

Business and Employment Development Committee

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 21 November, 2018
Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 4:00pm

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Membership

John Lamont – RDA – Chairperson
All Councillors
General Manager or nominee
Ann Sudmalis MP (or nominee)
Shelley Hancock MP (or nominee)
Gareth Ward MP (or nominee Tony Emery)
Graham Baxter / Scott Inman – Southern Regional Business Enterprise Centre
Jemma Tribe – President, Shoalhaven Business Chamber
David Goodman – Shoalhaven Business Chamber
Fiona Hatcher – Regional Development Australia FSC
Anna Finch – Shoalhaven Professional Business Association
Lexie Meyer – Community
James Coburn – Community
Mary-Jean Lewis – Community
Alison Chiam – Shoalhaven Art Board Representative
Robert Crow – Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group
Peter Masterson – Department of Industry, Innovation & Science
Ian Morris – Shoalhaven Secondary Schools
Donna Payne – NSW Department of Premier & Cabinet
Kate Morris – NSW TAFE
Representative – University of Wollongong, Shoalhaven Campus
Representative – Milton Ulladulla Business Chamber
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

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The following members were present:

Mr John Lamont – Regional Development Australia – Chairperson
Clr Amanda Findley (left 5pm)
Clr Patricia White
Clr Joanna Gash
Clr Nina Cheyne
Mr Russ Pigg – General Manager
Mr Tony Emery – representing Mr Gareth Ward MP
Ms Alison Chiam – Shoalhaven Arts Board
Mr Robert Crow – Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group
Ms Deb Langton – President, Shoalhaven Business Chamber
Mr David Goodman – Shoalhaven Business Chamber
Ms Fiona Hatcher – Regional Development Australia
Mr Steven Bayer – Shoalhaven Professional Business Association
Mr Peter Masterson – Department of Industry, Innovation & Science
Ms Lexie Meyer

Others present:

Mary-Jean Lewis – Ardent Lawyers
Steve Prothero
Cathy Bern – Section Manager, Development Services (left 4.20pm)
Stephen Dunshea – Director, Finance, Corporate and Community Services
Coralie Bell – Acting Section Manager, Recreation, Community & Culture
Marianne Jones – Acting Manager, Economic Development

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed Mary-Jean Lewis and Steve Prothero.

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Megan Cleary, Ian Morris and Clr Pakes.

The Chairperson noted the resignation of Megan Cleary from the Committee as representative for NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet. The Chairperson acknowledged Megan's contribution to the work of the Committee and congratulated her on her promotion to Deputy Director, Regional Development, which is based in Queanbeyan.

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (Clr Gash / Peter Masterson)

That the Minutes of the Business and Employment Development Committee held on Wednesday 23 May 2018 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

Nil.

REPORTS**BE18.23 Development in Shoalhaven - Significant Projects****HPERM Ref:**
D18/264258

Cathy Bern spoke to the report.

Notable developments include:

- Manyana subdivision – Council is in receipt of construction certificates.
- Graham Street Unit complex.
- 154 lot subdivision for Worrigea – this matter is currently in Court.
- Anson St – this matter is also in Court.
- A child care centre at South Nowra which was approved on 21 August.
- A service station with truck parking and truck wash bay at South Nowra.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report of the General Manager (Planning Environment & Development Services) regarding the update on development in Shoalhaven be received for information.

RESOLVED (David Goodman / Tony Emery)

That the report of the General Manager (Planning Environment & Development Services) regarding the update on development in Shoalhaven be received for information.

CARRIED

BE18.18 Growing Local Economies Fund**HPERM Ref:**
D18/266126

The General Manager and Marianne Jones spoke to the report.

Marianne advised that the business case for Ulladulla Harbour Berths has progressed and that Woollamia Commercial Boating Infrastructure will be next.

The General Manager noted that the total value of projects for the Employment Lands Project is substantial (\$24 million).

Marianne noted further that:

- A Traffic Engineer is doing some modelling for ENSA; and

- Council is currently advertising for a Grants Officer.

The General Manager thanked the representative for Gareth Ward MP for the State funding received.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on Shoalhaven City Council's response to the Growing Local Economies Fund be received for information.

RESOLVED (Deb Langton / Tony Emery)

That the report on Shoalhaven City Council's response to the Growing Local Economies Fund be received for information.

CARRIED

**BE18.19 South Coast Beef Producers Association Inc - 2018
School Steer Spectacular**

**HPERM Ref:
D18/269725**

Marianne Jones spoke to the report and gave an overview of the project.

John Lamont noted that the Federal Government has extended regional and remote STEM scholarships to \$80,000 per year and that they have been extended to agriculture and sports sciences.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on the 2018 School Steer Spectacular conducted by the South Coast Beef Producers Association be received for information.

RESOLVED (Lexie Meyer / Steven Bayer)

That the report on the 2018 School Steer Spectacular conducted by the South Coast Beef Producers Association be received for information.

CARRIED

**BE18.20 NSW Government's 20-Year Economic Vision for
Regional NSW**

**HPERM Ref:
D18/278091**

The General Manager and Marianne Jones spoke to the report.

The General Manager noted the importance of linking to State and Federal Government strategies and plans when applying for grant funding and aligning Council priorities with State and Federal strategies. Economic Development Strategy aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on the NSW Government's 20-Year Economic Vision for Regional NSW be received for information.

RESOLVED (Deb Langton / Alison Chiam)

That the report on the NSW Government's 20-Year Economic Vision for Regional NSW be received for information.

CARRIED

BE18.21 Proudly Shoalhaven Launch**HPERM Ref:
D18/278252**

Marianne Jones spoke to the report and noted the lunchtime launch on 12 September at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre.

Marianne also spoke to one of the videos that had been created, showcasing local business Air Affairs. The videos, case studies and brochures will be presented at the launch and available on Council's website.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on Economic Development Communication and Marketing Update be received for information.

RESOLVED (David Goodman / Lexie Meyer)

That the report on Economic Development Communication and Marketing Update be received for information.

CARRIED

BE18.22 Membership - new members**HPERM Ref:
D18/237405**

John Lamont suggested that Kate Morris, the new TAFE representative, be invited to the next meeting to attend to inform committee of TAFE changes in 2019.

Recommendation

That:

1. The report outlining the new representatives for Shoalhaven Secondary Schools and TAFE NSW be received for information.
2. [Insert name] be appointed as the community member representative, and the other applicant be thanked for their application and interest.

RECOMMENDATION (Tony Emery / David Goodman)

That:

1. The report outlining the new representatives for Shoalhaven Secondary Schools and TAFE NSW be received for information.
2. Mary-Jean Ardent and Steve Prothero be appointed as community member representatives.

CARRIED

BE18.23 DEVELOPMENT IN SHOALHAVEN - SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS**HPERM REF:
D18/264258**

Item dealt with earlier in the meeting.

BE18.24 Shoalhaven Professional Business Association - Update on Current Activities**HPERM Ref:
D18/273162**

Steven Bayer spoke to the report.

Steven advised that the Constructive Debate held at the 2018 Mentoring Program Graduation resulted in the idea of Scores on Doors – a sticker regime for businesses to display attributes, such as the number of employees, for the public to easily see the contribution that local businesses make to the local economy.

The SPBA is looking into a Graduate Recruitment Program to match graduates with local businesses. Working on developing through SPBA and partnering with UoW and local businesses. The program will be targeted to courses currently being delivered at the University of Wollongong and local professions.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on Update of Current Activities of Shoalhaven Professional Business Association (SPBA) be received for information.

RESOLVED (Steven Bayer / Peter Masterson)

That the report on Update of Current Activities of Shoalhaven Professional Business Association (SPBA) be received for information.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS**BE18.25 Additional Item - Shoalhaven Business Chamber Update**

Deb Langton gave the following update on the Shoalhaven Business Chamber current activities:

- The Shoalhaven Business Awards are being held on 31 August 2018. There have been a number of new entries, including an increase in home-based businesses.
- The AGM, Forum and dinner will be held on 19 September 2018.
- The Business Chamber has renegotiated its Memorandum of Understanding with Council for the next three years. Council will be the primary partner for the Women in Business network. The next Women in Business event will be held in October.
- The Lunch and Learn program is continuing.
- Business After Hours was unfortunately cancelled last week due to the bushfires.

BE18.26 Additional Item - Regional Development Australia Update

Fiona Hatcher gave the following update from Regional Development Australia:

- Regional Development Australia has a new Committee. Clr Gash is now on the Committee and John Lamont is the Deputy Chair.
- The AGM will be held on 19 September 2018.

- The tender for a facilitator for a regional jobs trial program has closed. Fiona will forward an update when received.
- The Shoalhaven Youth Volunteer Initiative (SYVI) is working with the Rural Fire Service. High School students do nationally accredited training, which has led to some alumni obtaining employment with the Rural Fire Service and some students continuing to volunteer after the conclusion of the training.
- Funding for SYVI was cancelled in March. RDA are lobbying for an extension of funding.
- RDA is currently recruiting for a Regional Investment Officer to build capacity in Jervis Bay territory and social inclusion.

John Lamont noted the success of the SCYLF (South Coast Youth Leadership Forum) at Tuross and that the program has been extended.

BE18.27 Additional Item - AusIndustry Update

Peter Masterton gave an update from AusIndustry.

Peter advised that:

- Expressions of interest for “export hubs” were released in September and councils can apply. There are four weeks to apply.
- The Stronger Communities grants program is now open for councils.
- AusIndustry is looking for a new location for an Incubator Hub as part of the Incubator Support Program. Nowra is a possible location. Funding is one third from the applicant and two thirds from the Federal Government. Bega was the first regional location for an Incubator Hub. Applicant funding came from a partnership between Council, University of Wollongong Bega campus and Bega Cheese.

Clr Findley noted the possible utilisation of former Betta Electrical building/site for an Incubator Hub.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Committee form a sub-committee comprising of Fiona Hatcher, Regional Development Australia, Deb Langton, President of the Shoalhaven Business Chamber, Clr Findley, a representative from the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, Regional NSW, and Peter Masterton, AusIndustry, to consider options for an Incubator Hub in Nowra.

CARRIED

Note: The General Manager introduced the new Director, Finance, Corporate and Community Services, Stephen Dunshea. Stephen then introduced Coralie Bell, Manager Tourism to give an update on tourism.

