# **Business and Employment Development Committee**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 30 November, 2016

**Location**: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra

**Time**: 4.00 pm

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### **Agenda**

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- 2. Confirmation of Minutes
  - Wednesday 25 May 2016
- 3. Declarations of Interest

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#### Membership

John Lamont – RDA – Chairperson

Clr Amanda Findley - Mayor

All Councillors

General Manager or nominee

Gareth Ward MP (or nominee Tony Emery)

Shelley Hancock MP (or nominee)

Ann Sudmalis (or nominee)

Adrian Stam / Graham Baxter - Southern Regional Business Enterprise Centre

Robbie Collins - University of Wollongong

Paul Goodwin - NSW TAFE

Megan Cleary – NSW Department of Industry

David Goodman - SBC

Representative - Milton Ulladulla BC

Angela Byron - Nowra HS

Fiona Hatcher - RDA FSC

Steven Bayer - Shoalhaven Prof. Business Assoc

Lexie Meyer – Community

James Coburn - Community

Peter Dryer - Community

Clr Baptist – SAB Representative

Representative – Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group

Representative - Defence

Representative – Manufacturing

Representative - Construction

Quorum – Six (6)

#### **Purpose**

- To assist in the implementation of the Economic Development Strategy and monitor and report on performance.
- Support the expansion of industry activities within the Shoalhaven, across all sectors.
- Encourage the location of new industries in the region which will lead to an increase in the number of employment opportunities for the residents of the region
- Grow the socio economic base of the Shoalhaven.
- Examine and review employment development strategies and report on initiatives to carry their strategies forward.



#### MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2016 IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 1, 2 & 3, CITY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, BRIDGE ROAD, NOWRA COMMENCING AT 4.00 PM.

#### The following members were present:

Clr Watson

Clr Baptist

Clr Kitchener

**CIr Kearney** 

CIr White

CIr Wells

Russ Pigg – General Manager

Robbie Collins

Paul Goodwin

David Goodman

Lexie Meyer

Adrian Stam

Steven Bayer

Peter Dryer

#### Others Present:

Tim Fletcher – Director Planning and Development Greg Pullen – Economic Development Manager Marianne Jones – Economic Development Officer Cathy Bern - Development Services Manager Coralie Bell - Tourism Manager Catherine Shields

#### Apologies:

Apologies were received from Clr Gash, Clr Tribe, Ann Sudmalis MP, Shelley Hancock MP, John Lamont, Megan Cleary, Fiona Hatcher

#### 1. Nomination of Chairperson

In the absence of John Lamont and Clr Tribe, the Committee nominated an acting Chairperson for the meeting.

MOTION: Moved: David Goodman / Second: Clr Kearney

RESOLVED that CIr Wells be nominated to act as Chairperson of the Business and Employment Development Committee meeting held on 25 May 2016.

**CARRIED** 

#### 2. **New Members**

New committee members, Peter Dryer, James Coburn and Steven Bayer were welcomed to the meeting and they introduced themselves.



#### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

MOTION:

Moved: David Goodman / Second: Clr White

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Business and Employment Development Committee, held on Monday 15 February 2016, be confirmed.

**CARRIED** 

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **GENERAL MANAGER**

4. HVSPP, Fixing Country Roads and Fixing Country Rail

File 40290E

The Economic Development Manager provided an overview of the contents of the report.

MOTION:

Moved: Clr White / Second: Lexie Meyer

RESOLVED that the report on HVSPP, Fixing Country Roads and Fixing Country Rail be received for information.

**CARRIED** 

5. Procedural Motion – Item Be Brought Forward

PROCEDURAL MOTION:

Moved: Clr Baptist / Second: Clr White

That Item 11 - Development not Commenced in the Shoalhaven - Update be brought forward.

**CARRIED** 

6. (Item 11) Development not Commenced in the Shoalhaven – Update File 38821E

The Development Services Manager provided an overview of the contents of the report and advised the Committee that there was a typographical error in table two appended to the report. RA15/1000 should read \$15 million not \$1.5million. This brings the grand total of development to \$606,310,768.

MOTION: Moved: David Goodman / Second: Steven Bayer

RESOLVED that the Committee receive the report of the General Manager (Planning & Development Services) regarding the update on development not commenced in the Shoalhaven.

**CARRIED** 



#### 7. Flinders Road Drop In Session

File 5279E

The Economic Development Manager provided an overview of the contents of the report.

It was noted that the planned works have been approved and a traffic management plan will be in place when work begins.

MOTION:

Moved: Clr White / Second: Paul Goodwin

RESOLVED that the report on the Flinders Road Drop In Session be received for information.

**CARRIED** 

#### 8. Business Development Programs

File 38975E

MOTION:

Moved: Clr Wells / Second: Clr Baptist

RESOLVED that that the report on Business Development Programs be received for information.

**CARRIED** 

#### 9. NBN Business Information Session

File 47827E

The Economic Development Manager advised the Committee that the Community Affairs Manager NSW NBN will provide an information session for Councillors on the roll out of the NBN. An invitation to the information session has also been extended to local businesses.

It was noted that the information session is being held for the Nowra area in the first instance as the roll out is almost complete in Bomaderry.

**Action** – The Economic Development Officer to raise the issue of providing an information session for the Ulladulla region with the NBN.

MOTION:

Moved: Lexie Meyer / Second: Clr Baptist

RESOLVED that the report on the NBN Business Information Session be received for information.

**CARRIED** 

#### 10. Smart Cities Plan

File 31157E

The Economic Development Manager provided an overview of the contents of the report.

The Director Planning and Development provided an update on the Australian Government's Smart Cities Plan and advised that more information can be found on the website, where the plan can also be downloaded <a href="https://cities.dpmc.gov.au/smart-cities-plan">https://cities.dpmc.gov.au/smart-cities-plan</a>.

The Committee discussed what Council's proposed response to the Plan may be and it was noted that submissions close on 24 June 2016.

MOTION: Moved: Clr Wells / Second: Clr Baptist

#### RECOMMENDED that:

- a) The Business and Economic Development Committee receive the report on the Smart Cities Plan for information.
- b) Council notify relevant federal agencies of its interest in the Smart Cities Program and make appropriate submissions.

#### **CARRIED**

#### 11. Proposed Business Rates for 2016/2017

File 38821E

The General Manager provided an overview of the contents of the report.

MOTION: Moved: David Goodman / Second: Lexie Meyer

RESOLVED that the Business and Economic Development Committee support and endorse Council's proposed reduction in business rates in the City as follows:

- A decrease in rates of approx. 34% for the Nowra CBD
- A decrease in rates of approx. 31% for the Ulladulla CBD
- A decrease in rates of approx. 3% for other Business rates

#### **CARRIED**

Note: Clr Kitchener voted against the motion.

#### 12. Facilitating employment growth

File 38821E

The General Manager provided an overview of the contents of the report noting that an independent consultancy has been engaged to undertake the review to gain a broader perspective and draw on their greater experience and exposure.

MOTION: Moved: Clr Kitchener / Second: Clr Baptist

RESOLVED that the Business and Economic Development Committee note the information provided with regard to facilitating employment growth.

#### **CARRIED**

#### 13. Shoalhaven River - Riverfront Infrastructure

File 38821E

The General Manager provided an overview of the contents of the report.

The Economic Development Manager advised that it is proposed to moor the pontoons at Greys Beach, North Nowra where they will be deployed as required. It was noted that precautions will be in put place to safeguard the pontoons should a flood event occur.



It was also noted that more information will be provided to the Committee as the project progresses.

The Committee discussed how functions and events on Shoalhaven's waterways might be promoted.

The Tourism Manager advised that a review will be undertaken by Council to consider the capacity and capability of events in the Shoalhaven. Part of the outcome of the review will be to identify gaps such as utilising Shoalhaven's waterways.

Catherine Shields suggested that use of Shoalhaven's waterways for events could be raised at next Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group meeting for discussion.

MOTION: Moved: Clr Wells / Second: Clr Kearney

#### **RESOLVED** that:

- a) The Business and Economic Development Committee endorse Council's actions to invest in, and facilitate the activation of the Shoalhaven riverfront.
- b) Plans for the pontoon infrastructure be provided to the Committee after they have been considered by Council.

#### **CARRIED**

### 14. <u>Illawarra Shoalhaven Youth Employment Action Plan</u>

File 38821E

Moved: Russ Pigg / Second: Paul Goodwin

The General Manager provided an overview of the contents of the report.

RESOLVED that the Business and Economic Development Committee note the work being undertaken at a regional level to address youth employment opportunities.

**CARRIED** 

MOTION:

#### 15. Land Sales & Business Enquiries

File 38821E

The Economic Development Manager provided an update regarding the increase in land sale enquiries and other contracts.

MOTION: Moved: Clr Wells / Second: Lexie Meyers

RESOLVED that that the Business and Economic Development Committee note the information regarding increase in land sale enquiries and other contracts for information.

