



Service Updates



Waste Update

Nowra Waste Bushfire Processing Plant is receiving approximately 1,800 tonnes of bushfire waste per week.



Road To Recovery

Outdoor swimming pools, parks, outdoor equipment and skate parks across the Shoalhaven have begun to re-open to the community.



COVID-19 Hotline

For any non-health questions about COVID-19 please contact the Service NSW COVID-19 hotline on **13 77 88**.



From Our Community

A replacement bridge over Lucy King Creek on Wheelbarrow Road, Milton will be complete soon.

A Word From Vince

As bushfire clean-up continues and our community moves forward from recovery into resilience and readiness, our focus is now on the next steps. I encourage those intending to rebuild homes and structures to lodge your Development Applications (DA) as soon as you can. Even if you don't have all certificates together just yet, submitting the DA starts the ball rolling. It gives you and Council time to get the next phase of recovery underway.

The Shoalhaven City Council Bushfire Recovery webpage and Council's Facebook page are full of information. I encourage all residents and ratepayers to explore them for the education, financial and mental health resources available. If you don't find what you're looking for, call Council's Recovery Helpline on **02 4429 5888**.

When Helpline operators are not answering calls, they are returning calls to all residents who registered with Council during the fires. These call-backs help to check on everyone who registered to see if there is any further assistance required. Lastly, throughout your activities, be aware of the necessary measures to keep yourself and those around you safe during the continuing COVID-19 situation.

Vince Di Pietro - Recovery Co-ordinator

Social Recovery

Council, in partnership with Service NSW and Resilience NSW, will be seeking information via email from residents whose dwelling or business was damaged or destroyed in the fires. Your answers will help identify how we can improve service referrals and keep you informed about available assistance.

Our recovery team is calling residents registered through our recovery centres, in case emailing is not accessible. If your property was damaged or destroyed and you think we may not have your latest details, please call **02 4429 5888**.

Michael Paine

Social Recovery Action Team Leader

Environment

If you are interested in developing skills to identify plants, bush regeneration and controlling weeds, TAFE NSW are offering a free online Statement of Attainment in Bush Regeneration. This course will be popular for those wanting to help in our bushfire impacted areas, so be quick to register. Contact your local TAFE office for more details or head online at bit.ly/2ZbLU4U.

Shane Pickering

Environment Recovery Action Team Leader

Economic/Tourism

Ernst & Young (E & Y), in partnership with the NSW Government, are operating free virtual 'Business Support Drop-In Centres'. E & Y staff are working with community representatives to provide intensive, tailored support to help businesses move from immediate response into a mid-term recovery phase. The virtual centre will initially operate for 10 weeks in Kangaroo Valley and southern Shoalhaven. If you are a local business and need support, or know of one, please email joanna@gssnet.com.au for further information.

Shannan Perry-Hall

Economic/Tourism Recovery Action Team Leader

Built Recovery

Up to \$30,000 is now available to homeowner occupiers who lost their primary place of residence. If you were allocated funds under the Rebuilding grants, the Red Cross will contact you about the additional available funds.

Up to \$10,000 is available to people who were renting a home or whose primary place of residence was a caravan or mobile home.

Visit shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/bushfirerecovery.

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Fitness Classes Are Back

Shoalhaven Swim, Sport and Fitness are now offering outdoor fitness classes at their Bay and Basin Leisure Centre. Different classes will be available each morning for strictly nine participants per class. Equipment will be thoroughly sanitised between classes and we ask all participants to wash their hands before and after the class. Please stay home if you are sick.

Those wishing to attend can book by calling **(02) 4406 2022**. As numbers are limited, bookings are essential. If you miss out on a morning class, we have numerous free online classes available at any time on our YouTube page: bit.ly/2WVt5Ss.



Financial Relief for Ratepayers

Council has revealed a \$17.5M COVID-19 Financial Relief Package to help ratepayers during this extremely difficult period. The package will provide opt-in financial support to property owners to the extent of \$300 for the 2020/21 financial year.

The package is expected to be adopted by Council at the Ordinary Meeting next week. If adopted, letters will be sent to property owners asking if they wish to opt-in to the scheme. If no response is received prior to 30 June 2020, it will be assumed the property owner has decided to opt-out.



Small Business Support Fund

The NSW Government Small Business COVID-19 grant has so far helped 23,000 businesses across the state, equating to \$220 million in business support to date. Small businesses in the Shoalhaven are being encouraged to apply, with grants still available of up to \$10,000.

To be eligible for the grant, the business must be experiencing significant decline in revenue as a direct result of COVID-19. Funds may also only be used for unavoidable business expenses that are not supported by other Government funding.

Find out if your business is eligible here: bit.ly/2AJSfdP.



Ulladulla sea pool has reopened



Parks across the Shoalhaven reopened