BE18.28 Additional Item - Tourism Update

Coralie Bell gave a tourism update as follows:

- The 360 model looks at success in tourism (not just jobs) and includes customer experience. Draft documents on the 360 model is going to Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group meeting next week.
- Tourism figures are showing growth in tourism during winter months leading to jobs growth and economic development.

- The unspoilt campaign is continuing.
- The Shoalhaven Wonders campaign is a local campaign.
- Reviewing event support program.
- A new project officer has commenced in Tourism.

John Lamont noted the announcement of grant funding for tourism specific environmental infrastructure projects.

Coralie advised that the Tourism Unit have been working with Eurobodalla and the National Parks and Wildlife Service to establish a Great Walk from Bawley Point.

Marianne noted that Council has been invited to put forward two projects, for the South Nowra Rest Area and Nowra Showground enhancements.

Lexie Myer asked how the winter figures are calculated. Coralie advised that they come from Tourism Research Australia data quarterly. The winter figures are from 2017 winter period.

BE18.29 Additional Item - Member for Kiama Representative Update

Tony Emery raised concerns that the RMS Nowra Bridge project will not deliver what the community wants and asked the General Manager to continue to lobby/advocate for community.

The General Manager advised that RMS representatives will be briefing councillors on 23 August 2018.

Tony also advised that the Bundanon Trust has received \$8.6million to fund an extension. The Trust is pursuing an additional \$20million for project. Tony noted that some see Bundanon Trust doing for Nowra what MONA did for Hobart.

Tony raised concerns about Federal political events and the impact on local funding.

The General Manager noted the importance of lobbying Shadow Ministers as well as sitting Members of Parliament.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 5.15pm.

Mr John Lamont
CHAIRPERSON

BE18.30 Employment Land Development by Council

HPERM Ref: D18/378768

Group: General Manager's Group
Section: Economic Development

Purpose / Summary

To provide an overview of the diversity of economic activity occurring through the provision of employment lands through Council.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report of the General Manager on Employment Land Development by Council be received for information.

Options

1. Accept the recommendation as printed.
2. Propose an alternate recommendation.
3. Not accept the recommendation.

Background

Council has been involved in the provision of employment lands in the Shoalhaven through the continual development of Industrially zoned land at various locations within the City. Current developments are in South Nowra, Woollamia and at Yerriyong with the Albatross Aviation Technology Park (AATP).

Previous reports to the Committee have been around the land sales and need to increase the supply of available land through further subdivisions.

Since mid 2016 the interest in industrial land has seen a significant upturn. Council has made around 24 sales during that time and it was now felt that the flow on effect of this activity should be advised to the Committee.

The table below provides a thumbnail of where the various developments are at, which also indicates the activity that will take place into the near future.

Status/Locality	Type of Industry	DA Approval	Current Status
Completed & occupied			
Sth Nowra #	Building services – fencing, scaffold etc	11/16	Operating
Sth Nowra #	Caravan & Motor Home repairs	12/16	Operating
Woollamia ⊙	Signwriter	3/17	Operating
Sth Nowra #	Transport Terminal	3/17	Operating
Woollamia ⊙	Resource recovery	10/17	Operating
Under construction			
Woollamia ⊙	Joinery	8/16	Nearing completion
Sth Nowra #	Bulk gas depot	3/17	Nearing completion
Woollamia ⊙	Gymnasium/Aircraft	6/17	Nearing completion

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		engine maintenance		
Sth Nowra	⊙	Transport depot	3/18	Early stages
Sth Nowra	◆	Contractor depot – building materials	8/18	
Woollamia		Factory units x8	9/18	Early stages
Sth Nowra	#	Building products distribution	10/18	Early stages
Approved but not commenced				
Sth Nowra	◆	Contractor depot	9/18	
Sth Nowra		Factory units x18	10/18	
Sth Nowra	#	Transport depot	10/18	
Sth Nowra	⊙	Fuel Distr & truck wash	8/18	
Yerriyong	^	Workshop	9/18	
Yerriyong	^	Hangar	10/18	
Yerriyong	^	Hangar	10/18	
DAs under assessment				
Sth Nowra	^	Freight depot		
No DAs as yet				
Sth Nowra		3 lots		
Available lots for sale				SCC current projects
Sth Nowra		7 lots	1 lot selling	Stage 10 – 14 lots
Woollamia		0 lots		Stages 5 & 5A – 17 lots
Yerriyong		2 lots		Stage 5 – 9 lots
# Local expansion from rented premises to owned premises	⊙ New business from outside Shoalhaven	◆ Own factory from residential	^ Expansion of local business	

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New business enquiries

The economic upturn is widespread and as well as the above industry relocations to Shoalhaven marked ☉, enquiries are coming forward from Wollongong, Sydney (Alexandria, Prestons, ..) and one from overseas. These businesses are typically looking for premises to own which will give increased productivity and potential for export. The lower exchange rates are also stimulating enquiries for export.

The "[proudly Shoalhaven](#)" series of business case studies has been creating a good deal of interest and it is hoped that further interest in Shoalhaven as a business location will continue for as long as the economic upturn prevails.

Financial Implications

Council has been developing employment lands within Shoalhaven for over 40 years and from small beginnings at Sth Nowra the portfolio has expanded across a number of localities. The operations of this program is self financing with sales income being used to undertake future stages of the Employment Lands development.

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BE18.31 Recent grant applications prepared by Council to specifically stimulate Economic Development

HPERM Ref: D18/384320

Group: General Manager's Group
Section: Economic Development

Purpose / Summary

Government funding programs specifically addressing the creation of employment and economic development have closed in recent times. This report will give an overview of applications lodged under the various programs.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report of the General Manager on recent grant applications prepared by Council to specifically stimulate economic development be received for information

Options

1. Accept the recommendation as printed.
2. Not accept the recommendation.

Background

There have been various government funding programs through State and Federal agencies that are specifically directed to addressing employment growth and economic development. Council, through its various sections, has lodged applications based on the criteria and the "shovel readiness" of the projects to hand.

Below is a short summary of the applications prepared that will result in construction works being delivered to create jobs or be instrumental in creating employment opportunities on adjacent lands. The list is not exhaustive but will give the committee an appreciation of the scope, size and outcomes proposed by the applications.

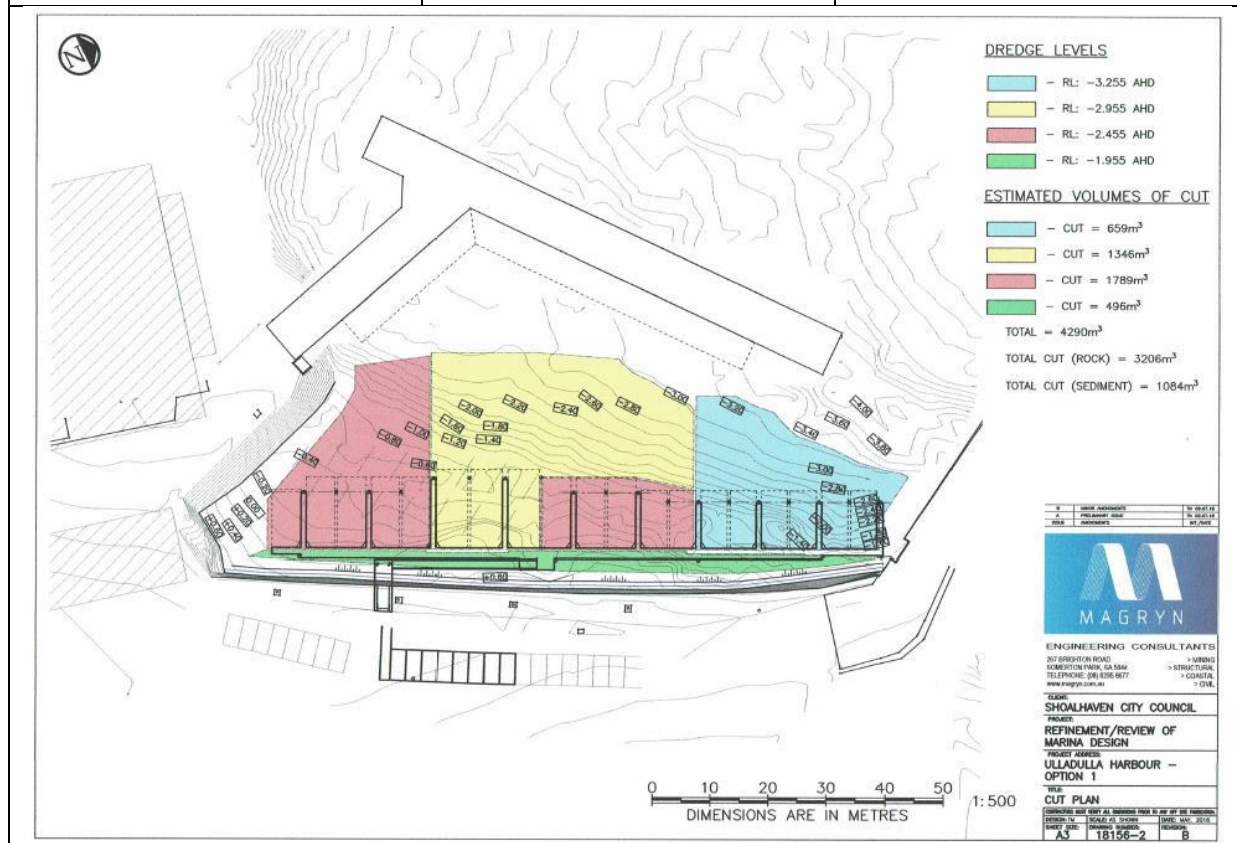
Restart NSW – Tourism & Environment

South Nowra Rotary Park Rest Area Upgrade (Adjacent to Sth Nowra fast food precinct)	The aim of this project is to create a welcoming and safe place catering for the visiting motorist and improving the appearance of this area which is on one of the entry points into Nowra, NSW.	Value of Project: \$698,800 Requested assistance: \$518,800 (74%)
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Growing Local Economies

Employment Land Activation in the Shoalhaven (Creating serviced land for factory developments)	The project will develop an additional 51 industrial lots within designated IN1 & IN2 Zones for development by industry across the Shoalhaven City.	Value of Project: \$19,650,000 Requested assistance: \$10,000,000 (51%) Benefits after 10 years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 919 FTEs • \$735m in economic output
Construction of Berths in Ulladulla Harbour (This application specifically addresses the excavation and removal of rock from the harbour to allow depth for vessels to berth)	The project will deliver marina berths within Ulladulla Harbour to be available for visiting craft and commercial vessels looking to utilise the port of Ulladulla for respite, repairs, cruising layovers and commercial activities.	Value of Project: \$2,948,000 Requested assistance: \$1,358,000 (46%) Benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 FTEs • \$3.6m pa in economic output

