

Business and Employment Development Committee

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 28 August, 2019
Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 4:00pm

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BE19.22	Regional Development Australia Update	
	<i>Andrew Wales (Employment Facilitator, Far South Coast) will provide an update on behalf of Regional Development Australia, including the Regional Employment Trials for the Shoalhaven.</i>	

Membership

John Lamont – RDA – Chairperson

All Councillors

Chief Executive Officer or nominee

Fiona Phillips 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 – Milton Ulladulla Business Chamber

Alison Chiam – Shoalhaven Art Board Representative

Robert Crow – Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group

Paul Keith – Aboriginal Advisory Committee Representative

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 – 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:

Clr Patricia White
Clr John Levett
Clr Mark Kitchener
John Lamont - Chairperson
Tony Emery – representing Gareth Ward MP
Robert Crow – representing Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group
Alison Chiam – representing Shoalhaven Arts Board
Jemma Tribe – representing Shoalhaven Business Chamber
David Goodman – representing Shoalhaven Sports Board
Anna Finch – representing Shoalhaven Professional Business Association
Fiona Hatcher – representing Regional Development Australia FSC
Peter Masterson – representing Department of Industry, Innovation & Science
Donna Payne – representing NSW Department of Premier & Cabinet
Lexie Meyer – Community
James Coburn – Community
Mary-Jean Lewis – representing Milton Ulladulla Business Chamber
Stephen Dunshea - Acting General Manager

Also present:

Andrew Wales – Employment Facilitator Far South Coast
Marianne Jones – Economic Development Officer
Shannan Perry-Hall - Tourism Investments & Events Specialist

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Clr Gash, Kaye Morris, Paul Keith, Greg Pullen (Economic Development Manager), Coralie Bell (Tourism Manager) and Cathy Bern (Manager, Development Services).

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (Jemma Tribe / Lexie Meyer)

That:

1. The Minutes of the Business and Employment Development Committee held on Wednesday 27 February 2019 be confirmed.

2. Russ Pigg (General Manager) be thanked by the Committee for his input.

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

Nil

REPORTS

BE19.7 BE18.27 - Outstanding Action - AusIndustry Update - report received - sub-committee formed - Incubator Hub **HPERM Ref: D19/66520**

Fiona Hatcher (Regional Development Australia) suggested an option 3 could have been included: To implement the original resolution of the Committee (BE18.27):

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.

Peter Masterson (Department of Industry, Innovation & Science) clarified that an incubator hub differs from a co-working space, which offers desk space rental and, often, add-on office services. Co-working spaces are good for sole operators. An incubator (or accelerator) hub is more suited to a tech startup or intellectual property startup, developing a new product or service. Applicants are required to go through an assessment process and pass a structured course that covers areas such as marketing, branding, digital strategy, pitching for funding. He advised that an Incubator Hub should only be pursued if there are potential tech startups in the region. A 'pipeline' of startups would be needed to obtain Government funding. AusIndustry will offer advice but they lack the local knowledge that the Committee can provide.

It was agreed to constitute the sub-committee as previously resolved, allowing for changes of representatives.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the action to form a sub-committee to consider options for an Innovation Hub in Nowra be reviewed.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That

1. The Committee reaffirm its previous resolution to form a sub-committee to consider options for an Incubator Hub in Nowra.
2. The sub-committee comprise the membership as previously determined, updated to reflect changes in representation since the original resolution.

CARRIED

BE19.8 South East Australian Transport Strategy (SEATS) **HPERM Ref: D19/167289**

Clr White reported on the recent SEATS meeting which she had attended with Marianne Jones

(Economic Development Officer). SEATS involves councils from Wollongong south to Melbourne, including inland councils. Initially working on connecting freight movements, the group now includes tourism and other activities relating to roads, air, and ports. It works as a group to lobby State and Federal government and industry stakeholders on transport matters.

This most recent meeting followed the State elections in NSW and Victoria, plus the upcoming Federal election, which provided the opportunity to advocate for priority projects with the candidates. SEATS is pressing for 80:20 funding for the Princes Highway.

The NSW Government is moving the RMS to become part of Transport for NSW from 1 July. Senior Transport and Roads Minister Andrew Constance will have overall responsibility. The RMS Southern Region NSW has a new Local Government Liaison officer.

\$960M has been awarded with the commitment to duplicate the Princes Highway to the NSW-Victoria border. This will include upgrading the Princes Highway intersection with Jervis Bay Road. Other improvements are planned from Burrill Lake to Batemans Bay, and for the Moruya bypass, where work on the highway is to be combined with the building of a new regional hospital that will front onto it.

The Federal Government has promised \$500M for the Princes Highway, \$400M of which will fund the Milton Ulladulla bypass.

There is a problem of capacity for jobs, and finding enough contractors to fill the jobs. There are RMS training centres at Bomaderry and Batemans Bay with new trainees. The capacity for jobs will have flow-on effects on rents and services.

The estimated cost of duplicating the highway to the border \$16 billion, and will take 10 to 15 years. The 80:20 funding that SEATS is seeking will boost if can be obtained.

The GHD strategy report on the Princes Highway from Wollongong to Adelaide is due to be released at the end of May. David Goodman asked about the Nowra bypass road, and Cllr White anticipated it may be noted in the GHD strategy report.

Shoalhaven City Council is being funded by SEATS to undertake a project, led by the Economic Development team, to set out the priority projects from a local government perspective.

Cllr White confirmed the road section from Nerriga to Braidwood is not being upgraded to B-Double standard.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committee receive the report about the involvement of the Economic Development Office in SEATS for information.

RESOLVED (David Goodman / Alison Chiam)

That the Committee receive the report about the involvement of the Economic Development Office in SEATS for information.

CARRIED

BE19.9 Development in Shoalhaven - Significant Projects

**HPERM Ref:
D19/169312**

The Committee accepted the report for information.

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 (Fiona Hatcher / Robert Crow)

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

CARRIED

BE19.10 Report of the NSW Premier & Cabinet - Illawarra Shoalhaven DPC Regional**HPERM Ref:
D19/158758**

Donna Payne (NSW Department of Premier & Cabinet) explained that there had been some changes to the machinery of government, which mean that the functions of the regional group will be moving into a new, large Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. The function and staffing will remain the same.

Planning for the STEMship VET pre-employment program is going well. The first cohort will be starting in July/August.

The guidelines for the new round of Stronger Country Communities Fund grants will be released in the second half of June. There will be a particular focus on youth targeted programs.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That this report be received by the Committee for information.

RESOLVED (Donna Payne / Peter Masterson)

That this report be received by the Committee for information.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS**BE19.11 Report of the Shoalhaven Business Chamber**

Jemma Tribe (Shoalhaven Business Chamber) spoke to the Shoalhaven Business Chamber report for the period January to March 2019. The report had been submitted in advance but had not been included on the agenda due to communication issues.