**CARRIED** 



#### **EXTERNAL MEMBERS REPORTS**

#### 16. Southern Region BEC

File 38821E

Adrian Stam provided an overview of the contents of the report noting that since the release of the SRBEC facebook page on Friday 20 May 2016, 122 businesses have joined.

MOTION:

Moved: Adrian Stam / Second: David Goodman

RESOLVED that the Committee receive the report submitted by Adrian Stam on the Southern Region BEC for information.

**CARRIED** 

#### 17. NSW Department of Industry

File 38821E

The Economic Development Manager provided an overview of the contents of the report.

MOTION:

Moved: Clr Wells / Second: David Goodman

RESOLVED that the Committee receive the report submitted by Megan Cleary on the NSW Department of Industry Update for information.

**CARRIED** 

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### 18. Additional Item – Shoalhaven Careers Expo

File 38821E

Robbie Collins advised the Committee that the Shoalhaven Careers Expo will be held on 22 July 2016 from 9.30am to 12.30pm and attendance of approximately 300 is expected. Approximately 30 businesses have registered and registrations are still being accepted.

#### 19. Additional Item - National Indigenous Football Championships

File 38821E

Robbie Collins advised that the National Indigenous Football Championships are scheduled to be held from 3-5 November 2016 at the Shoalhaven Sporting Complex Nowra noting that sponsorships are still being sought.

### 20. Additional Item – Business and Employment Development Committee Membership File 38821E

Catherine Shields, Chairperson of the Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group, addressed the Committee on the issue of membership.

Catherine requested that the Committee consider including a representative from the Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group in the Committee membership.



MOTION: Moved: CIr Watson / Second: CIr Wells

RECOMMENDED that Council approve the appointment of a representative from the Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group to the Business and Employment Development Committee.

**CARRIED** 

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 5.09 pm.

CIr Wells ACTING CHAIRPERSON



# BE16.1 Economic Update and Employment Land Activity

**HPERM Ref:** D16/351798

**Group:** General Manager's Group **Section:** Economic Development

#### **Purpose / Summary**

To update the committee on recent employment land activity and economic trends

#### Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report by the Economic Development Manager on Economic trends and employment land activity be received for information.

#### **Options**

- 1. The recommendation be accepted as written.
- 2. An alternative recommendation be proposed.

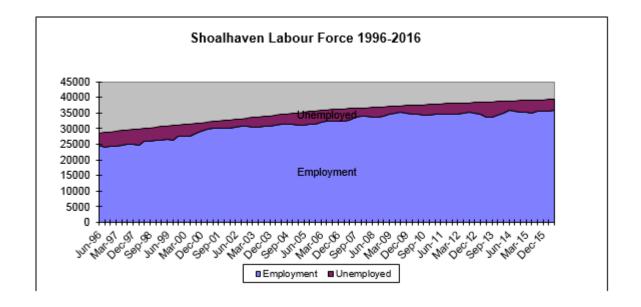
#### **Background**

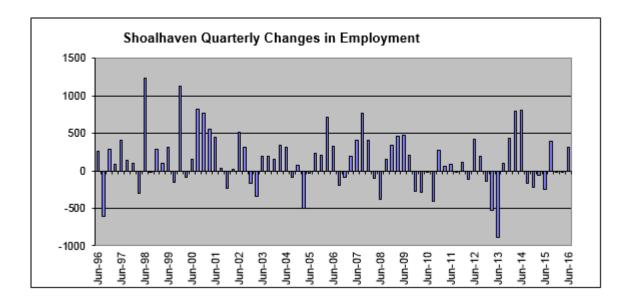
#### Labour market

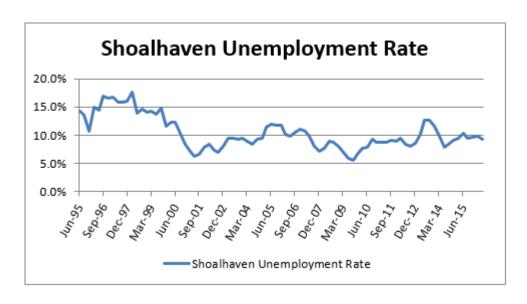
With regard to the employment within Shoalhaven the following table shows the latest statistics:

	June 1996	June 2006	June 2016
Employment	24,419	32,498	35,745
Unemployment	4,112	3,517	3,640
Labour Force	28,631	36,015	39,385
Population	73,724	92,346	99,740











The cyclical nature of the Shoalhaven Labour Market comes about because of a number of factors but primarily, because of the number of international businesses within our economy, the national and global markets. Uncertainty with employers in the public sector is also creating caution within the local labour market and spending patterns generally. The falling Australian Dollar continues to provide an opportunity for the local manufacturing sector.

The general trend can be best described as positive, and this rates ahead of most of regional Australia.

#### **Economic Indicators**

Since 2013 Council has been monitoring the Gross Regional Product for the Shoalhaven LGA. This calculation by REMPLAN is calculated using the expenditure method gathered through the National Accounts and ATO data.

GRP is the total value of final goods and services produced in the Shoalhaven region over the period of one year. As can be seen from the table, this includes exports but subtracts imports.

GRP Expenditure Method	\$M
Household Consumption	\$4,430.958
Government Consumption	\$1,195.696
Private Gross Fixed Capital Expenditure	\$1,541.915
Public Gross Fixed Capital Expenditure	\$339.250
Gross Regional Expenses	\$ <mark>7,507.819</mark>
plus Regional Exports	\$2,201.061
minus Domestic Imports	-\$4,461.829
minus Overseas Imports	-\$808.499
Gross Regional Product	<b>\$4,438.551</b>
Population	92,812
Per Capita GRP (\$'000)	\$47.823
Per Worker GRP (\$'000)	\$154.395

Over time the GRP will move and Shoalhaven is trending quite positively:

	Shoalhaven GRP
January 2013	\$3.738b
January 2014	\$4.056b (+7.84%)
January 2015	\$4.193b (+3.26%)
January 2016	\$4.439b (+5.54%)



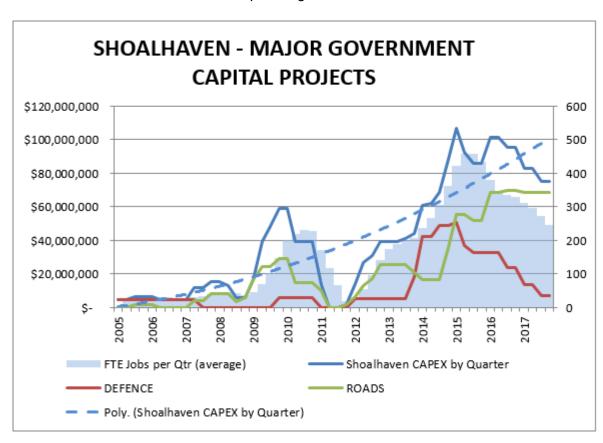
The relative size of economies can be determined by comparing GRP and this is shown below:

Port Stephens LGA	\$3.826b
Maitland LGA	\$3.625b
Muswellbrook LGA	\$2.441B
Newcastle LGA	\$14.228b
Lake Macquarie LGA	\$8.618b
Hawkesbury LGA	\$3.532b
Blue Mountains LGA	\$2.571b
Wollongong LGA	\$11.392b
Shellharbour LGA	\$2.104b
Kiama LGA	\$0.702b
Shoalhaven LGA	\$4.439b
Bega Valley LGA	\$1.631b

#### Capital Expenditure

The current major Capital Projects by Government are:

- Princes Highway Toolijoa –Berry
- Princes Highway Lake Burrill Bridge
- Shoalhaven River Bridge Design
- HMAS Albatross Stage 3 upgrade
- HMAS Albatross AIR9000 Ph 7 HATS (nearing completion)
- AATP AIR9000 Ph 8 Seahawk support (recently completed)
- Shoalhaven Medical Precinct planning





#### **Employment Land Activity**

In recent months the level of activity across industry sectors has increased steadily. Land sales have escalated and DAs are now being assessed. Construction activities on some projects have commenced, but more will occur in upcoming months.

To date the following sales are at contract or settled:

- AATP 4 lots settled 3 occupied; 1 lots in contract
- Flinders Estate 5 lots settled 1 occupied, 1 factory under construction; 3 lots exchanged
- Huskisson Estate 3 lot settled 1 occupied, 2 DA submitted; 3 lots under contract

If all of the above are realised and all 7 lots are sold, this will realise to Council in excess of \$5m and require construction of additional stages of subdivision at Huskisson and AATP. Recently a \$1m extension to the taxiway at AATP was completed and works to bring an additional 8 lots to the market at Woollamia are scheduled for 2017.