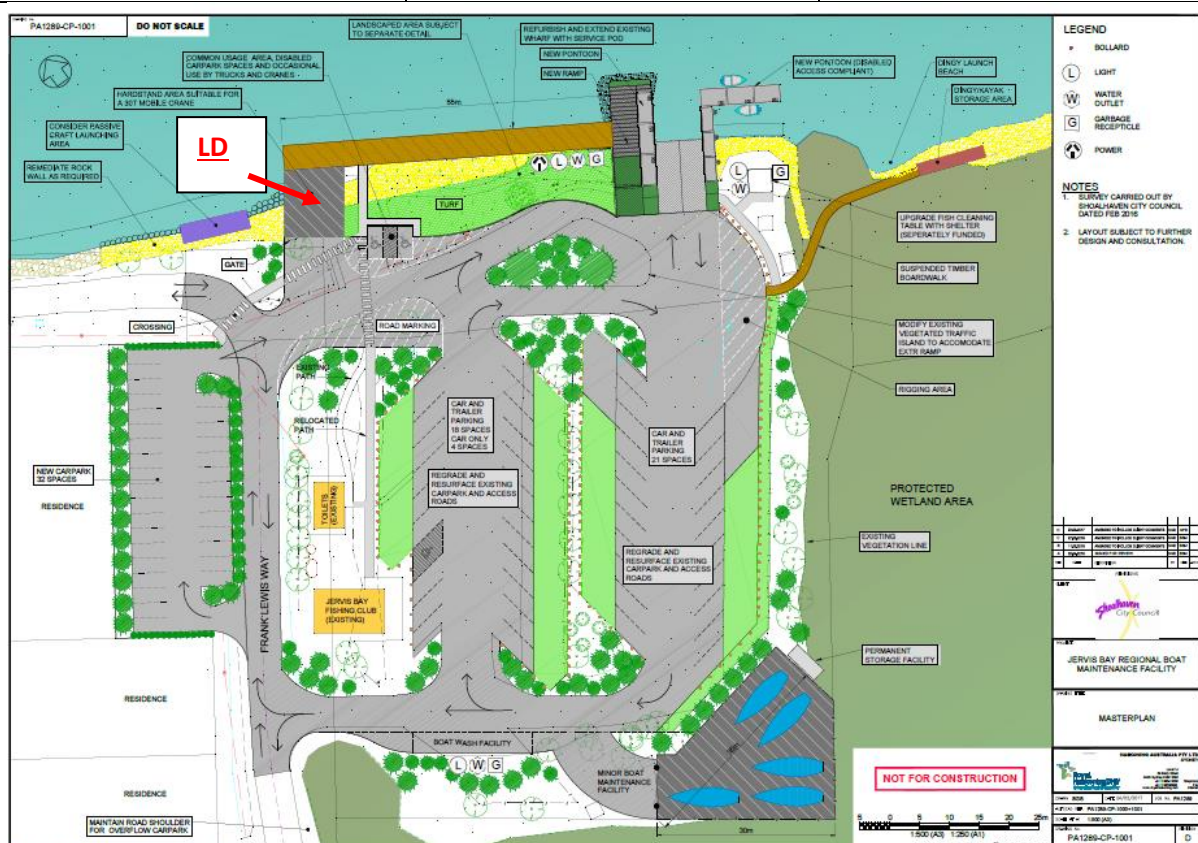


Woollamia Commercial Boating Infrastructure	This project consists of the construction of a 20t loading dock and associated parking at Woollamia on the banks of Currumbene Creek, Jervis Bay. This project will facilitate the establishment of a mussel	Value of Project: \$1,366,800 Requested assistance: \$1,000,000 (73%) Benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 FTEs • \$21.8m pa in economic
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farming operation in Jervis Bay by providing an area for lift out. The loading dock can also be used for boat maintenance including the stepping of masts changeover of life raft pods, engines and other heavy equipment.

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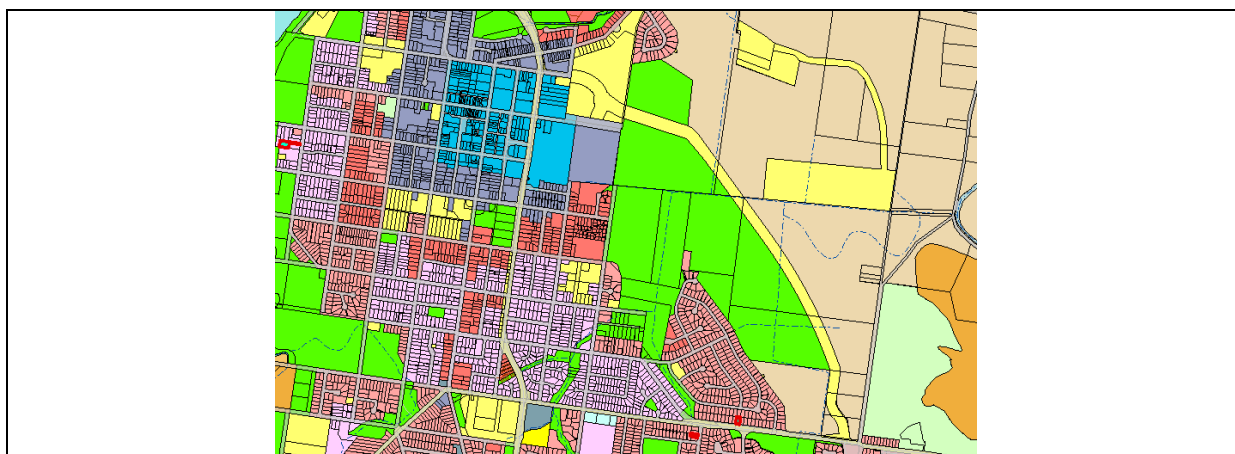


East Nowra Sub Arterial

ENSA provides access to the Nowra CBD for the coastal towns of Greenwell Point, Culburra and Callala Bay and the residential areas of East Nowra and Worrigea without utilising the Princes Highway or the pinch point at the intersection of the Princes Highway & Kalandar Street.

Value of Project:
\$43,000,000
Requested assistance:
\$43,000,000 (100%)

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Building Better Regions Round 3

Riversdale upgrade (on behalf of Bundanon Trust)	Implementation of Stage 1 of the Riversdale Masterplan to include Boyd Art Gallery, auditorium, visitors' services facilities and necessary supporting infrastructure.	Value of Project: \$19,000,000 Requested assistance: \$9,500,000 (50%) Benefits: • 24 FTEs • \$11.8m pa in economic output
Burton St Mall, Vincentia	Makeover of precinct into alfresco dining area and venue for community activities and entertainment	Value of Project: \$3,000,000 Requested assistance: \$1,500,000 (50%)
Boongaree Park (Berry) Nature Play and Learn to Ride	New regional park facility	Value of Project: \$1,000,000 Requested assistance: \$500,000 (50%)

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The size and scope of some of the above projects is quite significant and the construction of the works themselves will create employment. The resultant employment will be derived from subsequent beneficiary businesses taking advantage of the investment and operating and growing businesses as a direct result of making the investment.

Other Groups within council will submit a range of other applications including:

- A project at Myola to provide car park, public amenities, and traffic calming;
- Sydney & Owen St roundabout at Huskisson;
- A project at Swanhaven to provide a shared user path bridge.

Community Engagement

Where applicable engagement with relevant stakeholders has taken place and will continue as the projects unfold.

Financial Implications

The financial contribution by Council towards each of these projects comes from various sources – construction budgets in various years and accumulated project reserves for specific purposes.

The matching contribution for the Riversdale project will come from an approved NSW grant and Bundanon accumulated funds.

Risk Implications

Community expectations could be deflated if grant approvals are not received.

BE18.32 Dairy code consultations by Government

HPERM Ref: D18/392401

Group: General Manager's Group
Section: Economic Development

Purpose / Summary

To provide the Business & Employment Development Committee information in relation to a meeting to be held at the Nowra Showground Committee Room by the Department of Agriculture to discuss the first mandatory dairy code aimed to make contracts fairer, more transparent and enforce a dispute resolution process.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That

1. The report of the consultations by the Australian & NSW Governments into the dairy industry be received for information.
2. Members of the Business & Employment Development Committee circulate within their organisations the details of the local stakeholder consultative process.

Options

1. Accept the recommendation as printed
2. Propose an alternate recommendation
3. Not accept the recommendation.

Background

Australian Inquiry

Council has been advised of a meeting on Tuesday 20th November 2018 where local farmers and stakeholders can have their say to help shape Australia's first mandatory dairy code.

Farmers and processors in the Shoalhaven need to have their say and make sure the code will work for them and our local region. A code will aim to make contracts fairer, more transparent and enforce a dispute resolution process.

The dairy industry in Shoalhaven is the dominant primary industry and in recent times with minimal retail pricing, local farmers have been struggling. To have a code of conduct across all parties in the vertical chain should be advantageous.

The Australian Minister for Agriculture David Littleproud said the dairy industry had come to him and requested a mandatory code of conduct which has stimulated this series of consultations.

Council's Economic Development Office has circulated information about the meeting to farmers and businesses involved in the processing chain.

Department of Agriculture will be in town talking to local stakeholders about what should be in the code on Tuesday 20th November 2018 – 10:30am at the Nowra Showground Committee Room, 20 West Street, Nowra.

More information about the development of the code can be found on the have your say website <https://haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/>

People can register online, email dairycode@agriculture.gov.au or phone 1300 044 940.

NSW Inquiry

A NSW Legislative Inquiry into the sustainability of the dairy industry in New South Wales is also underway with the following terms of reference:

That Portfolio Committee No.5 – Industry and Transport inquire into and report on the long-term sustainability of the dairy industry and the role of the Department of Primary Industries and other government agencies in supporting the industry, and in particular:

(a) The nature of, and relationship within, the value chain between farmers, processors, logistics companies and retailers and their respective influence on price;

(b) The impact of external influences on the dairy industry, including but not limited to drought, water, energy, and price-setting;

(c) The impact of previous policies, in particular, the deregulation of the dairy industry; and

(d) The role of government in addressing key economic challenges to the industry

The report from the Committee is due on 14th December 2018.