- The Lunch & Learn series has been booked out, and has been very well received. Topics included Government Services to Support Your Business and Savvy Solopreneurs.
- The Twilight Garden Party for Women in Business was also successful.
- The Women's Conference last week attracted some 300 attendees.
- Two Meet the Candidates Breakfasts had been held with State and Federal candidates.
- The 2019 Shoalhaven Business Awards Gala Season is to be launched on 30 May. The portal on the SBC website will go live and will show past winners, unveil the Awards theme and categories. The Gala Night will be on Friday 23 August.

RESOLVED (Jemma Tribe / Donna Payne)

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

CARRIED

BE19.13 Additional Item - Information Updates from Members**Shoalhaven Arts Board**

Alison Chiam (Shoalhaven Arts Board) reported on the Shoalhaven Arts Board's recent round of Professional Grants. Another round will be made available in the next financial year.

The Contemporary NOW Art Prize will be run in August. Sponsorship opportunities are still available, and interested sponsors should contact Bronwyn Coulston (Manager, Arts & Culture).

The Arts Board is also working on establishing a Foundation for the Arts, aimed at infusing money into the community for arts related projects. A working group is drafting the constitution and seeking seed funding. Donations to the Foundation will be tax-deductible.

Shoalhaven Professional Business Association

Anna Finch (Shoalhaven Professional Business Association) reported that the 10 Year Anniversary of the SPBA will be celebrated on 14 June. The event will include the graduation of the 14 mentorees.

On 13 June SPBA will hold its bi-monthly breakfast meeting for mentorees on The Great Pitch.

The Shoalhaven Young Professionals Mentoring program will be finishing in June.

Anna noted the Executive Compass 2.0 leadership program, funded by Building Better Regions Fund.

SPBA is working with the Allied Health network, forming a chapter. People in Allied Health professions are often small business owners.

Clr Digiglio acknowledged SPBA for their engagement with health. The Shoalhaven has a high ageing population and many with disabilities, and this is part of the economic platform. It is important to work together with businesses and workers to maintain health and wellness, and attract professionals to the area.

TAFE

John Lamont presented the update provided by Kate Morris. On 30 April Nowra TAFE held a Manufacturing Training needs focus group to discuss ways in which TAFE could support and provide relevant training to the Shoalhaven Manufacturing Industry sector. A proposed action was the establishment of a Shoalhaven Advanced Manufacturing Skills Cluster. The group is to meet regularly to serve as a think tank for manufacturing across the Shoalhaven. Their meeting proposed the following course development at Nowra TAFE:

- Cert I Manufacturing - commencing 3 June. Names of interested participants may be sent to Kaye.morris@tafensw.edu.au
- Investigation and development of entry-level program in Process Manufacturing.
- Further the discussion to develop an entry-level training in Lab Technology. This course will be a generic entry level program, possibly a Skill Set taken from the Cert III in Lab Technology.
- The welding program for existing workers in the Manufacturing industries is now full.

Regional Development Australia

Fiona Hatcher reported that the SYVI Program is continuing. The South Coast Youth Leadership Forum Has been extended to the Bega Valley, and will be taken into Jervis Bay Territory.

Department of Jobs and Small Business

Andrew Wales is the Employment Facilitator for the Far South Coast, an area where there are significant employment issues. The department is working to identify innovative projects to be funded that address local employment needs. Currently they are dealing with 13 projects – there are 50 in the pipeline. Andrew works with them to refine the project until they are viable; they are

then assessed by a panel from the RDA; the RDA provide feedback to Andrew and the proponents; a formal application then goes to AusIndustry, then to the Department of Small Business office. Three projects among the number due for approval are located in the Shoalhaven.

Office of Gareth Ward MP

Tony Emery reported that the Business Chamber Policy Committee is concerned about the intersection designs north and south of the Nowra Bridge. RMS have reported the submissions back to the community. Shoalhaven Council should be more proactive in releasing the design plans for the ENSA and Moss Street vicinity, to secure the debate and uptake from politicians that would help obtain funding.

Bundanon Trust has received \$22M funding from the Federal Government this budget, provided over three years, towards the master plan at Riversdale. This is positive for employment and visitation. There have been some issues around the development application which are being addressed. It is hoped that work will commence in February. As a member of the Bundanon Trust Board, Tony wished to thank Shoalhaven City Council on behalf of the Board Management for its support in obtaining finance at State and Federal level, and assisting with the design and DA issues; in particular he thanked Development Services staff and Russ Pigg.

Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group

Rob Crow (Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group) noted that Shoalhaven Tourism has recently won awards for the 100 Beach Challenge campaign: first place at state level and second place at national level. The campaign is aimed at educating locals as well as visitors about the variety of destinations. Evidence is accruing at statistical level that the flow of tourists is starting to become consistent across the year. The Events team's efforts are helping to spread traffic across the year.

General Manager

Stephen Dunshea (Acting General Manager) noted the Draft Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Budget for 2019/2020 is on public exhibition until 6 June. Submissions are welcome. Several community information sessions have been held across the city. Council is improving the transparency of these documents – the detailed capital works program gives an indication of when projects likely to happen.

A number of traineeships are open at the moment across Council, facilitated by Hunter Valley Training Corporation, aimed at young people looking for their first employment first opportunity or anyone seeking to re-enter the workforce. These are 12 month administrative positions. Details can be found on the HVTC website.

Stephen announced that in addition to Russ Pigg's retirement in August, Carmel Krogh (Director, Shoalhaven Water) is resigning, effective the end of July, to take up her new role as President of the Australian Water Association.

David Goodman congratulated Shoalhaven Water and Council on the recent recognition of its water quality.

RESOLVED (Clr White / Lexie Meyer)

That the General Business Updates be received for information.

CARRIED

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

Mr John Lamont
CHAIRPERSON

BE19.14 Performance of the Shoalhaven Economy - June 2019

HPERM Ref: D19/275196

Group: CEO Group
Section: Economic Development

Purpose / Summary

To update the committee on recent economic trends

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report by the Economic Development Manager on Shoalhaven economic trends as at June 2019 be received for information.

Options

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

Background

There are several releases of data from the ABS and various Government agencies that have presented quite positive news for the Shoalhaven economy.