The types of businesses that are purchasing land are:

- Local businesses that have outgrown their rental premises and wish to grow and develop their own premises (4)
- Relocating businesses to Shoalhaven (4)
- Existing Shoalhaven businesses looking to expand operations (7)

Advancement on other major projects have shown some significant progress in recent months with DAs having been approved and projects having moved or will shortly move into the construction phase such as:

- Jervis Bay Aquaculture (construction commencing 2017)
- Trinity College, Woollamia (recently opened)
- Manildra expansion(s) (ongoing)
- Vincentia Shopping Centre (completed)
- Willinga Park Equestrian Centre at Bawley Pt (completed)
- Retail complex at Sth Nowra (completed)
- Defence Support Facility (completed)

#### **Community Engagement**

Realistically the contents above give a progressive picture and are not of interest to the community until visible construction can be seen. When developments start coming out of the ground then the media and community commence being interested.

#### **Financial Implications**

The work currently being undertaken by the Economic Development Office is fully funded from Council's operating and capital budgets and other generated income.

The income from land sales is reinvested into employment property development.



# BE16.2 Business Development Program - Economic Development Office

**HPERM Ref:** D16/354490

**Group:** General Manager's Group **Section:** Economic Development

#### **Purpose / Summary**

To update the Business and Employment Development Committee about the variety of training opportunities available through the Business Development Program co-ordinated by the Economic Development Office.

#### Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on the Business Development Program co-ordinated by the Economic Development Office be received for information.

#### **Options**

- 1. The recommendation be accepted as written.
- 2. An alternative recommendation be proposed.

#### **Background**

The Economic Development Office of Shoalhaven City Council supports a number of business training and development programs for local businesses. The Economic Development Office does this through partnering with other government and non-government entities who provide business training. This partnership approach has been extremely successful and has resulted in the delivery of quality training by skilled and knowledgeable trainers

Currently the Economic Development Office is working with the Shoalhaven Business Chamber, the Southern Region Business Enterprise Centre and The Business Sessions to deliver training.

The Economic Development Office of Shoalhaven City Council has entered into a MoU with the Shoalhaven Business Chamber to deliver a series of busines development/improvements programs and networking opportunities. Council has sponsored the Chamber to deliver the following:

- Business Breakfast Bites series 6 breakfasts per year. The Chamber will organise the breakfasts and arrange for a guest speaker to provide educational information around business assistance and advice.
- Lunch and Learn series. The Chamber will organise 6 lunches per year hosted by a profession (i.e. Accountants, Solicitors, Bankers etc) that provides a workshop style



session on various business related topics that will assist members in their day to day business operations.

• Establish a "Women in Business" group and host networking opportunities.

Earlier in the year Council also sponsored the Chamber to deliver a series of Business Master Classes. Between January and June 2016 the Chamber held:

- 3 Breakfast Bites (156 attendees),
- 4 Lunch and Learn events (75 attendees),
- 2 Women in Business Events (135 attendees) and
- 4 Business Master Class events (140 attendees).

The Economic Development Office also supports the Southern Region Business Enterprise Centre by providing access to training rooms. The SRBEC held two training sessions at Council in 2016.

An initiative of the Economic Development Office has been to collaborate with a local business training provider, The "Business Sessions", to provide business training, are mainly focused on effective use of electronic media. Council supports The Business Sessions by providing access to training rooms and associated equipment. The Business Sessions have trained 231 people between January and September 2016.

The Economic Development Office of Shoalhaven City Council will continue to support these partnerships and are willing to find more training partners to deliver cost effective and quality training to the local business community.

#### **Community Engagement**

This report to the Shoalhaven Business & Employment Development Committee is part of the community consultative process and its purpose is to inform. The Economic Development Office does circulate notice of these training sessions to its business networks.

#### **Policy Implications**

Business development programs meet 2016/2017 DP/OP

Key Priority Area – 3.2. Partner with industry, government and business

Corporate Activity - 3.2.03 Maintain and enhance Shoalhaven's economic base through collaboration between all levels of government, other relevant agencies, and the broader Shoalhaven community

Corporate Action - 3.2.03.4 - Facilitate and/or host business training and networking sessions for local business

#### **Financial Implications**

Shoalhaven City Council has provided funding to the Shoalhaven Business Chamber to run a number of business development sessions. This funding is allocated from the Economic Development Office budget.

The SRBEC and the Business Sessions receive support through the use of Council training rooms. This has minimal cost to Council but is again met through the ED budget.



### **BE16.3** School to Work Transition Programs

**HPERM Ref:** D16/354634

**Group:** General Manager's Group **Section:** Economic Development

#### **Purpose / Summary**

To report to the Committee and organisations that members represent, the current work being done to facilitate a better understanding of career opportunities within the Shoalhaven.

#### Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on the School to Work Transition Programs be received for information.

#### **Options**

- 1. The recommendation be accepted as written.
- 2. An alternative recommendation be proposed.

#### **Background**

Shoalhaven City Council, the Shoalhaven Professional Business Association and the University of Wollongong - Shoalhaven Campus run a number of annual School to Work Transition Programs aimed at encouraging local youth to pursue local careers and to increase the awareness of local teachers and students of the diversity of career options available in the Shoalhaven.

The annual calendar of events commences with the Professional Snapshot scheduled in Term 1. The Professional Snapshot is jointly organised by the Economic Development Office of Shoalhaven City Council in partnership with the Shoalhaven Professional Business Association. The aim of this day is to expose students in Years 10 to 12 to professional careers that they may not have previously considered. This day is very successful with students exposed to a typical workday in careers as varied as Engineering, Surveying, Valuing, Accounting, Financial Management, Law and Town Planning. In 2015, an Allied Health stream was introduced that was very popular. Students walk away from this day with a better understanding of each career which will help guide them toward a rewarding career path.

Each year around 80 students are involved, co-ordinated through the Careers Advisers at the local High Schools. Businesses are restricted to the Nowra CBD area, for logistical reasons. Each year around 10-15 businesses give of their time to deliver the overview of the various career prospects.

The University of Wollongong - Shoalhaven Campus hosts an annual Careers Expo. This event is held in the middle of the year. It is well-attended and students can meet prospective employers and discover what local businesses are looking for in potential recruits. Both business and students find this day rewarding.



The Term 4 activity is the Teachers Industry Tour. Careers Advisors and about 30 teachers spend the day travelling by bus in the northern Shoalhaven and visit a number local businesses. The aim of this day is to demonstrate the breadth of employment/career opportunities in the Shoalhaven - from manual unskilled labour through to careers that can lead to international opportunities. Feedback from this day is generally quite positive with many attendees expressing their surprise at the calibre of businesses and variety of employment opportunities available within the Shoalhaven.

The 2016 Teacher Industry Tour was held on the 17th November 2016 with 25 teachers attending. Teachers from Nowra, Bomaderry, Shoalhaven High Schools as well as from St John's and Nowra Christian School attended the day.

The Economic Development Office of Shoalhaven City Council would like to thank the following businesses for their participation.

- Sikorsky Helitech
- Shoalhaven City Council
- Manildra
- Integrity Real Estate
- Hanlon Windows
- Bomaderry Bowling Club
- Walsh and Monaghan
- Financial Dynamics
- Shoalhaven Medical Imaging.

#### **Community Engagement**

This report is to provide the Committee with an overview of the project. And the involvement by the schools, local businesses and business associations.

#### **Policy Implications**

Business development programs meet 2016/2017 DP/OP

Key Priority Area – 3.2. Partner with industry, government and business

Corporate Activity - 3.2.03 Maintain and enhance Shoalhaven's economic base through collaboration between all levels of government, other relevant agencies, and the broader Shoalhaven community

Corpprate Action - 3.2.03.3 Maintain and/or enhance industry liaison and networks

Corporate Action - 3.2.03.4 - Facilitate and/or host business training and networking sessions for local business

#### **Financial Implications**

The Economic Development Office of Shoalhaven City Council provides lunch, meeting room space and staff resources for the Professional Snapshot. The costs are minimal and come from the Economic Development Office budget. Other key sponsors include the Shoalhaven Professional Business Association, Southern Phone and local business participants.



The University of Wollongong - Shoalhaven Campus Careers Expo is funded by the Shoalhaven Campus.

The Teachers to Industry Tour is funded by the Economic Development Office of Shoalhaven City Council. Costs include providing morning tea, lunch and transport (bus) for the tour.

The School to Work Transition programs have been highly successful and are due to the coordinated efforts of the Economic Development Office, the Shoalhaven Professional Business Association, the University of Wollongong - Shoalhaven Campus, the local business community and the Shoalhaven Careers Advisors Network.



# BE16.4 Nowra Buskers Series and Nowra CBD Street Flags in Jelly Bean Park

**HPERM Ref:** D16/354599

**Group:** General Manager's Group **Section:** Economic Development

#### **Purpose / Summary**

To provide the committee with information about the Nowra Buskers Series held in Jelly Bean Park, coordinated by the Economic Development Office

#### Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That

The report on the Nowra Buskers Series in Jelly Bean Park be received for information

#### **Options**

- 1. The recommendation be accepted as written.
- 2. An alternative recommendation be proposed.