A hearing by this Committee was held in Moss Vale on 12th November.

Community Engagement

This report is part of the community consultation process. It is incumbent on members of the Business & Employment Development Committee to pass the message on to their members that are connected to the dairy industry in some way.

BE18.33 School to Industry Program

HPERM Ref: D18/393632

Group: General Manager's Group
Section: Economic Development

Purpose / Summary

Council's Economic Development Office conducts a program to assist local students and teachers have a better understanding of local career prospects.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on the Shoalhaven School to Industry Program be received for information.

Options

1. Accept the recommendation as printed.
2. Not accept the recommendation.

Background

For a number of years, a program to provide knowledge of local career opportunities has been organised by the EDO in conjunction with local high schools and a number of local businesses.

Earlier in 2018 the Professional Snapshot was conducted in conjunction with the Shoalhaven Professional Business Association. This involved students from local high schools visiting local businesses in the Nowra CBD area and hearing presentations from practicing professionals in the fields of allied health, engineering, surveying, town planning, accounting law,

Last week (15/11) a group of local teachers were conducted on a tour of local enterprises to hear from these business leaders about what careers and job opportunities in welding, mechanical repairs, hospitality, allied health, disability services, machining, administration, building trades,.... were available locally. The skills and training requirements were outlined to the teachers to give them an appreciation of the expectations of industry for prospective employees.

Next week (28/11) a specific defence skills day is being conducted for local students looking to work in the defence and defence support sectors. Organisation of this day is being assisted by the Navy and industry members from the Shoalhaven Defence Industry Group.

Community Engagement

These career information days involve local students, local teachers and local businesses. The co-operation of schools and parents to enable these days to be conducted involves a good deal of protocols and procedures when students are involved.

The business community has participated willingly to have visitors into their premises.

This School to Industry Program is an excellent example of community participation in developing our youth for employment.

Financial Implications

Those costs that are not directly met by participating schools or businesses are paid from Council's Economic Development budget covering expenditure like bus hire and light meals for lunches.

Risk Implications

As the programs form part of school activities, the necessary insurances pertaining to students and teachers is covered by school coverage. Students are supervised by teachers throughout the day.

BE18.34 Proudly Shoalhaven

HPERM Ref: D18/393633

Group: General Manager's Group
Section: Economic Development

Purpose / Summary

To update the Committee on the “Proudly Shoalhaven” marketing campaign with the full rollout of case studies now released

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on the “Proudly Shoalhaven” business development marketing campaign be received for information.

Options

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

Background

Council’s Economic Development Office undertook a marketing campaign based on case studies of local businesses. The previous report to the Committee outlined that funding had been secured from the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet under the Regional Growth – Marketing and Promotion Fund.

The program was launched on 12th September at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre.

The full range of case studies can be seen at:

<https://business.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/essential-information/proudly-shoalhaven>

The businesses featured included:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IJED • Kardia HR • Climax • South Coast Dairy • MI Engineers • Edmiston Jones • Venus Shell Systems • Tovedale • Air Affairs • SMETEC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aerospace Training Services • University of Wollongong – Shoalhaven • Global Defence Solutions • Hanlon Windows • Pepperell • Financial Dynamics • Cupitts • Nowchem
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Other videos included:

- Shoalhaven Professional Business Association
- Economic Development Office
- 2 compilation videos

Strong interest has been observed with many views being recorded.

Participating businesses have been encouraged to use the link to their videos which are stored in a Council YouTube channel. A “PROUDLY SHOALHAVEN” logo was developed and has featured on the website, email signature blocks, street banners and other places.



Two short videos will be shown at the meeting, time permitting.

Community Engagement

The Proudly Shoalhaven campaign has created a good deal of interest within the business and wider community.

The collateral is available on Council's "Productive Shoalhaven" website with links to other media platforms.

Financial Implications

The Proudly Shoalhaven campaign and production of material was funded through the Economic Development budget after receiving a grant from the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet.

BE18.35 NSW Small Business Month in Shoalhaven

HPERM Ref: D18/395468

Group: General Manager's Group
Section: Economic Development

Purpose / Summary

October was Small Business Month in NSW. Council, through the Economic Development Office, combined with the NSW Dept of Industry to run several events in the Shoalhaven.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

1. That the report on the activities held in Shoalhaven as part of NSW Small Business Week be received for information.
2. That the committee thank the NSW Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development for the funding that supported our business networks and their members.

Options

1. Accept the recommendation as printed
2. Propose an alternate recommendation
3. Not accept the recommendation.

Background

This year Shoalhaven City Council decided to partner with the Milton Ulladulla Business Chamber and the Basin Business Forum (via Sanctuary Point Community Pride) to deliver business events in Small Business Month. The Shoalhaven is geographically a large LGA and Council wanted to support our business communities located in central and southern Shoalhaven.

The Economic Development Office often partners with numerous groups (industry/business and govt) to provide the best service to our business community and avoid duplication. Apart from providing support to the business community, one of Council's objectives was to support and strengthen business networks in central and southern Shoalhaven.

Shoalhaven City Council contracted both entities to deliver a number of events.

Milton Ulladulla Business Chamber reports the following:

Milton Ulladulla Business Chamber Spring Gala for October Small Business Month was held on Thursday 11th of October

The support of the NSW State Government was well acknowledged to the crowd and in advertising and promotion

The support of Shoalhaven City Council was also acknowledged, and Economic Development Manager Greg Pullen attended and briefly addressed the crowd on behalf of both levels of government

State Government representative Shelley Hancock was invited but apologised for the event as did Mayor Amanda Findley

Details appeared in the local Times Newspaper and Express Community newsletter

We also promoted heavily via email campaigns and MUBC Facebook page

The aims of the event were

- 1. To foster networking amongst local business*
- 2. Provide an interesting speaker on the topic of mental health and resilience*
- 3. Promote the NSW Small Business Month more widely*

The event was well attended with 60 tickets sold albeit slightly below our plan of 80+

The funds granted were used to secure the venue and support our Guest Speaker Turia Pitt. Turia's story is well known and spoke about her life and her resilience to overcome setbacks

Turia also did a Q&A with questions related to business and time management

Discussion generally could be categorised as surrounding 'mental health' and 'women in business'

The night was very positive and well received

We have increased membership of the Chamber since that night with 2 new members so far and a couple pending. Networking on the night was also effective and there were many positives that arose not the least that everyone had a great time!

On behalf of the Chamber thank you for your support of the event

On the back of the success we intend to run a 'Gala' every year in Small Business Month

The Basin Business Forum reports the following:

During Small Business Month a series of events were held and supported by the NSW Government which were aimed at helping small business owners improve their productivity, grow their business and engage with other businesses.

During Small Business Month, Shoalhaven City Council received funding from the NSW Government via the Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development to deliver one or more business-focused events to celebrate Small Business Month, being the 1st – 31st October 2018.

The Basin Business Forum, collaborating with Sanctuary Point Community Pride Inc, applied for funding to host two networking events. The first event was a breakfast event held on 10 October 2018, and the second event was an evening networking event held on 25 October 2018.

Please see here for a link to a local media article acknowledging funding from the NSW Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development.

<https://www.southcoastregister.com.au/story/5742020/business-people-get-straight-to-the-point-at-networking-event/?cs=222&fbclid=IwAR05FZ2kFrY9TsteDv0mbGedV6BtVwnudNxRyZNUwUoLjCj1mFKp8fvk20I>

Approximately 20 business representatives attended the breakfast event. This breakfast event is an ongoing event organised by the Basin Business Forum which occurs every second Tuesday of the month from 8am and has been running since June 2018.

Approximately 60 business representatives attended the evening networking event, where speakers included John Lamont (Nowchem) and Sally Bacon (Shoalhaven City Council Economic Development Office).

Attendees to the evening networking event included dentists, web designers, real estate agents, virtual assistants, musicians, bankers, property valuers, retail shop owners, lawyers, handymen, plumbers and more.

Both Ellen Thornthwaite and Mary-Jean Lewis (co-founders of the Basin Business Forum), have many future events for the Basin area in mind and they hope to continue to grow the group and maintain its ability to reach out to local small business owners to make it a relaxed and comfortable opportunity to network with likeminded people.

All three events were well attended and have served to strengthen business networks. Shoalhaven City Council would very much like to thank the NSW Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development for the funding that supported our business networks and their members.

Community Engagement

These events provide opportunities for SMEs to network and share experiences.

BE18.36 Shoalhaven Business Chamber - Report on Activities (July-September 2018)

HPERM Ref: D18/398161

Group: General Manager's Group
Section: Economic Development

Purpose / Summary

The Shoalhaven Business Chamber, under its Memorandum of Understanding with Council, must report on its activities.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on the activities of the Shoalhaven Business Chamber be received for information.

Options

1. Accept the recommendation as printed
2. Propose an alternate recommendation
3. Not accept the recommendation.

Background

As part of its responsibilities under its MoU with Council, the Shoalhaven Business Chamber reports on its activities.

The Shoalhaven Business Chamber (SBC) undertakes a critical role in our local community by representing the interests of business on numerous matters within the Shoalhaven. And the SBC's vision is strongly aligned with many areas of Shoalhaven City Council (Council) those of the Economic Development Office.

As such the SBC and the Economic Development Office work collaboratively to support the Shoalhaven business community, acknowledge business excellence, undertake business development training and promote economic development of the local area. This partnership is bound by a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to provide a clear framework in ensuring mutual outcomes are met, this MoU is supported by Council funding.

This report provides the details of the Business Development and Educational events hosted by SBC for the period – July 2018 to September 2018.

At all of these events Council is acknowledged as the event and education partner of the SBC on all material promoting the event which displays the Council logo. Events are promoted on the SBC website, via the SBC members and subscribers' email and in hard copy at our other events. Where Council attend the event, the Council banner is also displayed.

Lunch & Learn Series

This series is aimed at providing short and sharp Business Help tips over a casual lunch setting. Events are hosted by other members who want to provide some free advice on various business topics ranging from Accounting, Legal, Insurance, Telecoms, Marketing and the Like.

The event normally runs from 12:30 – 2pm and caters for up to 20 people.