Population

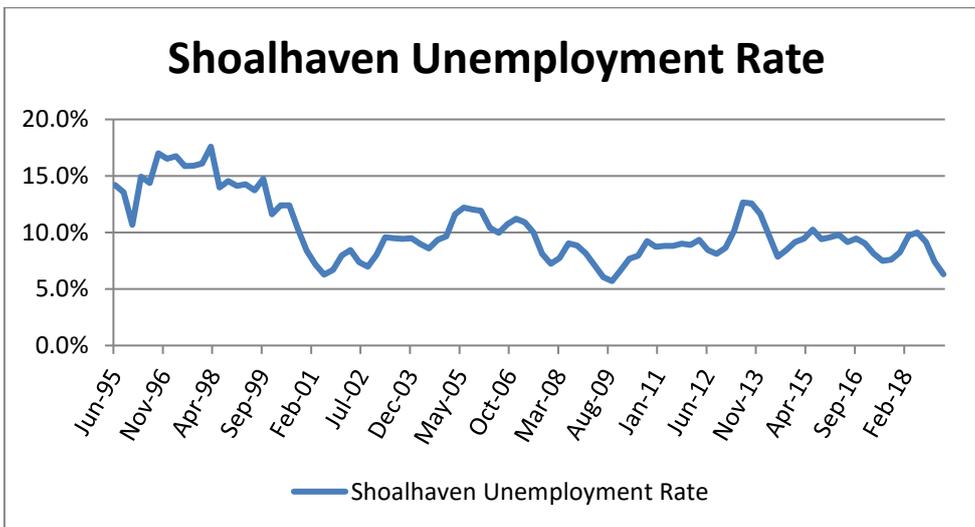
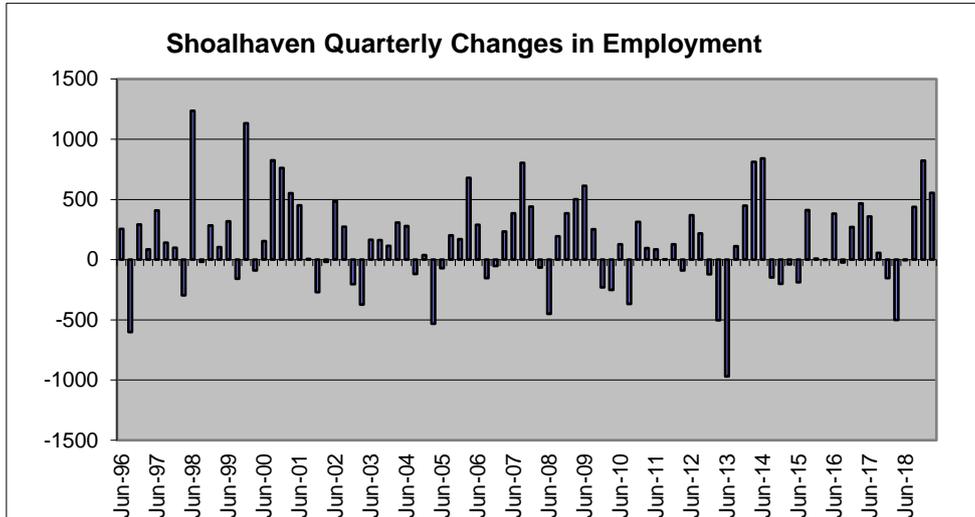
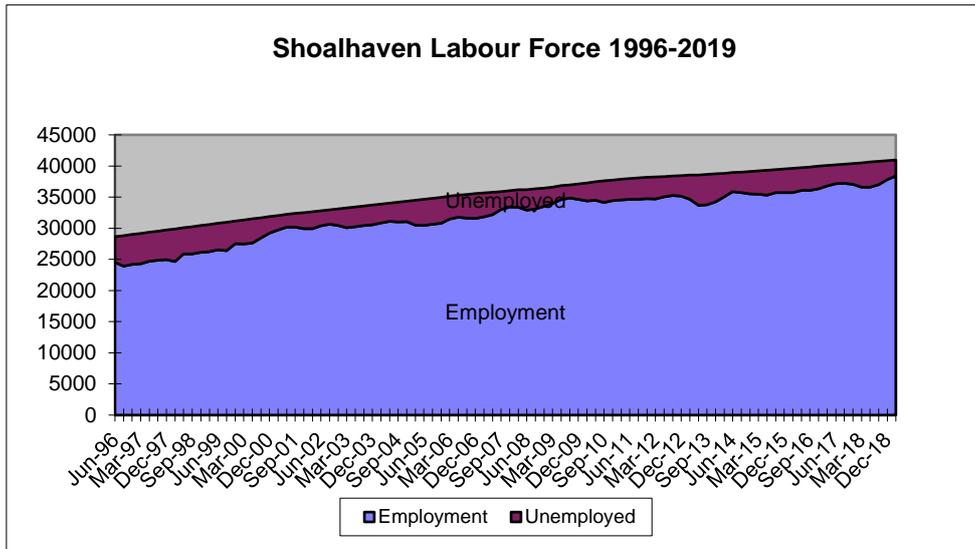
In the June quarter 2019 the Estimated Residential Population of Shoalhaven would have passed 105,000. This figure is derived by extrapolating the most recent ABS ERP series forward from June 2018.

Labour Market

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

	Population	% change	Employment	% change	Unemployment	% change
Mar-19	104911	13%	38392	13%	2576	-1%
Mar-09	93206	13%	34001	30%	2599	-41%
Mar-99	82734	32%	26251	23%	4371	60%
Mar-89	62721		21399		2730	

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The latest unemployment rate for Shoalhaven is 6.27% which would be close to “full” employment in a regional area like Shoalhaven. Of concern would be that the majority of the unemployed are “youth” (aged below 25).

There would also be underemployment in the employed labour force owing to factors such as casualisation and lifestyle choices.

Industry is generally reporting difficulties in recruiting staff, especially those with skills.

The local trends are consistent with those on the national scene, but for an area that traditionally has had unemployment rates at least 50% above the state and national averages, the current situation is quite positive.