#### **Background**

The Economic Development Office of Shoalhaven City Council has an extremely varied work output. The aim of the EDO is to grow the Shoalhaven economy through supporting local business and enticing new business into the area. Achieving this aim means that the section undertakes a wide variety of activities.

For each committee meeting a report will be submitted on the smaller programs being coordinated through the Economic Development Office.

The Nowra Buskers Series is an Economic Development Office initiative and is aimed at creating activity in the Nowra CBD. Activation of the CBD increases foot traffic and hopefully leads to more vibrant and prosperous town centre. In addition, activation also discourages anti-social behaviour.

Commencing in June 2016, the series was originally intended to occur every Tuesday in Jelly Bean Park. However, weather impacts made it necessary to be more flexible in our approach. The EDO Administration Officer coordinates the program. This involves developing a relationship with the buskers and scheduling their performances. The program will now continue into 2017.

As a result of this promotion, buskers are now appearing more regularly in other areas of the City as they become aware of the Council rules, made easy by a quick explanation.

As a compliment to the above, the EDO co-ordinates the street banners in Junction/Kinghorne St, again to add vibrancy to the Nowra CBD. Banners are generally rotated every 4-6 weeks along the theme at the time – Christmas, ANZAC Day, Seasons of



the year, events, celebrations... The cost of the generic flags are met from within the ED budget with 3rd party promotions being met by the organiser/sponsor.

#### **Community Engagement**

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the Nowra Buskers Series and to provide a very quick snapshot of the range of work undertaken by the Economic Development Office.

The Busker Series has created positive feedback from shop owners and shoppers. The postings are well liked on Council's Facebook page.

#### **Financial Implications**

The Nowra Buskers Series requires some staff time. Uninsured buskers are covered by a council insurance policy purchased by Council (estimated cost of insurance is \$10 per person per event).



**BE16.5** Major Grant Applications by Council

**HPERM Ref:** D16/354555

**Group:** General Manager's Group **Section:** Economic Development

#### **Purpose / Summary**

The Economic Development Office of Council has been involved in several major grant applications in recent years. This report is to give an update on the status of these applications.

#### Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on HVSPP, Fixing Country Roads and Fixing Country Rail be received for information.

#### **Options**

- 1. The recommendation be accepted as written.
- 2. An alternative recommendation be proposed.

#### **Background**

The Economic Development Office of Shoalhaven City Council has provided support, advice and assistance on a number of federal and state government grant programs including:

- National Stronger Regions (Federal)
- Heavy Vehicle Safety Productivity Program (HVSPP) (Federal)
- Fixing Country Roads (FCR) (State)
- Fixing Country Rail (State)

#### National Stronger Regions – Round 3

Two applications were lodged by Council in the most recent round being Increased Berthing at Ulladulla Harbour and Nowra CBD Revitalisation. The Nowra CBD Revitalisation project was not successful. Increased Berthing at Ulladulla Harbour was subsequently approved for funding under the Community Development Grants Programme.

#### National Stronger Regions - Round 2

Two applications were lodged by Council with one application (Mind the Gap) being successful and the other (Nthn Shoalhaven Leisure Centre) being unsuccessful.

#### Status of Successful projects:



#### Mind the Gap

Mind the Gap is a collaborative project between Shoalhaven City Council (lead agency) and the University of Wollongong.

The project consists of the construction of an Educational and Mental Health Building on the Shoalhaven Campus of the University. MIND the GaP (Mental Illness Nowra District – Goals & Prevention) is a unique facility to be established at the University of Wollongong, Shoalhaven Campus. The Shoalhaven City Council and University's \$2.45M MIND the GaP facility will be a purpose designed building where education, translational research and service provision can intersect through collaborations with Lifeline, Coordinaire, Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District and Noah's Shoalhaven. MIND the GaP will provide improved community-driven mental health interventions for the Shoalhaven and other regions around Australia.

The funding approved amounted to \$1,229,554, being 50% of the capital cost of the project.

The Development Application for the project is currently being assessed by Council and it is expected that construction will commence in early 2017 at the Shoalhaven Education Campus.

#### Increased Berthing at Ulladulla Harbour

The Increased Berthing at Ulladulla Harbour project although lodged under the National Stronger Regions Program has been funded under the Community Development Grants program. The project will deliver a small marina within Ulladulla Harbour. Contracts with the Commonwealth are currently being finalised.

The funding approval is for \$789,742 from the Commonwealth, with the NSW Crown Lands committed to \$400,000 towards deepening of the harbour floor and a Council contribution of \$400,000.

Final designs will be prepared once the contractual agreements are in place as well as preparation of management and leasing arrangements for the operation of the facility. Works should commence before mid-2017 and be completed in readiness for the 2017 summer.

#### East-West Freight Corridor (beyond Nerriga

The HVSPP is a federal government program that aims to increase productivity and safety of heavy vehicles by enhancing the capacity of existing roads and improving connections to freight networks. The government will contribute a maximum of 50% of the total project cost.

Fixing Country Roads is a State Government program which aims to provide targeted funding to local councils for road projects that will eliminate connectivity constraints on local roads in NSW and reduce the cost to market for local businesses. Round 2 closed on May 2016.

Councils are able to use Fixing Country Roads funding to match funds requested from the HVSPP. Grant applications to both funding streams are assessed in tandem by the state and federal funding bodies. This approach provides councils will a unique opportunity to secure funding for significant road projects that are beyond the financial capabilities of regional councils.

Shoalhaven City Council, Goulburn Mulwaree Council and Palerang Shire Councils partnered to apply for funding to upgrade the route between Nerriga and Sandy Point Road via Oallen Ford. This project is entitled 'Heavy Vehicle Freight Route – Nerriga to Sandy Point Road'. The aim of the project is to upgrade a 32.7km section of road between Nerriga



and Sandy Point. The upgrade will eliminate the 15 tonne load limit on Oallen Ford Road and thereby create a heavy vehicle freight route linking the coast to the Hume Highway. Once the project is completed, General Mass Limit and Higher Mass Limit Heavy Vehicles will be able to cross the Illawarra escarpment travelling via Nerriga and Tarago on a route that generally has lower gradients and shorter travel distances than other accessible travel routes.

Goulburn Mulwaree Council applied to Round Five of the HVSPP for funding for this project while Palerang Shire Council was the proponent for Fixing Country Roads.

Goulburn Mulwarree Council requested \$24,755,000 in funding toward the project total of \$49,513,000. This figure was revised as more detailed costings were developed. This accounts for the discrepancy between project costings.

#### Fixing Country Rail

The Fixing Country Roads grant application was a two staged process. Proponents submitted an expression of interest. Selected proponents were then asked to submit a final application. Palerang Shire Council submitted the final application requesting \$21,317,300 toward a total project cost of \$45,634,600.

Goulburn Mulwaree and Palerang Shire Council's were each to contribute \$1,500,000 toward the project.

Both applications, the HVSPP and the Fixing Country Roads, were assessed in tandem.

Thus far feedback has been favourable. Early reviews of the Eol and HVSPP application were positive. Transport for NSW staff have been particularly helpful and have provided assistance with the Business Cost Analysis template. In addition, Goulburn Mulwaree and Shoalhaven Council staff provided Transport for NSW a guided tour of the route.

Shoalhaven City Council is supporting Goulburn Mulwaree Council and the newly created Queanbeyan-Palerang Council in preparing revised documents for resubmission in January/February 2017.

Fixing Country Rail is NSW Government pilot rail program designed to complement Fixing Country Roads and aims to eliminate connectivity constraints on the NSW regional rail network. Like Fixing Country Roads, Fixing Country Rail is a two staged application process; proponents first submit an EoI and if 'successful' are then requested to submit a full application. The government has allocated \$15 million to this pilot program.