Subject/Host	Boost Productivity and Improve Workflows Natalie Allan Consulting	
Date	Friday, 28 September 2018 from 12:15 pm to 2:00 pm	
Topic & Purpose	<p>Boost Productivity and Improve Workflows</p> <p>Ready to innovate - first get your 'Ducks in a Row'</p> <p>Presented by the Shoalhaven Business Chamber's 'Excellence in Innovation' winner - Natalie Allan Consulting.</p> <p>Natalie uses an innovative approach with the app to transition paper-based documentation into a user-friendly digital application. This allows for greater productivity, accountability, collaboration, analytics and workflow improvement. Recent clients confirm a 50% time saving on daily tasks.</p>	
Monetary Support	Sponsorship \$500	Ticket sales \$25
Acknowledgement	Council logo is located at the top of the email invite, reminder and last chance, on the Eventbrite page, and on the event page on the Chamber's website. Acknowledgement in copy on Facebook. Council was acknowledged on the day.	
Attendance	12 participants	
Testimonials / Feedback / Surveys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I liked the opportunity to look at new software to increase efficiency • Information was targeted to businesses with several employees / layers of management and not so much small business. • I asked my staff what was bugging them about our systems • Maybe a smaller lunch. More finger food e.g. rice paper rolls, drinks, small wraps or sandwiches, fruit platter 	

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SBC Women in Business

Women in Business is a networking group aimed at promoting and supporting women in business through out the Shoalhaven.

Separate Women in Business events are held in addition to normal SBC Events

Subject/Host	Women in Business: Christmas In July Shoalhaven City Turf Club	
Date	Tuesday, 31 July 2018 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm	
Topic & Purpose	Shoalhaven Business Chamber Women in Business is for like-minded women who are keen to learn, share ideas and collaborate with others for mutual success. Women at this event Joined us for a Christmas Dinner at the Shoalhaven City Turf to celebrate Christmas in July as Lynn and the team showcase their new facilities.	
Monetary Support	Sponsorship \$500	Ticket Sales \$1,730.00 (gross)
Acknowledgement	Council logo is located at the top of the email invite, reminder and last chance, on the Eventbrite page, and on the event page on the Chamber's website. Acknowledgement in copy on Facebook. Council was acknowledged on the day.	
Attendance	43 participants. Marianne Jones attended	
Testimonials / Feedback / Surveys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That it was fun, another good networking opportunity, the night went really quickly • Hard to get to know people, a lot of them stick with people they know • Non-allocated seating worked reasonably well this time but I do think allocated seating helps disperse attendees and encourages socialisation beyond one's own group. • Relaxed way for working women to meet and make new contacts. Discover businesses you didn't know existed. Women are more open to freely chatting in an all women event. • I got a new contact, very happy. 	
Subject/Host	When Women Thrive Commonwealth Bank of Australia Bottlerocket Bar & Cafe	
Date	Tuesday, 16 October 2018 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	
Topic & Purpose	While women are confident financial managers with in the household, they continue to face ongoing economic challenges in Australian society, including gender pay gaps, more disruptions with employment, risk adverse in their financial decisions and traditionally have lower superannuation balances. It is so important for women to seek advice from a financial advisor to help close this gap, provide customised solutions for these unique set of challenges and ensure they have the necessary guidance to enhance their financial wellbeing.	

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Monetary Support	Sponsorship \$500	Ticket Sales \$250.00 (Gross)
Acknowledgement	Council logo is located at the top of the email invite, reminder and last chance, on the Eventbrite page, and on the event page on the Chamber's website. Acknowledgement in copy on Facebook. Council was acknowledged on the day.	
Attendance	33 participants	
Testimonials / Feedback / Surveys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presentation was very interesting • Very interesting topic. Made me aware that I need to see a financial advisor to sort out my super. • New contact for potential business relationship. • Well done, you guys are doing a great job. 	

Community Engagement

These events are aimed at the business community. By combining Council and the Shoalhaven Business Chamber are trying to obtain a greater reach into this sector.

Financial Implications

These events are aimed to be self funding with some financial assistance through the Economic Development budget. The MoU outlines the responsibilities of both parties and the annual allocation the the SBC is claimed on a periodic basis.

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BE18.37 Election of Chairperson

HPERM Ref: D18/341564

Group: Finance Corporate & Community Services Group
Section: Governance

Purpose / Summary

To allow for the election of the committee Chairperson.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the committee elect (insert name) as Chairperson for twelve months from November 2018.

Options

1. As recommended.

Background

The Business and Employment Development Committee does not have a Terms of Reference. The Chairperson is elected by the Committee.

On 25 September 2018 the Council affirmed the Committee with its existing membership structure and arrangements.

The role of Chairperson is open to all Committee members.

The Committee last formally elected Mr Lamont as Chairperson on 22 November 2017.

Outlined below is the process that is followed for the Election of Office Bearers for Committees of the Council:

At the time on the agenda when the election of office bearers is listed, the following process will be followed:

- (1) *The chairperson to step down from the chair (unless their position is not up for election). An appropriately Senior Officer of the Council or other official should assume the chair for the nomination process.*
- (2) *Individually, for each position the following is to take place:*
 - a. *Nominations are called for that position and are acknowledged by the chair*
 - i. *They may be received in writing prior to the meeting or provided verbally at the meeting*
 - ii. *The Officer conducting the election shall confirm acceptance of each nominee prior to his or her inclusion in the ballot.*
 - b. *If only one nomination is received, that person is declared as elected*
 - c. *If more than one nomination is received, the Committee will be asked to resolve whether the election is to take place by open voting (i.e. show of hands) or ordinary ballot (i.e. written votes recorded and provided to the chairperson in secret).*
 - d. *Where a large number of nominations are received, the Committee may elect to proceed by a preferential ballot, whereby ballots are consecutively taken and the*

nominee with the least number of votes is excluded from running after each ballot, until there are two preferred candidates remaining and a final ballot is undertaken and declared.

- e. The nominee with the most ballots is declared as elected.*
- f. In the event of an equal number of ballots being cast for nominees, the position shall be determined by draw. The name drawn by the chairperson will be appointed to the position.*

At the conclusion of the elections, the Chairperson shall reassume control of the meeting and proceed with other business.

BE18.38 Membership - Resignation

HPERM Ref: D18/386822

Group: Finance Corporate & Community Services Group
Section: Governance

Purpose / Summary

To inform the Committee of the resignation of community member, Steve Prothero.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committee receives this report about the resignation of Steve Prothero for information.

Options

1. Adopt the recommendation as printed.

Implications: None.

2. Increase membership of the Business and Employment Development Committee and advertise for nominations for additional community representatives.

Implications: The membership of the Business and Employment Development Committee would be increased.

3. Adopt an alternate recommendation.

Implications: Unknown.

Background

At the meeting on 22 August 2018 the Business and Employment Development Committee recommended that Council appoint Mary-Jean Lewis and Steve Prothero as community representatives to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Peter Dryer.

Both Mary-Jean Lewis and Steve Prothero were appointed to the Committee by Council on 18 September 2018 (MIN18.706). This increased the number of individual community representatives to four.

On 1 November 2018, Mr Prothero wrote to the Council advising that he wished to resign from the Committee. As a result, the number of individual community representatives has returned to three.

The total membership of the Committee is 33, comprised of 13 Councillors and 20 members. This includes one staff member, the General Manager's nominee.

BE18.39 Development in Shoalhaven - Significant Projects

HPERM Ref: D18/341684

Group: General Manager's Group

Attachments: 1. Development in the Shoalhaven - Significant Projects [↓](#)

Purpose / Summary

To provide a list of:

- Development approvals that have issued that have not progressed further. This also includes relatively recent approvals;
- Larger applications under assessment.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report of the General Manager (Planning Environment & Development Services) regarding the update on development in Shoalhaven be received for information.

Options

1. Receive the report for information.

Implications: the report will be noted.

2. Resolve and alternate resolution and direct staff accordingly.

Implications: this would be dependent on the decision.

Background

This is a regular report to inform the Committee of larger developments under assessment and list applications that appear to have been stalled / not progressed (noting also that the list would contain relatively recent approvals).