CAPEX Indicator

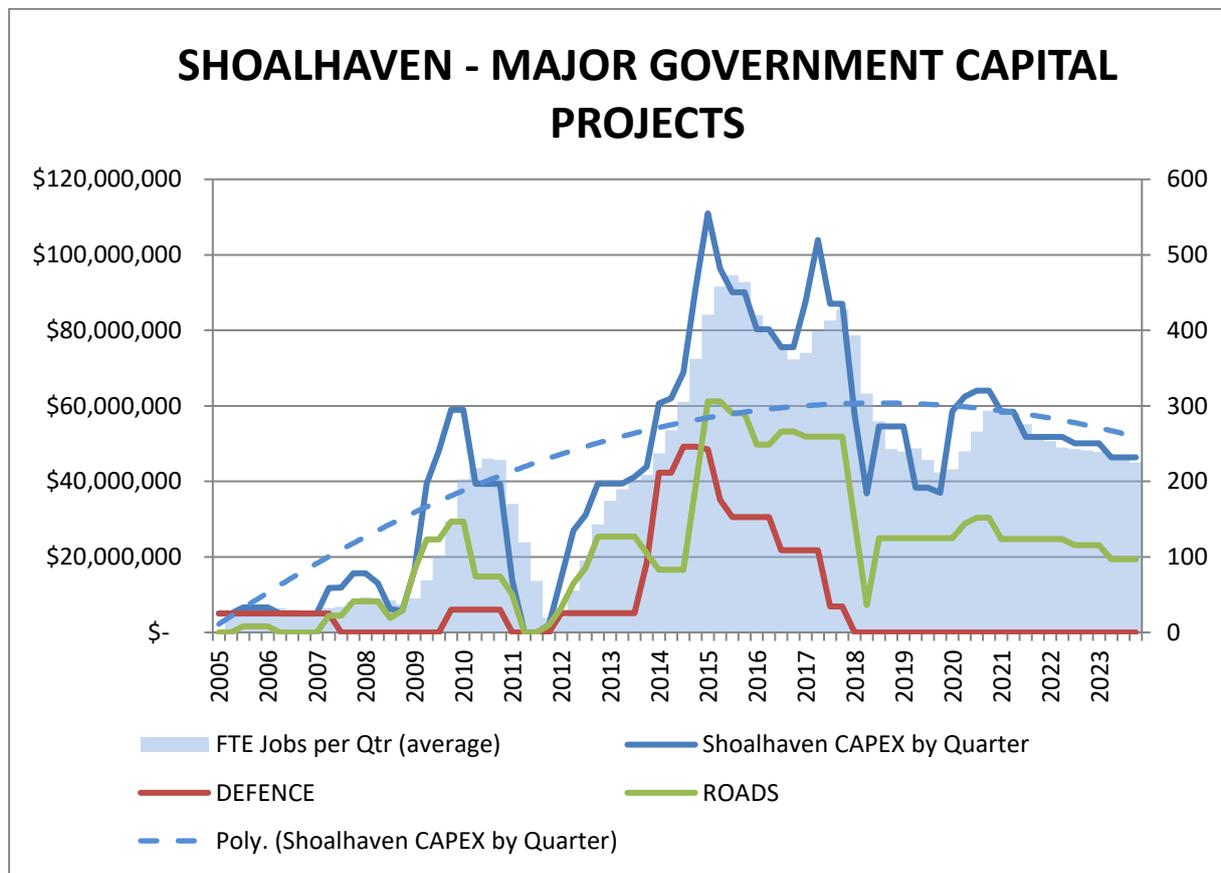
The current major Capital Projects by Government during the past year are:

- Princes Highway – Bomaderry to Berry
- Shoalhaven River Bridge Design
- Shoalhaven Medical Precinct planning including Carpark construction
- South Coast Correctional Centre (Project now completed)
- Shoalhaven Water – Nowra Sewer upgrade

Impending projects include:

- Shoalhaven River Bridge
- Rail upgrade – Bomaderry to Berry
- Shoalhaven Hospital upgrade

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The level of employment that is within these major projects is quite high, currently around 250 FTEs, and this will be decreasing the unemployment levels. The “Skills Legacy

Programs” being run in conjunction with major state and federal project are also addressing the issue of youth unemployment as well as within other local disadvantaged groups.

Economic Indicators

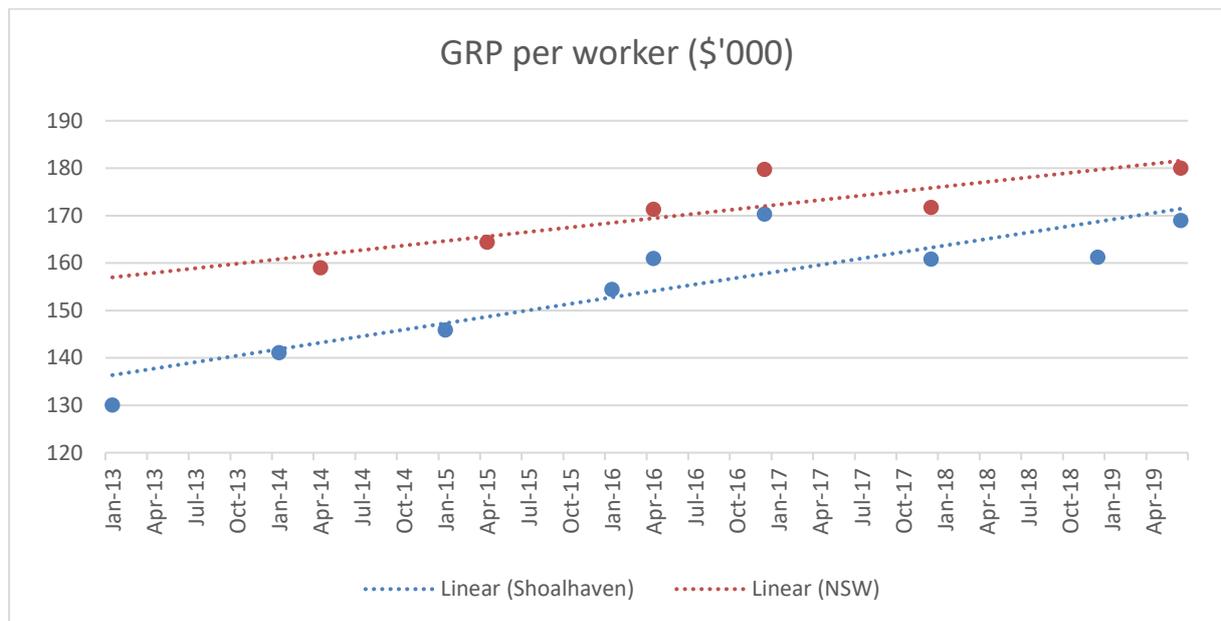
Since 2013 Council has been monitoring the Gross Regional Product (GRP) for the Shoalhaven LGA. This is calculated by REMPLAN using the expenditure method gathered through the National Accounts and ATO data.

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.