Shoalhaven City Council, via the Economic Development Office, has written letters of support for the following rail projects identified by the Manildra Group:

- Upgrade the rail corridor between Berry and Bomaderry (13km) to Class 1 track this
  project will enable Manildra to carry a third container on their 60ft wagons leading to a
  33% increase in efficiency. (Indicative cost \$4.16M)
- Nowra Container Terminal Construction and required Signalling Changes Manildra will be investing over \$19M in the construction of a new Container Terminal and associated rail sidings. This project requests that the Bomaderry Home and Distant Signal be relocated a further 500 meters towards Berry. This would free up much needed space for Manildra to shunt and form trains and will also significantly reduce the number of Bolong Road crossing. (Indicative cost \$1.2M)
- Extension of the Crossing Facility at Unanderra through installation of a new Turnout –
  this will ensure rail services that operate on the Moss Vale to Unanderra corridor to or
  from the South Coast can operate in excess of 600 metres in length by performing the
  run around movement at Unanderra and avoiding the need to operate via Inner or
  Outer Harbour, a journey that can take up to an hour. (Cost \$800,000)



- Moss Vale to Unanderra Corridor Extension of the Summit Tank Loop will allow for greater efficiency by rail for the movement of rail services through greater rail capacity with the primary advantage of operating services on the corridor greater than 670 metres. The project will extend the existing loop at Summit Tank from 670 metres to 900 metres allowing services to operate at this length in between clearance points from the main line. (\$ provided by ARTC)
- Refurbishment of Manildra Yard (Manildra NSW) including the main line, Ex loop now siding, the grain siding. The NSW Government owns this entire infrastructure from Western Grain locations through rail services to Manildra being 14,300 tonnes per week for flour production and a further 1000 tonnes per week of Canola delivery for production. Manildra also loads to rail 7200 tonnes per week of flour and 750 tonnes per week of pellets for transit to the Manildra Group Bomaderry facility. Manildra also exports approximately 3000 containers to the Port of Botany each year with this figure expected to grow to 5,600 containers within the next 12 months. The Manildra Group employs approximately 1000 personnel in NSW with 250 employees located at the Manildra plant. The Manildra Mill plant is the 8th largest independent Mill of its kind in the world. The completion of this project will ensure that the existing 1.5 million tonnes and continued growth of freight moved. (Cost \$4,798,800)
- Manildra Yard Extension of the Container Siding and connection to the main line –
  extension of the container siding at Manildra yard, Manildra, NSW, a further 245 metres
  and connect to the main line. Closure of Boree Road level crossing and asphalt works
  to seal new roadway connection. (Project total \$2.2M; funding request \$1.77M)

Many of the projects listed above do not occur within the Shoalhaven. The Economic Development Office acknowledges that freight constraints in other locations can adversely impact the economy of the Shoalhaven and it is for this reason that Council is supportive of projects in other areas.

None of the above projects were successful. However, the NSW Government has committed funding to plan and design work for:

- Installation of a new turnout at the centre of Dunmore Loop at Shellharbour to improve line efficiency and capacity.
- Installation of a new turnout at Unanderra to allow for longer trains and increased line capacity.

#### **Community Engagement**

This report to the Shoalhaven Business & Employment Development Committee is to inform the committee of a number of identified infrastructure projects that would have a positive impact on the economy of the Shoalhaven.

#### **Financial Implications**

Shoalhaven City Council will not contribute financially to any of these projects. Costs incurred are limited to staff time and travel to neighbouring LGA's and Transport for NSW (Sydney).



### BE16.6 South Nowra Freight Corridor Upgrade

**HPERM Ref:** D16/354662

**Group:** General Manager's Group **Section:** Economic Development

#### **Purpose / Summary**

To update the committee on the progress of two projects which will resilt in an upgraded Sth Nowra Freight Corridor between the Princes Highway and Albatross Rd.

#### Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on the South Nowra Freight Corridor Upgrade be received for information

#### **Options**

- 1. The recommendation be accepted as written.
- 2. An alternative recommendation be proposed.

#### **Background**

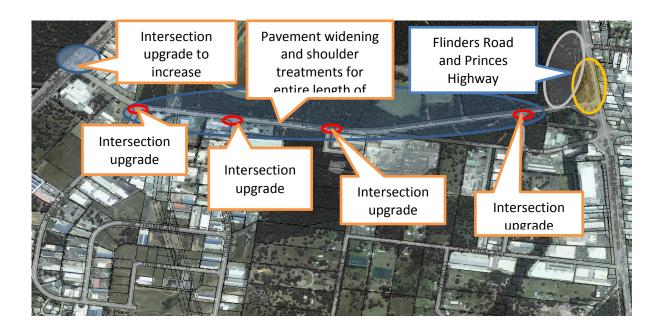
Council in the late 1970 completed the link between the Princes Highway and Albatross Rd at South Nowra into what is known today as Flinders Rd. The building of the road some 40 years ago was tied to the development of the Flinders Industrial Estate which was a joint project of the NSW Government and Council.

Remedial works to this important link have occurred over the years but it was considered that the road was inadequate for the traffic volumes and characteristics of today. At times heavy vehicles can form 20% of the traffic volumes and the narrowness of the pavement can be dangerous if any vehicle needs to pass a turning vehicle or take corrective action.

Flinders Rd has seven intersections – Princes Highway, Bellevue St, Angus Ave, Cumberland Ave, Norfolk Ave, Albatross Service Rd and Albatross Rd. Each of these intersections require movements of B-double vehicles to access factory premises and the designs of 40 years ago do not meet the necessary design standards for these larger vehicles.

Following the upgrading of the Princes Highway through Sth Nowra, the RTA/RMS were keen to close the access to Flinders Rd but council argued and preserved the left in/left out movement and the right in movement but undertook to review the situation going forward.





With the leasing of Port Kembla by the NSW Government, funds became available under the Restart Illawarra program administered by Infrastructure NSW for local infrastructure projects. Council made application and was successful in obtaining \$1.05m towards a project to realign the intersection of Flinders Rd to the Highway at the Browns Rd roundabout. Roads to Recovery (Federal) grant funds were also used to supplement the State funds.

This work was recently completed and opened on 4th November 2016. To date feedback from trucking operators is favourable.

The second part of the upgrade project was to widen the pavement between the existing bridge near the Highway and Albatross Rd and improve the intersection treatments. Council has engaged consultant design capacity to assist with the project and this work is very advanced. Preliminary designs were explained to local bus and truck operators in mid 2016 and the feedback was incorporated into the final design.

Council is now undertaking utility relocations with the various agencies and it is hoped that tenders for the roadworks/intersections will be called in early 2017 with construction commencing before mid year and weather permitting should be completed around the end of 2016.

The funding for this significant upgrade will come from 3 sources:

- \$300,000 from Council
- \$3,100,000 from the NSW Government under Fixing Country Roads program
- \$2,950,000 from the Australian Government under the Heavy Vehicles Safety Productivity Program.

The case for these projects was based on the many businesses operating at both Flinders Industrial Estate and the Albatross employment precinct.

Flinders Industrial Estate, AATP and surrounding areas contribute significantly to our regional economy. The Shoalhaven has a diverse manufacturing sector with the project area generating \$832.2M in regional exports annually. Much of this production is for the national market (all states) and internationally. Manufacturing represents 40% of the Shoalhaven's regional exports.



The manufacturing sector in the Sth Nowra/Albatross precinct is quite diverse and creates a variety of high value goods that require transport. The logistics network for both the finished/semi-processed goods as well as the raw material inputs is quite widespread.

Major logistic activities for the range of industries include:

- Chemical manufacture export/national domestic
- Aircraft maintenance export/national domestic
- Watercraft manufacture export/national domestic
- Food products export/national domestic
- Animal feed products export/national domestic
- Construction components national domestic
- Industrial machinery- export/national domestic

International markets include- Middle East, China, USA & Americas, Europe, and throughout Asia & Oceania.

Major logistic warehousing has established at Sth Nowra supplying south-eastern NSW in a range of products.

International manufacturers from USA, UK, Japan and Canada operate from South Nowra

Several of these companies lie in the middle of vertical supply chains and are unique to Australia. They compete for work on the national stage and any productivity gain is instrumental in retaining/growing job opportunities in Australia. Their ability to process & deliver competitively priced goods can have dramatic effects on other processors in other parts of NSW/Australia.

The larger of the two projects was subjected to evaluation by Transport for NSW and Council submitted the final application with a BCR of 14.8.

#### **Community Engagement**

Council has been quite public about these projects. Consultation with specific industry groups have been held and reported at meetings of business groups.

#### **Financial Implications**

Council has committed funds to these projects from its capital works program.



**BE16.7 BioMarine 2016** 

**HPERM Ref:** D16/361871

**Group:** General Manager's Group **Section:** Economic Development

#### **Purpose / Summary**

To provide feedback to the committee and Council regarding attendance at BioMarine 2016 in Oslo by industry representatives from Blue BioTech Shoalhaven, including Council's Economic Development Manager.

#### Recommendation

#### Resolve that

a.

- i. The report of the Economic Development Manager on the attendance by representatives of Blue BioTech Shoalhaven to BioMarine 2016 in Oslo be accepted.
- ii. Council congratulate Blue BioTech Shoalhaven on the initiative being shown to develop a new innovative industry sector based on aquatic biotechnology here in the Shoalhaven.
- iii. The Economic Development Office submit an application to host a future BioMarine in Shoalhaven, if considered feasible to achieve a break even result.

#### Recommend to Council

b.

i. That it adopt a "Small Business Lens" on the development of future policies and the renewal of existing policies as they fall due.

#### **Options**

- 1. As Recommended. This will acknowledge the progress of emerging industry in the Shoalhaven.
- 2. Committee suggest additional or alternate action.