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Address	Locality	Reference No.	Description	Value	App Date	Status & Comments
2	Lot 1433, Talimba Rd	Bangalee	SF10230	23 lot residential subdivision	\$ 920,000.00	16/05/2013	Deferred commencement consent. In principle approval for an area referred to as Stage 2 - subject to re-design and compliance with a list of matters. Related to SF9821.
3	123 Forster Drive	Bawley Pt	DA17/2534	20 Tourist Cabins & associated infrastructure	\$ 2,400,000.00	18/06/2018	Approved 18 Jan 2018
4	132 Forster Drive	Bawley Pt	DA18/1211	Equine Education Centre	\$ 6,630,000.00	21/06/2018	Approved 21 June 2018
5	314 Princes Hwy	Bomaderry	DA17/2492	Alterations /additions to vehicle sales premises	\$ 4,056,097.00	17/09/2018	Relatively recent approval.
6	Narang Rd	Bomaderry	DA16/1737	Proposed Aldi	\$ 6,471,630.00	11/11/2016	Relatively recent approval.
7	212 Prince Edward Ave	Culburra Beach	DA13/2335	Internal Alterations to Existing Club	\$ 1,000,000.00	30/01/2014	CC issued for Stage 1 on 18/8/2014 for mens locker room and shed.
8	D981 Princes Hwy	Falls Creek	DA16/1843	Factory Extension & New Building	\$ 1,415,500.00	01/02/2018	Relatively recent approval.
9	76&84 Greenwell Pt Rd and Goodnight Island	Greenwell Point	06_0034 (3A08/1009)	Tourist development	\$ 25,000,000.00	29/11/2009 – Dept of Planning - 5 yr approval	Council is in receipt of a CC.
10	24 Duranbah Drive	Huskisson	DA17/2608	Industrial Development - 8 Units	\$ 1,260,000.00	25/05/2017	Approved 25 May 2018
11	7 Beach St	Huskisson	DA16/2070	Demolition of dwelling & Construction of Residential Flat Building (12 Apartments)	\$ 3,600,000.00	10/10/2017	Consent modified. Advice received that CC being pursued.
12	369 Jacks Corner Rd	Kangaroo Valley	DA12/2134	Commercial Additions - Refurbishment and New Construction works of Scotts College Facility.	\$ 4,250,000.00	23/04/2013	No information on file beyond the development consent.
13	17 Forest Rd	Kiola	DA17/2476	Seniors Living Development - 10 dwellings	\$ 2,150,000.00	24/07/2018	Approved 24/07/18
14	1 Norman St	Lake Conjola	DA16/2088	Staged expansion of caravan Park	\$ 5,375,000.00	14/09/2016	Approved 14 Sept 2016
15	Berringer & Cunjurong Pt Rds Manyana	Manyana	05_0059/ SF9787	182 lot residential subdivision	Not available (no information on major project website)	08/07/2008 – Dept of Planning	Construction certificates lodged with Council.
16	Curvers Dr	Manyana	DA09/2627	New Commercial - Proposed Supermarket, Retail Shops & Professional Suites	\$ 3,300,000.00	19/10/2010	DA approved 19 Oct 2010 - CC issued. Clearing carried out to activate the consent.
17	38 Croobyar Rd	Milton	DA18/1607	Alterations / additions to Church & Manse	\$ 3,888,500.00	13/09/2018	Relatively recent approval.
18	Croobyar Rd	Milton	RA10/1005	Seniors Living Development	\$ 93,000,000.00	02/12/2010	Development consent secured (letter dated 11/12/2015) TRIM D15/370201
19	68 Ocean St	Mollymook	DA11/2125	3 Storey holiday apartments	\$ 1,486,000.00	13/03/2012	Alleged physical commencement.
20	Ocean St	Mollymook Beach	DA07/2052	79 Residential Apartments	\$ 25,000,000.00	05/12/2007	Consent activated by demolition and awaiting 'presales'.
21	Federation Place	North Nowra	DA17/2321	Multi dwelling housing	\$ 1,780,000.00	29/08/2018	Relatively recent approval.
22	Kinghorne St	Nowra	CD18/1301	Replacement of Mechanical Plant	\$ 1,400,000.00	30/05/2018	Private Certifier CDC
23	160 Kinghorne St	Nowra	DA11/2257	Units/Flats - demolition of existing dwelling and construction of six medium density units	\$ 950,000.00	18/05/2012	Approved via 8.2 review.
24	28-30 East St	Nowra	DA11/2220	Proposed Retail Commercial Building - 3 Shops	\$ 900,000.00	27/04/2012	No CC
25	Lot 1 Junction Street	Nowra	DA05/3342	Stockland (LEDA) – Commercial Retail Shopping Complex	\$ 65,000,000.00	02/2/2007	Consent secured (activated). Received advice in 2014 that Stockland was investigating options/alternatives. Discussions in 2016 with Stockland Trust indicates that the design is being reconsidered.
26	4 Dryden Close	Nowra	DA05/1445	Integrated Housing Development	\$ 3,000,000.00	05/06/2008	Review of file suggests that consent has been secured (activated) via earthworks.
27	148 Kinghorne St	Nowra	DA13/2033	Proposed 9 serviced apartments & demolish existing residence & garage	\$ 848,000.00	11/12/2013	No CC however discussions with Council officers file notes indicate a modification to the consent may be sought.
28	90 Kalandar Street	Nowra	DA15/2698	Commercial Additions and Alterations (Archer Hotel)	\$ 1,550,000.00	17/06/2016	Approved
29	24 Trim St	South Nowra	DA18/1669	Transport Depot	\$ 1,242,424.00	24/10/2018	Relatively recent approval.
30	32 Trim St	South Nowra	DA18/1732	Industrial Development - 18 Units	\$ 2,950,000.00	30/10/2018	Relatively recent approval.

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31	6 Trim St	South Nowra	DA17/2433	Service station	\$ 1,382,500.00	30/08/2018	Relatively recent approval.
32	241 Old Southern Rd	South Nowra	DA17/2480	Child care centre	\$ 1,300,000.00	21/08/2018	Relatively recent approval.
33	5 Enterprise Ave	South Nowra	DA17/1849	New commercial building with office fitout.	\$ 1,471,000.00	05/01/2018	Relatively recent approval.
34	198 Princes Highway	South Nowra	DA17/1386	Change of Use - existing building (Former Masters) - multi tenancy centre including a café. Minor changes to building façade and signage.	\$ 2,708,108.00	13/06/2017	Relatively recent approval.
35	244 Princes Hwy	South Nowra	DA04/2927	Bulky Goods Retailing/Industrial Complex	\$ 5,000,000.00	16/12/2010	Site preparatory works undertaken.
36	82 Hillcrest Avenue	South Nowra	DA14/2369	11 New Units and Renovations to existing dwelling	\$ 1,190,000.00	31/10/2014	Approved 11 September 2015. s138 approval issued.
37	104 Princes Highway	South Nowra	DA16/2187	Self Storage Facility (up to 79 units)	\$ 1,300,000.00	13/04/2017	Relatively recent approval.
38	95 Albatross Rd	West Nowra	DA17/1195	Multi dwelling housing - 23 dwellings	\$ 3,213,000.00	19/07/2008	Relatively recent approval.
39	7 Golf Course Way	Sussex Inlet	SF10425	79 Lot Subdivision	\$ 4,000,000.00	30/05/2017	Converted to operational consent in December, CC for the roundabout has been lodged.
40	18 Iverson Rd	Sussex Inlet	DA16/2227	Commercial Alterations & Additions (Senior's Living)	\$ 2,493,000.00	06/01/2017	Relatively recent approval.
41	Bayly Road	Tomerong	DA14/1236	24 Site Caravan Park, Amenities, Storage and BBQ area.	\$ 250,000.00	10/06/2014	Operational consent issued 4 July 2018
42	4 New St	Ulladulla	DA18/1321	Demolition and multi dwelling housing (12 dwellings) & Torrens subdivision	\$ 4,658,000.00	24/08/2018	Approved 24/08/18
43	Parson St	Ulladulla	DA16/2412	3 storey office building with car park	\$ 2,450,000.00	19/12/2017	Approved 19 Dec 2017
44	216 Princes Highway	Ulladulla	DA16/2369	Stage 1 Masterplan works - Services Club	\$ 12,505,792.00	12/07/2017	Approved 12 July 2017
45	90 South St	Ulladulla	DA06/2766	Serviced Apartments (19), Residential Apartments (24) and ground level commercial/retail	\$ 5,500,000.00	19/03/2008	Alleged physical commencement.
46	Wason St	Ulladulla	DA06/2236	Pier 32 Commercial/Residential Development	\$ 14,000,000.00	12/12/2006	Consent secured. Basement 2 levels currently under construction. Modification DS18/1384 application under consideration with notification expiring on 14/11/18
47	Millard Street	Ulladulla	DA15/2595	Construction of 11 x 3 Bedroom Villas including Roadworks to Millard Street	\$ 2,550,000.00	Note later report 10/01/17 approval date (clarification required)	Approved 8 Nov 2016
48	Cnr Naval College Rd & The Wool Rd,	Worwong Heights	DA06/1619	Anglican School	\$ 6,000,000.00	17/07/2007	Alleged physical commencement.
49	Wugan St	Yerriyong	DA18/2595	Aircraft Hangers	\$ 4,138,942.00	04/10/2018	Relatively recent approval.
50	Garadi St	Yerriyong	DA18/1279	New industrial development	\$ 3,800,000.00	11/09/2018	Relatively recent approval.
51	1 Waratah St	Bendalong	DA17/1369	Alterations and additions to caravan park	\$ 100,000.00	07/04/2017	Waiting on revised documents
52					\$350,833,493.00		

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1	Suburb	Address	Estimated Value	Type	Lodgement Date	Application		Staff Comments
2	Bawley Point	Forster Dr	\$ 8,750,000.00	Waste water treatment facility	10/10/2018	DA18/2138		Under assessment
3	Bawley Point	123 Forster Dr	\$ 5,000,000.00	Events	01/03/2018	DA18/1237		With external consultant TCG for assessment
4	Bawley Point	123 Forster Dr	\$ 8,362,817.00	Show Jumping Arena	23/02/2018	DA18/1212		With external consultant TCG for assessment
5	Bawley Point	123 Forster Dr	\$ 2,400,000.00	Modify 20 tourist cabins	27/09/2018	DS18/1418		Under assessment
6	Berry	Wharf Rd	\$ 1,500,000.00	14 lot industrial subdivision & 1 residue lot	22/02/2018	SF10651		Under assessment
7	Bomaderry	271 Princes Hwy	\$ 2,000,000.00	Food & drink premises x 3	13/07/2018	DA18/1766		Under assessment
8	Bomaderry	7 Victa Way	\$ 2,009,624.00	Industrial and storage premises	13/06/2018	DA18/1632		Under assessment
9	Bomaderry	315 Princes Highway	\$ 6,000,000.00	Multi dwelling housing - 40 units	02/01/2018	DA18/1000		Under assessment
10	Huskisson	15 Hawke St	\$ 3,000,000.00	Demolition, 3 commercial tenancies, 8 apartments and basement parking	17/09/2018	DA18/2040		Under assessment
11	Huskisson	11 Beach St	\$ 4,205,304.00	Residential Flat Building (12 units)	07/05/2018	DA18/1502		Under assessment
12	Huskisson	15 -17 Fegen St	\$ 8,164,240.00	Residential Flat Building - 4 storey building 13 x 3 bedrooms units, 9 x 2	18/12/2017	DA17/2574		Under assessment - SEPP 65 applies
13	Mollymook	Masie Williams Drive	\$ 2,000,000.00	24 lot subdivision & 1 residue lot.	23/02/2018	SF10658		Under assessment
14	Milton	Princes Hwy	\$ 100,218,312.00	Senior's Living	23/05/2017	RA17/1001		Under assessment. Waiting on revised plans and docs and final sign off by RMS. Will be reported to the JRPP.
15	Nowra	87 Bridge Rd	\$ 2,025,340.00	Alterations & Additions to Hotel	03/10/2018	DA18/2122		Under assessment - heritage considerations.
16	Nowra	79 Osborne St	\$ 6,430,000.00	4 storey residential development for senior living	07/06/2-018	DA18/1598		Under assessment
17	Nowra	204-208 Kinghorn St & 19-21 Gould St	\$ 28,131,369.00	Residential Flat Building (93 Units)	01/11/2017	RA17/1002		JRPP Application
18	Nowra	60 Berry Street	\$ 15,000,000.00	Multi Level Car Park	12/06/2015	RA15/1000		November JRPP - Decision Deferred
19	Nowra	2 Albatross Road	\$ 15,197,610.00	Residential Units (57) and Commercial (Ground level)	18/04/2016	DA16/1465		Under assessment also subject to a Planning Proposal
20	St Georges Basin	193 Island Point Rd	\$ 1,200,000.00	18 Lot residential subdivision	24/11/2017	SF10635		Under assessment
21	St Georges Basin	Island Point Road St	\$ 87,334,965.00	Masterplan - Concept Development Application - Residential Flat	30/03/2017	RA17/1000		Regional Development Application - JRPP - LEC MATTER - Note this follows
22	South Nowra	20 Norfolk Ave	\$ 2,000,000.00	Concrete batching plant	12/09/2018	DA18/2054		Under assessment
23	South Nowra	55 Quinns Lane	\$ 3,200,000.00	Multi dwelling housing	20/08/2018	DA18/1916		Under assessment
24	South Nowra	159 Princes Hwy	\$ 27,878,000.00	Bunnings warehouse (replace existing)	01/06/2018	DA18/1598		Under assessment
25	South Nowra	12 Ballina St	\$ 4,822,353.00	Industrial units /warehouse	30/05/2018	DA18/1588		Under assessment
26	South Nowra	Old Southern Rd	\$ 3,240,000.00	58 lot residential subdivision	22/11/2017	SF10631		Under assessment
27	South Nowra	6 Trim St	\$ 1,200,000.00	Service Station, with truck parking & washbay	17/11/2017	DA17/2433		Under assessment
28	Tapitallee	771 Illaroo Rd	\$ 1,920,000.00	64 Lot Residential subdivision (large lots)	21/12/2006	SF10555		Under assessment
29	Ulladulla	130 Princes Hwy	\$ 6,823,283.00	Demolition of existing building & structures and construction of new	29/10/2018	RA18/1001		Under assessment - regional application to be considered by RPP.
30	Ulladulla	7 Jubilee Ave	\$ 1,350,000.00	Residential flat building (4 units)	29/03/2018	DA18/1345		Under assessment