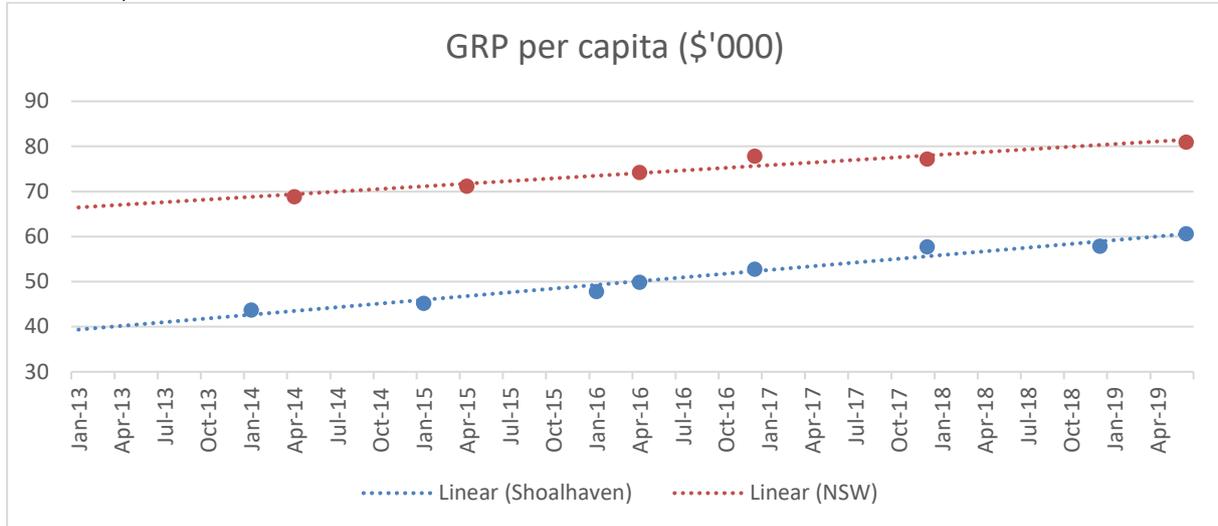
GRP Expenditure Method	\$M
Household Consumption	\$5,236.718
Government Consumption	\$1,491.655
Private Gross Fixed Capital Expenditure	\$1,617.820
Public Gross Fixed Capital Expenditure	\$366.205
Gross Regional Expenses	\$8,712.397
plus Regional Exports	\$3,050.480
minus Domestic Imports	-\$4,875.351
minus Overseas Imports	-\$847.559
Gross Regional Product	\$6,040.0m
Per Capita GRP (\$'000)	\$60,612
Per Worker GRP (\$'000)	\$168,945

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Of interest is that the GRP per worker and GRP per capita are actually moving towards the NSW average as shown in the graphs below:



This demonstrates that the Shoalhaven economy is moving ahead in the industry sectors that have above average productivity, export income and employment such as Public Administration & Safety (incl Defence), Construction, Manufacturing, Finance & Insurance Services, and Accommodation & Food Services.



Over time the GRP will move closer to the NSW average and Shoalhaven is trending quite positively:

	Shoalhaven GRP	Index / worker
January 2013	\$3.738b	92.2
January 2014	\$4.056b	100.0
January 2015	\$4.193b	103.4
January 2016	\$4.439b	109.4
December 2017	\$5.750b	114.0
June 2019	\$6.040b	119.7

The sustainability of our industry sectors is reflected in these figures and other factors such as the agricultural outputs from this area despite being drought affected, but our reliance on the irrigation from the REMS scheme, our fishing and aquaculture sectors and the timber harvesting and processing sectors maintain the overall production.

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

Port Macquarie LGA	\$5.028b
Mid Coast LGA	\$4.639b
Port Stephens LGA	\$5.049b
Maitland LGA	\$4.762b
Muswellbrook LGA	\$2.478b
Newcastle LGA	\$17.680b
Lake Macquarie LGA	\$10.288b
Hawkesbury LGA	\$4.494b
Blue Mountains LGA	\$3.233b
Wollongong LGA	\$13.984b
Shellharbour LGA	\$2.931b
Kiama LGA	\$0.890b
Shoalhaven LGA	\$6.040b
Inland	

Dubbo LGA	\$3.579b
Albury LGA	\$3.879b

Policy Implications

The trends exhibited by the Shoalhaven economy are quite positive and much of this can be attributed to the pipeline of government infrastructure projects for which Council has played a major lobbying role. The continuance of this leadership role is essential, or the Shoalhaven may not sustain this growth and fall back into an era when unemployment was too high.

BE19.15 Princes Highway Corridor Strategy

HPERM Ref: D19/271328

Group: CEO Group
Section: Economic Development

Attachments: 1. EDO April 2019 Federal Government Princes Highway Corridor Strategy Submission Shoalhaven City Council (under separate cover) ⇄

Purpose / Summary

To inform the Business and Employment Development Committee about Shoalhaven City Council's submission to the Princes Highway Corridor Strategy.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on the Princes Highway Corridor Strategy be accepted for information.

Options

1. Accept the report as written
2. Propose and adopt an alternative resolution

Background

The Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities (DIRDC) has engaged GHD Advisory to work in partnership with the Australian, NSW, Victorian and SA Governments to deliver a Princes Highway Corridor Strategy. The strategy will seek to integrate planning along the entire corridor and align asset management priorities and investments.

The Princes Highway Corridor Strategy will develop an evidence base to underpin a 'whole-of-corridor' perspective of the current and future role of the Princes Highway, including economic, social and environmental factors. It will support meaningful engagement with industry and key stakeholders and provide the evidence necessary to allow governments to make informed investment decisions.

The objectives of the Strategy are:

- Promoting better access and connectivity to and along the corridor
- Improving safety and providing efficient driving conditions along the length of the corridor
- Activating the corridor as a means to drive better regional development and industry performance
- Promoting more efficient and environmentally sustainable use of the corridor
- Supporting corridor investments which are value adding, well-informed and linked together as part of an overarching vision for the corridor.

The Australian Government is delivering the Strategy in partnership with the NSW Government, the Government of Victoria and the Government of South Australia. The Princes Highway Corridor Strategy will be delivered by late 2019.

The Princes Highway is a national road asset running along the southeast coast of Australia, beginning in Sydney and ending in Port Augusta. Part of Australia's Highway 1 network, the 1,941 km route extends through New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, and serves as an important connection between the metropolitan centres of Sydney, Wollongong, Melbourne, Geelong and Adelaide.

Excluding capital cities, over 1 million people live in the local government areas traversed by the Princes Highway, with an estimated 50% living in urban centres or townships. The highway supports from below 1,000 vehicles per day in rural sections to over 60,000 vehicles per day in urban centres.

The highway is also an iconic tourist road, forming part of the Grand Pacific Drive along the New South Wales south coast and links to the Great Ocean Road on the west Victorian coast. The route is a strategically important corridor for freight movements and provides regional industries such as forestry, metal manufacturing, timber, beef, seafood, horticulture and dairy producers with access to domestic markets and major ports.

In February 2019, GHD Advisory released the 'Princes Highway Corridor Strategy – Issues Paper'. The Issues Paper summarised a number of issues and opportunities to be considered in the development of the Princes Highway Corridor Strategy. The purpose of the Issues Paper is to identify broad issues and opportunities rather than site specific projects.

GHD Advisory sought feedback on the Issues Paper up to 12 April 2019. Shoalhaven City Council provided a written submission. The submission is attached for information.

Community Engagement

The engagement by GHD has been with councils, government agencies, industry, business associations, transport interest groups and the like. The request for further information that was not raised in the initial consultative phase was sought from interested parties and the attached submission by Council sought to raise some additional items along the corridor that had not been raised.