#### **Background**

A delegation of 3 attended BioMarine 2016 held in Oslo from 19-21 October 2016. In total there were around 275 delegates from industry, academia, research institutions and government. The local representatives to attend were:



- Dr Pia Winberg, Director & Chief Scientist, Venus Shell Systems
- Ben Mellows, Director, Shoalhaven Health Co & Essence Group
- Greg Pullen, Economic Development Manager, Shoalhaven City Council

BioMarine is a movement focused on enhancing the blue economy on a global basis. And with the 8th BioMarine there is sufficient evidence by business and government that momentum has built to have government recognise the importance of the sector especially within those countries with larger sovereign marine borders – Portugal, Norway, Canada, Argentina, USA, France, UAE.

At the moment Australia fits into the dominant group of countries that does not fully understand the blue economy because "Primary Production" has a land based focus.

The key issue is that the blue economy is not purely about producing an agricultural outcome i.e. protein, fibre etc. but rather an agricultural raw product as an ingredient to help to produce new nutraceuticals, cosmetic products, or even cancer treatment drugs.

It is with this foundation that Blue BioTech Shoalhaven was formed in 2014 and the evolution into health care products, pharmaceuticals and other higher value commodities is now coming about.

#### Summary of BioMarine 2016 Introductory Session

- Oslo Stock Exchange
  - Norway has the longest coastline in Europe. It has a strong fishing and aquaculture industry.
  - The OSX is trying to grow investor appetite for the blue economy and were looking at precedents to allow easier access to financing, even for SMEs. Looking for start-ups from other countries to list on OSX.
- Nofima/Research Council of Norway
  - 70% of globe is water one continuous body
  - Need to merge biology + technology
  - Priority has to be turning research into strategies
  - Need to attract graduates from other disciplines not just bio-sciences
  - Need to better understand the marketplace
  - Collaboration across technologies to expand the entire context

#### AquaGen

- Produces eggs for the salmon farming industry
- Need to foster innovation, collaboration and be prepared to look at things differently
- BioMarine is a catalyst for change
- Preserving ocean eco-systems for eternity (and growth)



#### Outcomes for session:

- a) Different businesses in vertical chain must be supported
- b) Turn research into business strategies and jobs
- c) With the transition from oil and gas downturn (structural change) there is an opportunity to adapt technologies and people to marine biosciences
- d) Traditional sectors are not assured in future need 'new" sectors to form part of solution blue economy is part of the solution.
- e) Opportunities in the ocean need to engage younger students to think in new ways.

#### Ministerial Session Key points

#### Norway

- Major share of national growth comes from the sea
- o 2015 20m tonnes of seaweed harvested
- o Higher order products need to be developed
- Looking to use 100% of product no waste

#### Quebec/Canada

Emphasis needs to be on pharmaceutical, aqua feeds, food + agricultural opportunities

#### Argentina

- o The "take, use and dispose" economy is not sustainable
- Economy is currently energy driven changing to need more brainpower
- Changing towards green economy sustainability + ecological
- There is a need for protein to feed the world by 2050 must look to sea (majority of globe is blue – sustainability of oceans)
- Need to increase genetic research for better nutrition outcomes
- Looking to create "wealth out of knowledge" with 2 decades 15% of GDP from sea. Government to assist by Joint venturing – government + industry until private investment takes up the need.

#### Portugal

- Looking to increase GDP coming from blue economy. (Currently 2.5%)
- Need to increase the knowledge base + ocean and its potential products.
- "Blue Fund" created by government
- Support innovative ideas



- Attract investment
- Good policy to approve aquaculture licences within 3 months

#### Highlight points from Workshop Sessions

- Developing new products
  - Need for a better understanding of the correlations between algal products and health uses/needs to enhance potential for developing new products
  - Medical/Pharma products need traceability of raw materials
  - A market for the product is essential
  - Working across industry disciplines is essential to develop products + rules
  - Common standards apply need do this from start
  - There are complex regulatory regimes for registration of new compounds
- Regulatory Regimes for registration of new compounds
  - GM Salmon approval in Canada took several years
  - Industry needs to engage early in process
  - Industry sectors (medical, pharmaceutical...) have standards that need to be met
  - Good science & documentation required.
  - o Small business lens
- Fisheries Management
  - Better management required of the by-catch & unused bio-mass
  - Banks are adverse to projects where there are by-products or waste processing GM Salmon approved in Canada took several years
  - Industry needs to engage early in process
  - Industry sectors have standards
  - Good science & documentation required
- Financing of BioMarine Industry
  - The bank position (DNB) bank is risk averse with start-ups but frequent funder to aquaculture
  - Fund raising is required for future development of medical products for humans and animals and this forms a different risk profile
  - Funding BioMarine industries is difficult with current investor profiles
- Marine Bacteria Technology
  - Developers are looking to solutions from algae for



- Pesticide replacement for marine and animal applications
- Antibiotic development for marine and animal applications

#### Investment Pitches (by product developers)

- StemMatters (Portugal)
  - Regenerative medicine technologies cartilage repair, osteoarthritis management
  - Investment thus far = 2.2m Euros
  - Annual number of Arthroscopes = 500k in Europe; 400k in USA
- Oceanwell (Germany)
  - Developer of Algae based skin care products
  - o Developing a wound healing compound
  - o Researching skin care products for cancer radiation treatments
- Omegatri (Norway)
  - Have developed a tablet form of Omega 3
  - Technology in drying material into a powder form to press into a tablet
  - Replaces capsules which cannot be used by some client groups

The Blue BioTech Shoalhaven delegates were involved in a number of sessions as workshop facilitators, workshop panellists and had numerous meetings with product developers, investors, marketers etc. These meetings were undertaken on behalf of the wider industry mix of Blue BioTech and feedback is being provided to those members for follow up.

The overall impression coming out of BioMarine 2016 was that across the globe it was being realised that the business applications for aquatic biotechnology had moved forward, away from the mass biofuels and aquafeeds products to those addressing the medical, pharmaceutical and cosmetic benefits. The science is taking this industry away from primary production into the fields of health and nutrition, something that members of Blue BioTech realised a year or more ago.

At BioMarine 2016 information was shared and sought, however the protection of the competitive edge and IP advantages that have developed within Blue BioTech members were being carefully guarded. The vertical value chain approach that is the fundamental difference between Blue BioTech Shoalhaven and other cluster groups around the world is now attracting much interest. The fact that members of Blue BioTech Shoalhaven have product on the shelf in the health food and more general food ingredient markets was clearly the difference.

The Australian delegates came away clearly with the belief that Blue BioTech Shoalhaven as a group and as individual businesses have developed to be leaders in the product development field in only 2 years.

More details about Blue BioTech Shoalhaven can be found at www.bluebiotechshoalhaven.com.au with details of the 11 partners that form the network.



#### Organisational Feedback

The organisers of BioMarine are keen for Australia to be a venue for a future BioMarine. Rimouski City in Quebec will host BioMarine 2017. Shoalhaven has the facilities to host the event and 2018 or 2019 could be candidate years.

Information has been sought from the organisers for what is required to be a host in 2018 and initial discussions have been held with Events NSW for their support in preparing the necessary submission.

#### **Community Engagement**

Limited public information has been circulated but certain companies have been able to talk about research and product development as warranted.

The fact that both Council and the NSW Government have been supportive is openly promoted at presentations and in government submissions.

Under the Australia 21 think tank of the Federal Government, representatives from Blue BioTech were invited to attend the workshop on an Algal Roundtable.

#### **Policy Implications**

Blue BioTech and the work identified around the world clearly identifies that small entrepreneurial start-ups are key to innovative industrial development.

From the Canadian approach to Economic Development they have adopted a "small business lens" to all policy development and review. The focus is to consider that there is not a regulatory or business burden on innovative ideas could well be a step that should be adopted here in Shoalhaven.

#### **Financial Implications**

The costs associated with attending BioMarine 2016 were met by attending businesses, with the Economic Development Manager's expenses being met from within the ED Budget.

The overall costs and benefits of Blue BioTech Shoalhaven will be subject of a future report to Council in early 2017.



## BE16.8 Development in the Shoalhaven - Signficant Projects

**HPERM Ref:** D16/346341

**Group:** Planning & Development Services Group

Section: Development Services

Attachments: 1. Outstanding Development 4

#### **Purpose / Summary**

Reports on larger development applications have been reported to the Business and Employment Committee historically detailing applications that have been lodged, approved, approved but not yet physically commenced and applications that have had physical commencement confirmed.

The spreadsheet as historically reported, is attached.

It is considered timely to reconsider the information reported as the spreadsheet, whilst providing an overview of the larger developments, is not an indicator of 'real' investment in the area.

Accordingly some direction is sought from the Committee to ascertain what information the Committee would like to receive and the format of that information.

#### Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

#### That:

- 1. The report of the General Manager (Planning and Development Services) regarding the update on development 'in the Shoalhaven be received for information.
- 2. Consideration be given to the information presented to the Committee with a view to informing staff accordingly.

#### **Options**

Receive the report for information.

Implications: The report will be noted and direction provided for future reporting.

2. Not receive the report and resolve something else and advise accordingly.

<u>Implications</u>: Direction will be required for staff.

#### **Background**

This is a historic report on the value of development.