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31	Ulladulla	189,191,183 Princes Hwy	\$ 1,000,000.00	Demolition & new storage facilities	24/08/2017	DA17/2061		Assessment on hold at the request of the applicant
32	West Nowra	79 Albatross Rd	\$ 5,856,186.00	Multi dwelling housing (21 dwellings) to be staged	27/08/2018	DA18/1949		Under assessment
33	West Nowra	75 Albatross Rd	\$ 1,077,750.00	Demolition of dwelling & multi unit housing	07/08/2018	DA18/1875		Under assessment
34	West Nowra	26 Cavanagh Lane	\$ 10,227,326.00	Multi Dwelling Housing (45 units)	07/05/2018	DA18/1501		Under assessment
35	West Nowra	Yalwal Rd	\$ 7,200,000.00	Multi dwelling housing	28/11/2017	DA17/2486		Under assessment
36	Worrigee	369 Worrigee Rd	\$ 11,000,000.00	154 large lots including 1 residue and conservation lot	08/03/2017	SF10570		Under assessment
37		TOTAL:	\$ 354,496,734.00					

BE18.40 Update from Department of Premier & Cabinet Regional Branch

HPERM Ref: D18/378339

Submitted by: Donna Payne – Business Development Manager Illawarra-Shoalhaven
DPC Regional

Attachments: 1. Regional Skills Relocation Grant Fact Sheet [↓](#)
2. Regional Skills Relocation Grant FAQs [↓](#)
3. CSO644 - Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund fact sheet [↓](#)

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report providing an update on the Department of Premier and Cabinet Regional Branch be received for information.

Details

Regional Economic Development Strategies (REDS)

These were developed with the support of the NSW Government as part of the Regional Economic Development Strategies program to assist local councils and their communities in Regional NSW, the Shoalhaven Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS) has been published <https://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/assets/REDS/c1d83970c7/Shoalhaven-REDS.pdf>

In addition to providing a clear economic development strategy for the region, some NSW Government programs use the REDS to determine eligible industries.

The Shoalhaven REDS aims to:

- Build on the Region's strength in **health** and **social assistance**
- Facilitate industrial development for the **defence** and **manufacturing** sectors
- Drive **tourism** growth in the Region
- Invest in rail, road and electronic **infrastructure** to address recognised **connectivity** opportunities

Regional NSW Investment Attraction Package

The NSW Government's Regional NSW Investment Attraction Package offers a range of incentives to attract new and growing businesses to regional NSW, including direct access to an investment concierge for expert and tailored support, grants and interest-free loans, and relocation assistance for skilled workers.

Investment Concierge Service

The Investment Concierge Service provides end-to-end support for businesses wishing to set up or expand their operations in regional NSW. The service acts as the interface across NSW Government agencies to provide tailored advice to businesses about opportunities, sites and relevant government assistance available.

Financial incentives

Eligible businesses can apply for grants and interest-free loans to help establish themselves in regional NSW and create new jobs. Grants and interest free loans will be available for businesses that are operating in eligible industries and creating or retaining jobs in Special Activation Precincts.

Relocation assistance for skilled workers

[Relocation grants](#) of up to \$10,000 per worker are available to help attract skilled employees to regional NSW businesses operating in eligible industries. These will help businesses meet the costs of relocating employees, such as for furniture removal and temporary accommodation for up to three months.

Grants are available for businesses relocating to regional NSW and businesses already operating and expanding within regional NSW, to assist with the costs of relocating skilled workers in an occupation on the [NSW Department of Industry Skilled Occupation List](#) from metropolitan areas to regional NSW.

Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund

On Wednesday evening 24th October 2018, Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW John Barilaro announced five priority areas the NSW Government will fund under the **\$4.2 billion Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund (SHLF)**

- **WATER SECURITY IN PRIORITY CATCHMENTS:** Drought conditions across NSW highlight the importance of investing in water infrastructure at a regional and catchment level to increase community and industry resilience.
- **INVESTING IN DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY:** The Government will aim to make NSW black spot free.
- **IMPROVE PASSENGER ROAD AND RAIL:** Making regional travel faster, safer and easier between regional centres and to metropolitan areas.
- **FREIGHT LINKAGES:** Improving regional freight networks to global gateways to increase exports, including the investigation of international air freight.
- **ESTABLISH SPECIAL ACTIVATION BUSINESS PRECINCTS (SAP):** For investors this means access to unencumbered employment lands, streamlined planning approvals, investment in enabling infrastructure, and targeted financial incentives. Of which Parkes will be the pilot precinct.



Regional Skills Relocation Grant

The NSW Government has established the Regional Skills Relocation Grant to increase the availability of skilled and experienced workers for businesses setting up in, relocating to, or existing in regional NSW.

Grants will be available for regional NSW businesses operating in eligible industries to assist with the relocation costs of eligible skilled workers moving from metropolitan areas to regional NSW.

Approved businesses will be reimbursed up to \$10,000 to assist with the relocation expenses incurred by the eligible skilled workers they employ. The relocation expenses covered by this grant are:

- furniture removal
- travel for immediate family to relocate
- temporary accommodation for up to three months
- furniture storage for up to three months.

The NSW Government has committed \$10 million for applications over the next four years; \$2.5 million will be available each year, providing 250 grants of up to \$10,000.

Eligible industries

Eligible industries vary by region and are identified in the Regional Economic Development Strategies (REDS). These regions normally have a competitive advantage and tend to trade goods outside the local area or sell services to non-locals. Retail and restaurants are ineligible because they only operate and sell locally. Examples of eligible industries include:

- agriculture
- forestry
- manufacturing
- mining
- tourism.

The government has determined eligible industries for each region using the applicable REDS prepared by the Centre for Economic and Regional Development. Further information on industry eligibility is available at dpc.nsw.gov.au/REDS



Eligibility

Eligible businesses must be operating in a regional NSW eligible industry and:

- are relocating to, or setting up in, regional NSW and creating at least five ongoing full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs in a regional local community

or

- are already operating in regional NSW and seeking to recruit eligible workers.

The business must be seeking employees that:

- are relocating from a metropolitan area to regional NSW, with the regional residence being at least 50 kilometres from the original metropolitan residence and within the region of the eligible business
- have an occupation listed on the NSW Department of Industry Skilled Occupation List, found at industry.nsw.gov.au/skilled-occupations-list
- are Australian citizens or permanent residents on the date they commence employment.

How to apply

Businesses can register their interest with the NSW Department of Industry Investment Concierge Service. Registered businesses operating in eligible industries will be invited to complete an eligibility form.

1. Register

- Businesses setting up in, relocating to, or already operating in regional NSW register with the NSW Department of Industry Investment Concierge Service.

2. Eligibility

- Registered businesses operating in applicable eligible industries are invited to complete an eligibility form.
- Eligible businesses receive confirmation and a grant pre-approval ID, valid for six months.

3. Activation

- Businesses notify the department within five days of filling the role and complete a grant activation form.
- The department determines the eligibility of the employee and provides confirmation of grant activation.

4. Claim

- Eligible employees must have worked a minimum of three months before relocation costs will be reimbursed.
- Businesses submit the reimbursement form with copies of paid invoices to receive the grant payment.

5. Evaluation

- The business and employee complete an evaluation survey up to 12 months from the employee's commencement date.

More information

All initial enquiries should be directed to the NSW Department of Industry Investment Concierge Service at:
e: industry.nsw.gov.au/regional-investment
p: +61 2 8222 4888



How much funding is available?

The Regional Skills Relocation Grant will provide 250 grants of up to \$10,000 each year, for up to four years.

Who can apply?

The Regional Skills Relocation Grant is available for businesses operating in eligible industries in regional NSW. The funding is available to assist with the relocation costs of eligible skilled workers they employ who move from metropolitan areas to regional NSW.

Businesses must be operating in a regional NSW eligible industry and:

- relocating to, or setting up in, regional NSW and creating at least five ongoing full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs in a regional local community
- or
- already operating in regional NSW and seeking to recruit eligible workers.

The business must be seeking employees who:

- are relocating from a metropolitan area to regional NSW with the regional residence at least 50 kilometres from the original metropolitan residence and within the same region as the eligible business
- have an occupation listed on the NSW Department of Industry Skilled Occupation List at industry.nsw.gov.au/skilled-occupations-list
- are Australian citizens or permanent residents on the date they commence employment.



What is meant by a 'metropolitan area'?

For the purpose of this grant, metropolitan areas are defined as Greater Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong and interstate capital cities.

What is meant by 'regional NSW'?

For the purpose of this grant, regional NSW is defined as all of NSW excluding Greater Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong.

What is meant by an 'eligible industry'?