Policy Implications

The Economic Development Office advocates for projects and investment in the region for the betterment of the people of the Shoalhaven. Submissions are in line with Shoalhaven City Council's Community Strategic Plan and underlying plans and strategies.

BE19.16 SPBA Personal and Professional Mentor Program 2019 - a Business Support Program sponsored by the Economic Development Office

HPERM Ref: D19/245079

Group: CEO Group
Section: Economic Development

Purpose / Summary

To provide the Committee with an overview of a program delivering personal and professional development to staff from local businesses.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on the Shoalhaven Professional Business Association SPBA Personal and Professional Mentor Program 2019, a Business Support Program sponsored by the Economic Development Office, be received for information

Options

1. Endorse the recommendation as written
2. Propose and adopt an alternate resolution

Background

2019 marks the sixth year that the SPBA Young Professional Mentor Program has been delivered for the Shoalhaven Professional Business Association. 84 young professionals have graduated from the program – and 58 mentors have shared and given of their time, experience and knowledge. Some of our mentors have been past mentorees and other mentors have become mentorees.

The 2019 program commenced at capacity with 15 mentorees and 15 mentors. One mentoree left the program after the mentoree briefing, citing ‘unable to commit the time needed’, which left 14 mentorees. 14 mentorees and 14 mentors graduated from the program.

Shoalhaven City Council (through the Economic Development Office for the last five years and Shoalwater in the first year) and UOW Shoalhaven Campus have supported the SPBA Young Professional Mentor Program since its inception – and their support is highly valued and appreciated; without this support the program would not be delivered.

A Management Committee matches the mentoree with the mentor and takes time and allows for robust discussion to ensure the matching is appropriate. Each year, mentorees and mentors give feedback on how well this process works. Members of the Management Committee attend both mentor and mentoree briefings to gain a better understanding of the participants to enable the matching to be appropriate. This is

appreciated by all the mentorees and mentors and enhances the Management Committee's understanding of the program participants.

The program was launched in January which enabled interested mentorees and mentors to hear firsthand about the program from mentorees and mentors, as well as to have the timetable for the program to consider the commitment.

A primary area of marketing is through referrals and recommendations. As the program is now in its sixth year, the 80+ mentorees who have graduated through the program recommend to their networks and peers to register to be part of the program. The Shoalhaven business community also sees value in the program, and financially backs employees to be a mentoree – some businesses have had mentorees in almost every year of the program.

The referrals and recommendations are just not for the mentorees. Newly arrived professionals usually in management positions, are encouraged to mentor by other mentors to increase their networks, knowledge of the local area, and to gain new friendships. SPBA has benefited from the calibre of mentors this program has attracted.

Each year the SPBA mentor program stages an event to promote young professionals in the region – to build confidence and to create opportunities for teamwork and challenge. This year it was The Great Pitch. The Great Pitch filled the SPBA breakfast in June and attracted new professionals to SPBA.

The 2019 program

- Attracted new professionals to the program as mentorees
- Attracted seven new mentors to the program – some mentors new to SPBA
- Grew the membership base of SPBA
- Enabled current members to be either part of the program as mentorees and/or mentors and to have the opportunity to offer professional development to their teams/staff.

The mentors are the key ingredient that enables this program to be a success. As volunteers, mentors bring an expectation and a willingness to contribute to growing young professionals in the region – and for regional growth. Without exception, the mentors come with no other purpose other than to support and build up their mentorees.

This wonderful spirit of sharing and giving can be disappointing if the mentoree withdraws from the program or if the mentoree does not commit fully to the program.

Graduation

The graduation of the mentorees and to thank our mentors was held on Friday 14 June 2019 as part of the 10 year celebration of SPBA.

Program Aims and Deliverables

Feedback from both mentorees and mentors (see below overview) reflect that the aims of the program were delivered.

Program Aims	Achieved for Mentorees	Achieved for Mentors
Greater connections and networks within young professionals	100%	100%
Greater connections and networks widely among Shoalhaven professionals and young professionals	100%	100%
Increased knowledge and skills	100%	100%
Increased personal confidence	100%	100%
Learning opportunities	100%	100%
The opportunity for members to engage more fully with young professionals	90%	100%
Acknowledgement and recognition of Shoalhaven young professionals	75%	100%
Increased profile and reputation of SPBA	Not asked	100%
Delivery of member needs in 2018 for SPBA	Not asked	100%
Presentation opportunities within SPBA	87.5%	90%
Increased awareness of knowledge, skills and experience of people in the Shoalhaven.	100%	100%

Observations

1. As in previous years, the mentorees (and mentors) who attend all sessions gain much more from the program. Not just in knowledge but in networks, engagement, building relationships and confidence. The Knowledge Tables were well attended at the beginning and not as well attended at the end by mentorees. The mentorees who attended all the sessions gained more from the program – evident by the feedback.
2. There was a very high level of expertise, knowledge and experience brought to the program by the mentors.
3. Mentors new to the region gained from widening networks and connections with the SPBA community.
4. The Pitch worked well, with everyone part of a Pitching Team.
5. One mentoree (not a professional) responded that matching worked well – her feedback requested ‘more structure to the program’ and noted ‘uncertainty if on the right path’
6. All mentors have their own style. Mentors adjust their style to suit the needs of the mentorees. Some mentorees are enthusiastic and enjoy a greater challenge where the mentor takes on a more ‘coach’ role. Other mentorees require space to talk over situations without too much challenge where the mentor occupies a more ‘mentor’ space – listening and sharing experiences. The balance is fine – especially with mentorees not able to communicate clearly to the mentor to change pace. This is covered in both the mentor and mentoree briefings.

Financially the SPBA Personal and Professional Mentor Program is budgeted to break even. With the “in kind” contribution taken into account the program has a value of approximately \$35,800. In 2019, the program ran at a slight deficit.

The SPBA will consider a recommendation to offer the same program in 2020.

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Community Engagement

This unique program involves a number of Shoalhaven businesses and business people and is considered to make a vital contribution to business growth in the region.

Financial Implications

Council, through the Economic Development Office, has been the major financial sponsor of this program via a “sponsorship” commitment underwritten in a Memorandum of Understanding with the Shoalhaven Professional Business Association.

BE19.17 Development in Shoalhaven - Significant Projects

HPERM Ref: D19/169320

Group: Planning Environment & Development Group
Section: Development Services

Attachments: 1. No Progress or Recent Approvals [↓](#)
2. Larger Applications under Assessment [↓](#)

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 Chief Executive Officer (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).

