club

Funding Request: \$700,000

Council is working with the Milton Ulladulla Croquet Club to support their efforts to establish clubhouse facilities at the Ulladulla Sports Park. The clubhouse is the final stage of works to relocate the club from existing, aging facilities at the Milton Showground to fit-for-purpose, modern court facilities at the Ulladulla Sports Park complex.

The club has led work to develop a design for the facility, in coordination with Council staff. Plans are in place, and the project is considered shovel-ready.

A funding commitment is being sought to deliver clubhouse facilities in line with the Milton Ulladulla Croquet Club's aspirations.



State Budget
COMMITTED
\$5 Million
 for shared user pathways
 ← **\$1.5 Million**
 will go to Murramarang
\$350,000 →
 will go to Callala Bay

Callala Bay Shared User Pathway

Connecting round the bay walking track safely

Funding Request: \$350,000

During summer holidays the area becomes a loved tourist destination, with families from all over visiting the beautiful beaches in the Shoalhaven including Callala Bay. Sheaffe Street is the main pedestrian access to the foreshore and the main vehicle access to the only boat ramp fronting the northern half of Jervis Bay. Existing shared user paths are available on either end of Sheaffe Street, connecting to the Round the Bay Track.

The Round the Bay Track is a shared pathway for pedestrians and cyclists that runs along the bay and waterfront, past the boat ramp and over a picturesque bridge. The shared user path along Sheaffe Street would complete the connection from Callala Bay town centre, sports fields, basketball courts, skate park, community garden, community centre and primary school all the way to the foreshore. The path will keep people off the road improving safety and encourage an active healthy lifestyle.



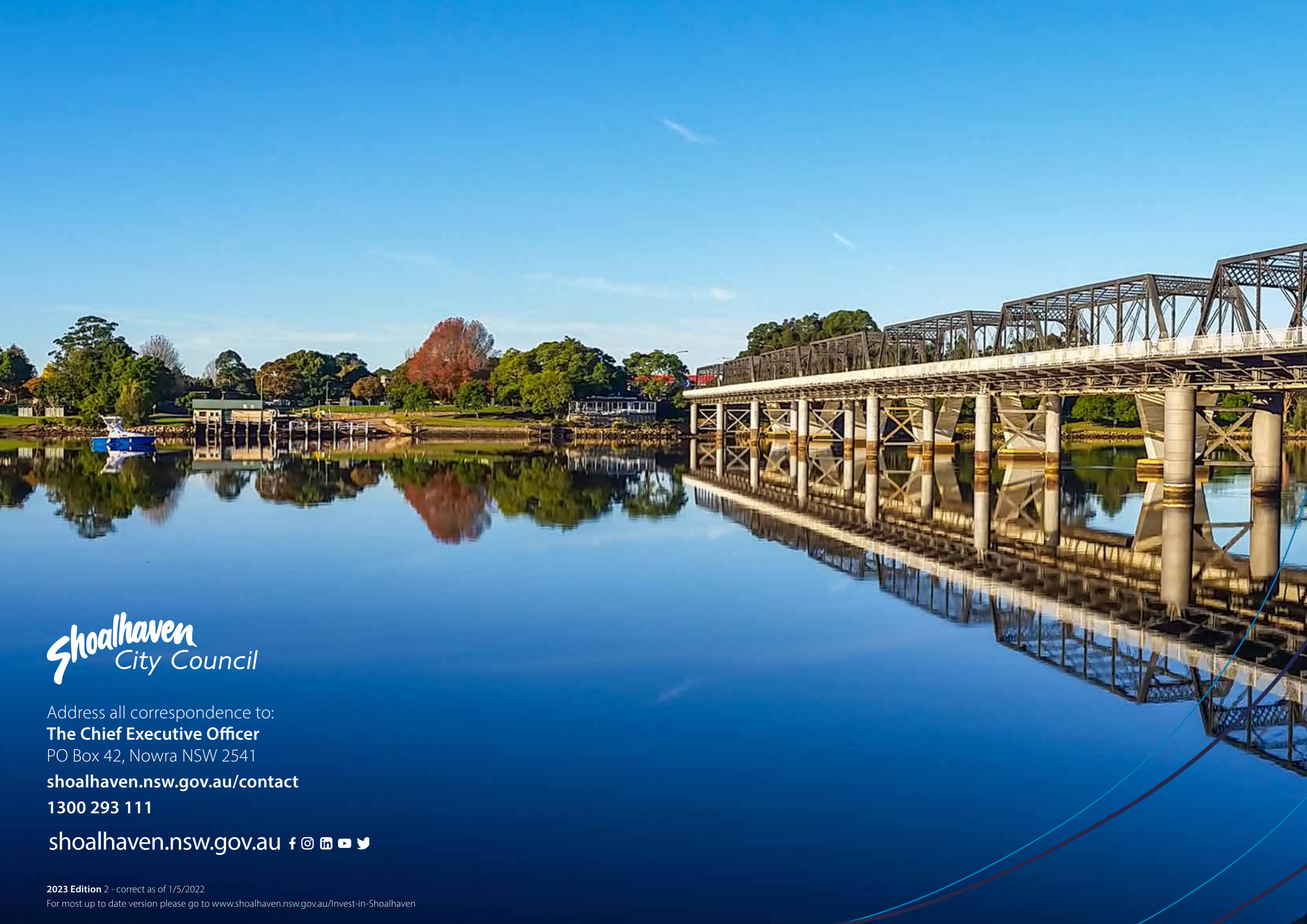
Drawing Room Rocks Walking Trail Carpark

Safe parking - peace of mind for walkers and residents

Funding Request: \$250,000

Drawing Room Rocks Walking Trail is located in the Barren Grounds Nature Reserve which is part of NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS). Access to the walk is via Brogers Creek Road. This walk is an increasingly popular activity within the Shoalhaven attracting locals and tourists alike.

The increasing numbers of visitors is posing new challenges in the area, in particular the lack of available parking. This project aims to provide a new carpark with 30 standard and two accessible car spaces to service the Drawing Room Rocks Walking Trail.



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