Eligible industries vary by region and are identified in the Regional Economic Development Strategies (REDS). These regions normally have a competitive advantage and tend to trade goods outside the local area or sell services to non-locals. Retail and restaurants are ineligible because they only operate and sell locally. Examples of eligible industries include:

- agriculture
- forestry
- manufacturing
- mining
- tourism.

Other eligible industries are those that provide key inputs or services to an eligible industry identified in the REDS. For example, transport and logistics are eligible where they address barriers faced by eligible industries such as agriculture and manufacturing.

In rare cases, population-serving industries that are typically ineligible may extend service provision beyond the functional economic region (FER).



These industries may be deemed eligible where it can be demonstrated that such service 'exports' are material to the FER.

Further information on industry eligibility is available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website at dpc.nsw.gov.au/REDS

What are Regional Economic Development Strategies?

The NSW Government assisted local councils to develop Regional Economic Development Strategies (REDS) based on the concept of a functional economic region (FER). FERs represent relatively self-contained areas of common economic interest, usually including more than one local government area. The REDS are informed by economic data and community input, and help to better target specific industry investments to grow or establish a regional competitive advantage. The REDS provide a clearly articulated economic development strategy for the region that can be used to inform and guide the economic development activity of councils and business. Further information on the REDS is available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website at dpc.nsw.gov.au/REDS

What relocation costs are eligible to be reimbursed?

Relocation expenses covered by this grant are for the following costs only:

- furniture removal
- travel for immediate family to relocate
- temporary accommodation for up to three months
- furniture storage for up to three months.

What constitutes immediate family?

Immediate family includes any person living as a member of the eligible employee's household immediately prior to their relocation from a metropolitan area to regional NSW. It also includes pets. Evidence of the eligibility of immediate family members will be required as part of the application process.

What is meant by 'public sector'?

The term 'public sector' refers broadly to the entities that exist and people employed for public purpose. For the purpose of this program, the public sector includes all three levels of government (federal, state and local), statutory authorities and government corporations.

What is the application process?

Businesses should register their interest with the NSW Department of Industry Investment Concierge Service at industry.nsw.gov.au/regional-investment

Registered businesses operating in eligible industries will then be invited to complete an online application form.

My business has an employee(s) that has relocated from another regional NSW town to commence employment in my regional business. Are they eligible?

No. Financial assistance is only available for skilled employees relocating from Greater Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong or an interstate capital city to regional NSW. Proof of relocation will be required to activate the grant and enable the reimbursement of relocation expenses.

How long does the employee have to be working within my business before their relocation costs can be reimbursed?

Eligible employees must:

- remain in the role for a minimum of three months before the business can lodge a claim for reimbursement of relocation costs
- have commenced their employment in the regional location after 1 October 2018.

Businesses can only claim relocation costs incurred after 1 October 2018. Businesses must have received notification of grant activation in order to submit a claim.



What evidence is required to show relocation costs have been paid?

Businesses will be required to provide copies of invoices, with evidence of payment, submitted to them by the eligible employee. Evidence of payment can include receipted invoices, copies of the general ledger, extracts of business bank statements, or direct deposit receipts.

How will the funding be administered and how will payments be made?

Payments of activated grants will be made in arrears upon submission of the reimbursement claim form. Supporting documents showing expenses incurred in the relocation and evidence of payment will need to be included. Only the relocation costs outlined in the guidelines will be reimbursed up to \$10,000. Grants will be paid electronically to the nominated business account.

How do I follow up if a grant for my business hasn't been paid?

Businesses that have submitted a reimbursement claim form can email enquiries.rsrg@industry.nsw.gov.au to enquire about the status of their payment.

Will GST apply to the grant payment?

The grant is not a taxable supply and therefore no GST will be attached to the payment. The payment will be GST-exclusive and the total available for each grant is to the maximum value of up to \$10,000.

Businesses will need to issue an invoice to the Department of Industry exclusive of any GST, and attach this, along with copies of the relevant relocation invoices and evidence of payment, to the reimbursement claim form.

Example: The eligible employee has submitted invoices to the business totalling \$8,800 including GST. The business will reimburse the employee \$8,800 and invoice the Department of Industry \$8,000 (excluding GST) when they submit their reimbursement claim form. The business may be able to claim a tax input credit for the GST of \$800 through their accounting processes.

Is the grant taxable income?

Yes, in our opinion the grant will be assessable income in the hands of the employer/grant recipient.

All information provided by the Department of Industry is general in nature and is designed to aid employers/grant recipients to formulate their own conclusions on Australian regulatory matters. The information must be applied to your current circumstances only. The employer/grant recipient should seek independent advice regarding the income consequences pertaining to the Regional Skills Relocation Grant.

What are the fringe benefits tax implications of the grant?

If the grant is used to reimburse or pay for eligible relocation costs as specified in the letter of approval and the employer meets all the requirements under the *Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act 1986* with respect to relocation costs, the reimbursed payments to employees will most likely be exempted from fringe benefit tax.

All information provided by the Department of Industry is general in nature and is designed to aid employers/grant recipients to formulate their own conclusions on Australian regulatory matters. The information must be applied to your current circumstances only. The employer/grant recipient should seek independent advice regarding the fringe benefit tax consequences pertaining to the Regional Skills Relocation Grant.



My business hasn't employed anyone from a metropolitan area yet, but may do so in the future. Should I apply now?

Businesses operating in an eligible industry seeking to employ skilled workers with an occupation on the NSW Department of Industry Skilled Occupation List (see industry.nsw.gov.au/skilled-occupations-list) should register their interest with the Investment Concierge Service at industry.nsw.gov.au/regional-investment

I'm unsure if my business is eligible to receive financial assistance. What should I do?

If you would like further information about the Regional Skills Relocation Grant or other financial assistance, you can contact the Investment Concierge Service (see contact details below).

More information

Visit the Regional Skills Relocation Grant website at industry.nsw.gov.au/regional-skills-relocation-grant

Contact us

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WHAT IS THE SNOWY HYDRO LEGACY FUND?

The NSW Government established the \$4.2 billion **Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund** with funding received from the Snowy Hydro Scheme sale to the Commonwealth.

The funding will be invested in new state-building infrastructure projects that deliver significant economic and social benefits for regional NSW.

HOW PROJECTS WILL BE IDENTIFIED

Projects must be large-scale, productive infrastructure to improve regional economic development. Projects must also reflect the investment priorities within the *20-Year Economic Vision for Regional NSW* and other government strategies such as the *NSW State Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2038*.

FIRST PRIORITIES FOR INVESTMENT

Providing water security in priority catchments:

Recognising the Hunter, Gwydir, Macquarie, Lachlan, Richmond and Bega as the highest priority areas for water security improvements through policy and infrastructure solutions.

Improving rail and road passenger transport connections:

Exploring opportunities for investing in infrastructure to improve travel between regional centres and to metropolitan areas.

Improving freight linkages: Improving regional freight networks to global gateways and development of an air freight hub in regional NSW to increase exports, particularly for producers of fresh food and perishable goods.

Improving digital connectivity across regional

NSW: Exploring digital connectivity infrastructure and innovative technologies to improve liveability, productivity and innovation in regional NSW. Business cases will explore regional data hubs, high-capacity 'backbone' data links to Sydney, and improved connectivity and data access for businesses.

Activating regional locations for increased

business investment: Providing attractive locations and conditions for targeted industries, such as the Parkes Special Activation Precinct – the state's first location for this new model of industry activation. This includes considering infrastructure investment, land supply and streamlined planning approvals.

NEXT STEPS

Work is already underway on some of these projects and the first studies will be completed in early 2019. The NSW Government has been working with local stakeholders through our strategic planning processes, and is exploring ways to work in partnership in their planning and delivery.



Building a lasting legacy in regional NSW

BE18.41 Update on Sanctuary Point Small Business Month Networking Events

HPERM Ref: D18/380686

Submitted by: Mary-Jean Lewis

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report providing an update on the Basin Business Brekky and Networking in the PM events held at Straight to the Point Café at Sanctuary Point be received for information.

Details

During Small Business Month a series of events were held and supported by the NSW Government which were aimed at helping small business owners improve their productivity, grow their business and engage with other businesses.

During Small Business Month Shoalhaven City Council received funding from the NSW Government via the Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development to deliver one or more business-focused events to celebrate Small Business Month, being the 1st – 31st October 2018.

The Basin Business Forum, collaborating with Sanctuary Point Community Pride Inc, applied for funding to host two networking events. The first event was a breakfast event held on 10 October 2018, and the second event was an evening networking event held on 25 October 2018.

Approximately 20 business representatives attended the breakfast event. This breakfast event is an ongoing event organised by the Basin Business Forum which occurs every second Tuesday of the month from 8 am and has been running since June 2018.

Approximately 60 business representatives attended the evening networking event, where speakers included John Lamont (Nowchem) and Sally Bacon (Shoalhaven City Council Economic Development Office).

Attendees to the evening networking event included dentists, web designers, real estate agents, virtual assistants, musicians, bankers, property valuers, retail shop owners, lawyers, handymen, plumbers and more.

Both Ellen Thornthwaite and Mary-Jean Lewis (co-founders of the Basin Business Forum), have many future events for the Basin area in mind and they hope to continue to grow the group and maintain its ability to reach out to local small business owners to make it a relaxed and comfortable opportunity to network with likeminded people.

The Basin Business Forum is hosting a Christmas Party which is scheduled for 15 December 2018 at the Pelican Waterfront Café in St Georges Basin.

BE18.42 South Coast Youth Leadership Forum

HPERM Ref: D18/389027

Submitted by: John Lamont

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report outlining the outcomes of assistance provided by Council to the Leadership Forum be received for information, noting that there are no fiscal implications arising from this report.

Details

A presentation will be given by Ms Avalon Bourne of Sonder Youth who is the Program Manager of the project, as funded by Regional Development Far South Coast and the Inspire Youth Australia Foundation.

In October each year the youth forum trains between 55 and 65 youth in social leadership within the community.

The event is started each year at Shoalhaven City Council with a welcome to Country and the event is hosted within the Council for facility for the day.

Sponsorship includes:

Economic Development Department. -Room Hire, storage and co-ordination, morning tea and lunch
– In kind

Youth Advisory Committee - \$1000 for the drumming workshop

Shoalhaven Water - \$1000

The Leadership Forum also spent time in the Council Chamber with the Mayor for an hour discussing local youth issues.

The organisers of the SCYLF greatly appreciate the ongoing support of Shoalhaven City Council's various departments in supporting the Youth of the Shoalhaven.

BE18.42