Address	Locality	Reference No.	Description	Value	App Date	Status & Comments
Lot 1433, Talimba Rd	Bangalee	SF10230	23 lot residential subdivision	\$920,000	18/05/2013	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.
132 Forster Drive	Bawley Pt	DA18/1212	Show jumping arena	\$8,362,817	08/03/2019	Relatively recent approval.
	Berry	SF10651	Industrial subdivision	\$1,500,000	03/06/2019	Relatively recent approval.
	Bomaderry	DA18/1000	Multi dwelling housing	\$6,000,000	28/05/2019	Refused on 30 November 2018. Consent issued via 8.2 Review.
7 Vicia Way	Bomaderry	DA18/1632	Stage development - general industry / storage	\$2,009,624	07/03/2019	Relatively recent approval.
314 Princes Hwy	Bomaderry	DA17/2492	Alterations /additions to vehicle sales premises	\$4,066/067	17/09/2018	Relatively recent approval.
Narang Rd	Bomaderry	DA16/1737	Proposed Aldi	\$6,471,630	11/11/2016	No information available regarding applicant's intentions.
212 Prince Edward Ave	Culburra Beach	DA13/2335	Internal Alterations to Existing Club	\$1,000,000	30/01/2014	CC issued for Stage 1 on 18/8/2014 for mens locker room and shed. Interim CC issued for stage 1.
D681 Princes Hwy	Falls Creek	DA16/1843	Factory Extension & New Building	\$1,415,500	01/02/2018	Relatively recent approval. Modification application DS18/1480 determined 9/5/19.
76884 Greenwell Pt Rd and Goodnight Island	Greenwell Point	06_0034 (3A08/1009)	Tourist development	\$25,000,000	29/11/2009 – Dept of Planning - 5 yr approval	Council is in receipt of a CC.
Fegen St	Huskisson	DA17/2574	Residential Flat Buildings (25 Units)	\$8,164,240	04/01/2019	No information on file beyond the development consent.
	Huskisson	DA18/1502	Beach St - Residential Flat Building	\$4,205,304	07/08/2019	Relatively recent approval.
24 Duranbah Drive	Huskisson	DA17/2808	Industrial Development - 8 Units	\$1,260,000	25/05/2018	Approved 25 May 2018. Section 138 Approval issued 11/09/2018
369 Jacks Corner Rd	Kangaroo Valley	DA12/2134	Commercial Additions - Refurbishment and New Construction works of Scotts College Facility.	\$4,260,000	23/04/2013	No information on file beyond the development consent.
17 Forest Rd	Kiola	DA17/2476	Seniors Living Development - 10 dwellings	\$2,150,000	24/07/2018	Approved 24/07/18
1 Norman St	Lake Conjola	DA16/2088	Staged expansion of caravan Park	\$5,375,000	14/09/2016	Approved 14 Sept 2016. CC issued 15 Nov 2017. Construction commenced.
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. Shoalhaven Water issues to resolve as per conditions of development consent.
Curvers Dr	Manyana	DA09/2627	New Commercial - Proposed Supermarket, Retail Shops & Professional Suites	\$3,300,000	19/10/2010	DA approved 19 Oct 2010 - CC issued. Clearing carried out to activate the consent. This site is subject to a new PP.
38 Croobyar Rd	Milton	DA18/1607	Alterations / additions to Church & Manse	\$3,888,500	13/09/2018	Relatively recent approval.
Croobyar Rd	Milton	RA10/1005	Seniors Living Development	\$93,000,000	02/12/2010	Development consent secured (letter dated 11/12/2015) TRIM D15/370201
88 Ocean St	Mollymook	DA11/2125	3 Storey holiday apartments	\$1,486,000	13/03/2012	Alleged physical commencement.
Ocean St	Mollymook Beach	DA07/2052	79 Residential Apartments	\$25,000,000	05/12/2007	Consent activated by demolition and awaiting 'presales'.
Federation Place	North Nowra	DA17/2321	Multi dwelling housing	\$1,780,000	29/08/2018	Relatively recent approval.
	Nowra	DA19/1121	Demolition of existing Anglicare development - residential flat building	\$8,021,202	11/07/2019	Relatively recent approval.
87 Bridge Rd	Nowra	DA18/2122	Alterations and Additions to Hotel	\$2,025,340	09/04/2019	Relatively recent approval.
79 Osborne St	Nowra	DA18/1618	Residential Housing - Senior's Housing & Affordable Units (30)	\$6,430,000	07/06/2018	Approved 8/2/2019
Berry St	Nowra	RA15/1000	Multi level car park	\$15,000,000	05/12/2018	Regional Planning Panel approved 28/11/2018
160 Kinghorne St	Nowra	DA17/2242	Units/Flats - demolition of existing dwelling and construction of six medium density units	\$950,000	28/05/2018	Approved via 8.2 review. CC issued May 2019
28-30 East St	Nowra	DA11/2220	Proposed Retail Commercial Building - 3 Shops	\$900,000	27/04/2012	No CC
Lot 1 Junction Street	Nowra	DA05/3342	Stockland (LEDA) – Commercial Retail Shopping Complex	\$65,000,000	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.
148 Kinghorne St	Nowra	DA13/2033	Proposed 9 serviced apartments & demolish existing residence & garage	\$848,000	11/12/2013	No CC however discussions with Council officers file notes indicate a modification to the consent may be sought.

Nothing on file that consent has been acted upon - to be deleted as lapse date has passed