The spreadsheet is somewhat problematic containing historic information for applications that have been approved not necessarily acted upon or secured by accepting physical commencement.



This information, combined with recently lodged and approved applications, provides an indication of the value of development in the Local Government Area but does not provide a picture of actual construction activity and projects that will be completed.

#### **Details**

The attachment provides information as reported to previous Committees.



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Suburb	Address	Estimated Value	Туре	Determination detail (approvals unless otherwise specified)	Lapse Date	Application	Staff Comments
Bangalee	Lot 1433 Tallimba Rd, Bangalee	\$920,000	23 lot residential subdivision	16/05/2013	16/05/2018	SF10230	Not yet under Construction
Bangalee	Lot 1433 Tallimba Rd, Bangalee	\$1,600,000	54 lot residential subdivision	16/05/2013	16/05/2018	SF9821	SC's being issued in stages
Berry	102 Queen St, Berry	\$2,500,000	Commercial/Residential complex	28/07/2009	28/07/2014	DA04/2639	No work commenced
Bendalong	88 North Street Bendalong	\$2,000,000	7 x 2 Storey single bedroon cabins and 1 accessible unit and multi purpose building.	07/11/2014	07/11/2019	DA14/2397	Determined by Council on 10 June 2015, CC issued 7/8/15 & notice of commencement provided
Bomaderry	302 Princes Highway Bomoderry	\$319,420	Commercial Additions - alteration to existing takeaway food premises (McDonalds)	04/07/2014	04/07/2019	DA14/1511	No CC
Bomaderry	68 Bunberra Street, BOMADERRY	\$1,050,000	Multi Dwelling Housing (7 Units)	08/10/2014	08/10/2019	DA14/2248	Approved 20 July 2015
Bomaderry	320 Princes Hwy, BOMADERRY	\$13,815,000	New Commercial - Retail Development	13/05/2016	13/05/2021	DA14/2579	Proposed Woolworths and Bulky Goods Store
Bomaderry	Narang Road Bomaderry	\$6,471,630	New Commerical - Retail Development (ALDI)	11/11/2016	11/11/2021	DA16/1737	Proposed ALD shop, signage and carparking
Callala Bay	Cook St, Callala Bay	\$1,450,000	10 x 3 Bedroom Medium Density Units	Deferred Commencement 22/02/2013	22/02/2018	DA12/1775	Section 96 application for staging of development. Approved 04/03/2015. S138 approval issued
Coolangatta	961 Bolong Rd	\$2,200,000	New Rural Dwelling and Conversion of Existing Dwelling to Guesthouse	09/02/2016	09/02/2021	DA15/1623	Conditional Approval
Culburra Beach	212 Prince Edward Ave, CULBURRA BEACH	\$1,000,000	Internal Alterations to Existing Club	30/01/2014	30/01/2019	DA13/2335	CC issued for Stage 1 on 18/8/2014 for mens locker room and shed.
Dolphin Point	Highview Dve, Dolphin Point	Not available	170 lot residential subdivision.	08/08/2009 – Dept of Planning - 5 yr approval	08/08/2014	05_0024 (3A07/1004)	Under Construction
East Lynne	34 Pebbly Beach Rd, East Lynne	\$950,000	New Commercial - Proposed Tourist Cabins (5) and Managers Residence	20/12/2013	20/12/2018	DA13/1429	CC issued by private PCA 12/09/2014 - under construction
Greenwell Point	76&84 Greenwell Pt Rd and Goodnight Island	\$25,000,000	Tourist development	29/11/2009 – Dept of Planning - 5 yr approval	29/11/2014	06_0034 (3A08/1009)	No CC issued.
Huskisson	17 Duncan St, Huskission	\$950,000	Units/Flats - Demolition of Existing & New 4 Medium Density Units & Community Title Subdivision	20/03/2012 - 5 year consent	20/03/2017	DA11/2329	CC issued 16/1/2015. Consent modified on 24/03/2015. Under construction
Huskisson	13 Nowra St	\$1,150,000	8 units - Residential Flat Building	07/12/2015	07/12/2020	DA14/2451	Conditional Approval
Huskisson	51 Owen St, Huskission	\$2,000,000	Demolition of Existing Two (2) Storey Shops/Residences and Proposed erection of Three (3) Storey 'Mixed Use' Building containing Two (2) Retail Units and Four (4) Residential Units with Basement Car Parking	24/07/2008	Activated	DA08/1317	Development consent secured .
Huskisson	4 Murdoch St, Huskisson	\$8,000,000	32 x 3 storey residential apartments with basement parking for 64 vehicles –	05/07/2011	05/07/2016	DA10/1377	Development consent secured however no substantial works.
Huskisson	12 Currambene Street, HUSKISSON	\$1,800,000	New Commercial - mixed use commercial & shop top housing	17/10/2016	17/10/2021	DA15/2561	Approved
Kangaroo Valley	369 Jacks Corner Rd, Kangaroo Valley	\$4,250,000	Commercial Additions - Refurbishment and New Construction works of Scotts College Facility.	23/04/2013	23/04/2018	DA12/2134	Consent issued on 23/4/2013. No CC
Manyana	Manyana Drive Manyana	Not available	58 lot residential subdivision.	02/12/2010 – Dept of Planning	02/12/2015	06_0165 (SF9747)	Under construction (in stages)
Manyana	Berringer & Cunjurong Pt Rds Manyana	Not available	182 lot residential subdivision	08/07/2008 – Dept of Planning	Activated 08/7/2013	05_0059/ SF9787	Consent secured (activated) however no CC.
Manyana	Curvers Dr, MANYANA	\$3,300,000	New Commercial - Proposed Supermarket, Retail Shops & Professional Suites	19/10/2010	19/10/2015	DA09/2627	CC issued. Clearing carried out to activate the consent.
Milton	Croobyar Rd, Milton	\$93,000,000	Seniors Living Development	02/12/2010 Concept staged approval with no operational consents	Activated 2/12/2015	RA10/1005	Development consent secured (letter dated 11/12/2015) TRIM D15/370201



	1	1	Seniors Living Development Residential Care				
Mollymook	13D Bishop Drive, Mollymook	\$15,000,000	Facility	23/03/2009	23/03/2017	DA08/1842	No CC
Mollymook	Maisie Williams Drive, Mollymook	\$77,000,000	Masterplan for Residential and Tourist Development – Mollymook Golf Club	15/10/2010 Concept staged approval with no operational consents	15/10/2015	DA09/1097	Not commenced.
Mollymook	15 Mitchell Parade, MOLLYMOOK	\$2,200,000.00	Partial Consent State 1 - demolition of existing dwelling and consolidation of 2 lots - Stage 2 4, 3 storey multi dwelling housing units.	27/11/2014	27/11/2019	DA14/2475	CC issued 29/01/2016
Mollymook Beach	18 Carroll Ave, Mollymook Beach	\$1,000,000	Multi-Purpose Disabled Access Building to Replace Existing Building	01/03/2011	22/02/2016	DA10/2291	No CC
Mollymook Beach	191 Mitchell Pde, Mollymook Beach	\$3,500,000	Expansion of Bannister Head Lodge	Staged development – Stage 1 completed part stage 2 underway but major works not commenced on	24/09/2012	DA06/2792	CC issued in April 2012. Works appear to have commenced based on file.
Mollymook Beach	Ocean St, Mollymook Beach	\$25,000,000	79 Residential Apartments	05/12/07 - Consent activated awaiting construction related to presales or development investors	Activated 05/12/2007	DA07/2052	DA07/2052 was activated by the carrying out of demolition works prior to the nominated expiry date 5/12/2012. No other works carried out to date.
Mollymook	68 Ocean St, Mollymook	\$1,486,000	Units/Flats - 3 Storey Holiday Apartments (8)	13/03/2012	13/03/2007	DA11/2125	No CC
Nowra	160 Kinghorne St, Nowra	\$950,000	Units/Flats - demolition of existing dwelling and construction of six medium density units	18/05/2012	18/05/2017	DA11/2257	No CC
Nowra	28-30 East St, Nowra	\$900,000	Proposed Retail Commercial Building - 3 Shops	27/04/2012	27/04/2017	DA11/2220	No CC
Nowra	Lot 1 Junction Street Nowra	\$65,000,000	Stockland (LEDA) – Commercial Retail Shopping Complex	02/2/2007	Activated 02/02/12	DA05/3342	Consent secured (activated). Received advice in 2014 that Stockland was investigating options/alternatives.
Nowra	Cnr Plunkett St & Princes Hwy, Nowra	\$1,500,000	Bulky Good Retailing complex	08/05/2012	08/05/2017	DA11/1442	No CC
Nowra	4 Dryden Close, Nowra	\$3,000,000	Integrated Housing Development	05/06/2008	Activated	DA05/1445	Review of file suggests that consent has been secured (activated) via earthworks.
Nowra	148 Kinghorne St, Nowra	\$848,000	Proposed 9 serviced apartments & demolish existing residence & garage	11/12/2013	05/06/2013	DA13/2033	No CC however discussions with Council officers file notes indicate a modification to the consent may be sought.
Nowra	24-28 Hawthorn Avenue Nowra	\$48,000,000	Units/Flats - 32 Unit Medium Density Development and Ancillary Works	31/10/2014	31/10/2019	DA13/2186	Earthworks approved and being constructed
Nowra	9 Lawrence Avenue NOWRA	\$2,844,000	Regional Oral Health Care Centre	17/03/2015	17/03/2020	DA14/1431	S96 modification 09/02/2016
Nowra	103 Plunkett Street, NOWRA	\$2,961,218	New Commercial development - Demolition of structures new service station with food and drink premises (McDonalds) and alterations to existing bulky goods.	09/08/2016	9/08/2021	DA15/2291	Approved
Nowra	Vendetta Street NOWRA	\$1,800,000.00	100 Lot Subdivision	19/08/2016	19/08/2021	SF10477	Approved
Nowra	90 Kalandar Street NOWRA	\$1,550,000.00	Commercial Additions and Alterations	17/06/2016	17/06/2021	DA15/2698	Approved
Nowra	90 Moss St, NOWRA	\$2,114,934.00	Commercial Additions (High School)	15/07/2016	15/07/2021	DA16/1167	Approved
North Nowra	164 Illaroo Road North Nowra	\$1,050,000.00	Multi Dwelling Housing (7 Units)	26/09/2016	26/09/2021	DA16/1011	No CC
South Nowra	244 Princes Hwy, South Nowra	\$5,000,000	Bulky Goods Retailing/Industrial Complex	16/12/2010	Activated 16/12/2016	DA04/2927	Site prepatory works undertaken.
South Nowra	159 Princes Hwy, South Nowra	\$560,000	Commercial Additions - extend bagged good canopy and timber yard canopy	03/07/2014	03/07/2019	DA14/1619	Substantially completed.
South Nowra	202 Princes Highway, SOUTH NOWRA	\$1,150,000	Alterations to existing Service Station. Change of use of tenancy to Red Rooster and subdivison (3 lots).	20/03/2015	20/03/2019	DA15/1300	Consent issued 24 December 2015. CC under consideration.



South Nowra	82 Hillcrest Avenue SOUTH NOWRA	\$1,190,000	11 New Units and Renovations to existing dwelling	31/10/2014	31/10/2019	DA14/2369	Approved 11 September 2015
South Nowra	128 Princes Highway South Nowra	\$1,200,000	Motor Vehicle Showroom	08/09/2016	08/09/2021	DA16/1588	No CC
South Nowra	26 Browns Road, SOUTH NOWRA	\$1,200,000	102 place Child Care Centre	13/05/2016	13/05/2021	DA15/2274	Approved
South Nowra	171 Old Southern Road SOUTH NOWRA	\$1,200,000	Units/flats staged development	02/08/2016	2/08/2021	DA15/2553	Approved
South Nowra	239 Old Southern Rd, SOUTH NOWRA	\$1,500,000	25 Lot Residential Subdivision	29/06/2016	29/06/2021	SF10494	Approved
Tomerong	Bayly Road, Tomerong	\$250,000	24 Site Caravan Park, Amenities, Storage and BBQ area.	10/06/2014	10/06/2019	DA14/1236	Deferred Commencement Consent. Consent has not been converted to operational to date. Three key outstanding issues with respect to construction standards of dwelling, bushfire and effluent disposal.
Ulladulla	90 South St, Ulladulla	\$5,500,000	Serviced Apartments (19), Residential Apartments (24) and ground level commercial/retail	19/03/2008	Activated 19/03/2013	DA06/2766	Consent secured.
Ulladulla	Wason St, Ulladulla	\$14,000,000	Pier 32 Commercial/Residential Development	Approved 12/12/06	Activated 12/12/2011	DA06/2236	Consent activated prior to lapse date.
Ulladulla	Parson St, Ulladulla	\$1,500,000	Industrial Storage Unit Complex comprising 3 New Buildings	Approved 29/11/2013	29/11/2018	DA13/1801	CC issued 2 March 2015 Consent modified 4 Jan 2016
Ulladulla	68 St Vincent Street ULLADULLA	\$1,550,000	Alterations and additions to Club building	08/09/2015	08/09/2015	DA15/1850	Interim OC issued 19/12/15
Ulladulla	Millard Street ULLADULLA	\$2,550,000	Construction of 11 x 3 Bedroom Villas including Roadworks to Millard Street	08/11/2016	8/11/2021	DA15/2595	Approved
Worrigee	Sophia Rd, Worrigee	\$1,700,000	Units/Flats - 15 Unit Medium Density Development & Community Title Subdivision	31/08/2010	31/08/2015	DA10/1673	The proposal has been the subject of amendments. CC for engineering works.
Worrigee	Isa Road, Worrigee	\$5,680,000	Neighbourhood Retail Centre and associated car parking	10/08/2006	Activated 10/08/2011	DA04/2312	Operational consent issued 21/6/2010. Consent secured
Worrigee	Isa Rd, WORRIGEE	\$4,180,000	31 Units - Multi Dwelling Housing	30/09/2016	30/09/2021	DA16/1134	Approved
Worrowing Heights	Cnr Naval College Rd & The Wool Rd, Worrowing Heights	\$6,000,000	Anglican School	17/07/2007	Activated 17/07/12	DA06/1619	Consent secured. No CC.

TOTAL: \$487,340,202

TABLE 2 - Major Development Applications Recently Lodged and Under Assessment (Value equal to or exceeds \$4million)

Suburb	Address	Estimated Value	Туре	Lodgement Date	Application	Staff Comments
Bomaderry	100 Railway Street Bomaderry	\$2,500,000.00	Commercial	27/10/2016	DA16/2256	Under Assessment
Falls Creek	D981 Princes Highway Falls Creek	\$1,415,500.00	Industrial (Ext to Factory)	13/07/2016	DA16/1843	Under Assessment
Huskisson	7 Beach Street Huskisson	\$3,600,000.00	Residiential Flat Building (12 Units)	08/09/2016	DA16/2070	Under Assessment (called in by Council)
Lake Conjola	1 Norman Street Lake Conjola	\$5,375,000.00	Staged Expasion to Caravan Park	14/09/2016	DA16/2088	Under Assessment
Mundamia	69 George Evans Road Mundamia	\$3,100,000.00	Community Facility (UOW)	25/07/2016	DA16/1898	Under Assessment
Nowra	60 Berry Street NOWRA	\$15,000,000.00	Multi Level Car Park	12/06/2015	RA15/1000	November JRPP



Nowra	69 Graham St. NOWRA	\$9,240,000.00	Residential Flat Building (32 Units)	05/02/2016	DA16/1123	Under Assessment
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Nowra	2 Albatross Road NOWRA	\$15,197,610.00	Residential Units (57) and Commercial (Ground level)	18/04/2016	DA16/1465	Under Assessment also subject to a Planning Proposal
Nowra Hill	19 BTU Road NOWRA HILL	\$2,467,080.00	New Commercial - construct animal shelter facility	02/12/2015	DA15/2567	Under Assessment (related to Planning Proposal)
St Georges Basin	Island Point Road St Georges Basin	\$17,607,244.00	Residential Flat Building (58 Units)	08/07/2016	DA16/1830	Appeal lodged in Land and Environment Court
South Nowra	40 Basil Street SOUTH NOWRA	\$1,204,000	Multi Unit Development - 8 x 3 Bedroom Units	23/12/2015	DA15/2685	Under Assessment
South Nowra	Old Southern Road South Nowra	\$10,900,000	Bulky Goods	24/10/2016	DA16/2231	Under Assessment
Sussex Inlet	7 Golfcourse Way, SUSSEX INLET	\$4,000,000	Residential - 79 Lot Subdivision with modifications to existing golf course	04/12/2014	SF10425	Under Assessment
Sussex Inlet	18 Iverson Road SUSSEX INLET	\$2,493,000	Seniors Living (alterations to Hostel)	21/10/2016	DA16/2227	Under Assessment
Ulladulla	Narrawallee Street Ulladulla	\$1,050,000	Multi Dwelling (5 Units)	17/08/2016	DA16/1995	Under Assessment
Ulladulla	24 New Street Ulladulla	\$1,140,000	Multi Dwelling (6 Units)	30/09/2016	DA16/2160	Under Assessment
Ulladulla	U157 Princes Highway ULLADULLA	\$3,000,000	Mortuary and Funeral Home	13/11/2015	DA15/2488	Under Assessment
Yerriyong	Braidwood Rd, YERRIYONG	\$12,000,000	Motor Sports Facility	25/03/2014	RA14/1000	Under Assessment (JRPP) awaiting additional information to address JRPP resolution

TOTAL:

\$111,289,434

GRAND TOTAL:

\$598,629,636