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Address	Locality	Reference No.	Description	Value	App Date	Status & Comments
90 Kalandar Street	Nowra	DA15/2698	Commercial Additions and Alterations (Archer Hotel)	\$1,550,000.00	17/06/2018	Approved
	Shoalhaven Heads	DA19/1012	Demolition of structures, tree removal and construction of 10 detached dwellings	\$2,875,000.00	23/05/2019	Relatively recent approval.
Old Southern Rd	South Nowra	SF10631	58 Lot subdivision	\$3,240,000.00	24/04/2019	Relatively recent approval (south of Twin Waters).
159 Princes Highway	South Nowra	DA18/1598	Demolition of warehouse, lot consolidation & construction of new warehouse (Bunnings)	\$27,878,000.00	01/03/2019	Relatively recent approval.
20 Norfolk Ave	South Nowra	DA18/2054	Concrete Batching Plant	\$2,000,000.00	12/02/2019	Approved, CC application lodged June 2019
32 Trim St	South Nowra	DA18/1732	Industrial Development - 18 Units	\$2,950,000.00	30/10/2018	CC issued March 2019. Work has commenced on site.
241 Old Southern Rd	South Nowra	DA17/2480	Child care centre	\$1,300,000.00	21/08/2018	Relatively recent approval.
5 Enterprise Ave	South Nowra	DA17/1849	New commercial building with office fitout.	\$1,471,000.00	05/01/2018	Modification applicaiton to be lodged
244 Princes Hwy	South Nowra	DA04/2927	Bulky Goods Retailing/Industrial Complex	\$5,000,000	16/12/2010	Site prepatory works undertaken.
82 Hillcrest Avenue	South Nowra	DA14/2369	11 New Units and Renovations to existing dwelling	\$1,190,000	31/10/2014	Approved 11 September 2015. s138 approval issued.
95 Albatross Rd	West Nowra	DA17/1195	Multi dwelling housing - 23 dwellings	\$3,213,000	19/07/2018	Relatively recent approval.
7 Golf Course Way	Sussex Inlet	SF10425	79 Lot Subdivision	\$4,000,000	30/05/2017	Converted to operational consent in December. CC for the roundabout approved 13/3/2019.
18 Iverson Rd	Sussex Inlet	DA18/2227	Commercial Alterations & Additions (Senior's Living)	\$2,493,000	06/01/2017	Relatively recent approval.
771 Illaroo Rd	Tapitallee	SF105555	49 Lot Large Lot Subdivision	\$1,920,000	14/01/2019	Relatively recent approval.
Bayly Road	Tomerong	DA14/1236	24 Site Caravan Park, Amenities, Storage and BBQ area.	\$250,000	10/08/2014	Operational consent issued 4 July 2018
	Ulladulla	DA18/2230	Alterations and additions to place of public worship	\$1,309,636	02/05/2019	
71 North St	Ulladulla	DA18/1321	Demolition and multi dwelling housing (12 dwellings) & Torrens subdivision	\$1,125,653	18/01/2019	Relatively recent approval.
4 New St	Ulladulla	DA18/2412	3 storey office building with car park	\$4,658,000	24/08/2018	Approved 24/08/18
Parson St	Ulladulla	DA18/2369	Stage 1 Masterplan works - Services Club	\$2,450,000	19/12/2017	Approved 19 Dec 2017
216 Princes Highway	Ulladulla	DA08/2766	Serviced Apartments (19), Residential Apartments (24) and ground level commercial/retail	\$12,505,792	12/07/2017	Approved 12 July 2017
90 South St	Ulladulla	DA08/2236	Pier 32 Commercial/Residential Development	\$5,500,000	19/03/2008	Alleged physical commencement.
Wason St	Ulladulla	DA15/2595	Construction of 11 x 3 Bedroom Villas including Roadworks to Millard Street	\$14,000,000	12/12/2008	Consent secured. Basement 2 levels currently under construction. Modification DS18/1384 application under consideration with notification expiring on 14/11/18
Millard Street	West Nowra	DA18/1501	Staged construction of multi dwelling housing, aits and adds to 2 existing dwellings	\$2,550,000	Note later report 10/01/17 approval date (clarification required)	Approved 8 Nov 2016
26 Cavanagh Lane	West Nowra	DA17/2486	Multi dwelling housing (31 units to be staged)	\$10,227,326	07/03/2019	CC issued April 2019, works have commenced on site
75 Yaiwal Rd	West Nowra	DA18/1875	Multi dwelling housing	\$8,263,938	143/12/2018	CC issued May 2019.
75 Albatross Rd	Worworing Heights	DA08/1619	Anglican School	\$1,077,750	17/07/2007	Alleged physical commencement.
Cnr Naval College Rd & The Wool Rd.	Yerriyong	DA17/2595	Aircraft Hangers	\$6,000,000	04/10/2018	Deferred commencement consent.
Bunda St	Yerriyong	DA18/1279	New industrial development	\$4,138,942	11/09/2018	Deferred commencement consent
Garadi St	Bendalong	DA17/1369	Alterations and additions to caravan park	\$3,800,000	11/09/2018	Relatively recent approval.
				\$444,650,194		
						CDCs are planning & construction approval

Suburb	Address	Estimated Value	Type	Lodgement Date	Application	Staff Comments
Bawley Point	Forster Dr	\$8,750,000	Waste water treatment facility	10/10/2018	DA18/2138	Under assessment
Bawley Point	123 Forster Dr	\$5,000,000	Events	01/03/2018	DA18/1237	With external consultant TCG for assessment
Bawley Point	123 Forster Dr	\$2,400,000	Modify 20 tourist cabins	27/09/2018	DS18/1418	Under assessment
Berry	North St	\$1,302,41	Rural Fire Service Station	23/11/2018	DA18/2292	Under assessment. Request for add info sent 4/12/2018
Bomaderry	271 Princes Hwy	\$2,000,000	Food & drink premises x 3	13/07/2018	DA18/1766	Under assessment
Bomaderry	271 Princes Hwy	\$797,000	Car Wash	10/05/2019	DA19/1446	Under assessment
Culburra Beach	976 Culburra Rd	\$12,374,752	Alterations and additions to existing aged care complex	18/04/2019	DA19/1379	Under assessment
Huskisson	15 Hawke St	\$3,000,000	Demolition, 3 commercial tenancies, 8 apartments and basement parking	17/09/2018	DA18/2040	Under assessment
Illaroo	Bundanon Rd	\$29,647,000	Gallery, creative learning centre & associated infrastructure	13/02/2019	DA19/1134	Under assessment
Mollymook	Masie Williams Drive	\$2,000,000.00	24 lot subdivision & 1 residue lot.	23/02/2018	SF10658	Under assessment
Milton	273 Wilfords Lane	\$1,000,000.00	Tourist & Visitor Accommodation (5 cabins, manager's residence, farm	13/12/2018	DA18/2358	Under assessment
Milton	Princes Hwy	\$100, 218,312	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.
North Nowra	4 McMahons Rd	\$1,450,000.00	Demolition & multi unit development & subdivision (8 units)	08/02/209	DA19/1118	Under assessment
Nowra	221 Kinghorne St	\$3,200,000.00	Multi dwelling housing (15 dwellings)	28/05/2019	DA19/1514	Under assessment
Nowra	Weerona Pl	\$2,524,529.00	Upgrade to private hospital	19/03/2019	DA19/1267	Under assessment
Nowra	61 Kinghorne St	\$2,401,760.00	4 storey mixed use commercial & residential building	06/12/2018	DA18/2325	Under assessment
Nowra	2 Lawrence Ave	\$3,660,260.00	4 storey mixed use commercial & residential building	06/12/2018	DA18/2326	Under assessment
Nowra	2 Albatross Road	\$15,197,610.00	Residential Units (57) and Commercial (Ground level)	18/04/2016	DA16/1465	Under assessment
St Georges Basin	193 Island Point Rd	\$1,200,000.00	18 Lot residential subdivision	24/11/207	SF10635	Under assessment
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
South Nowra	101 Hillcrest Ave	\$1,400,000.00	Multi dwelling housing (7 villas) & subdivision	23/07/2019	DA19/1723	Under assessment

Suburb	Address	Estimated Value	Type	Lodgement Date	Application	Staff Comments
South Nowra	27 Tom Thumb Ave	\$1,009,920.00	Industrial units & Strata	17/06/2019	DA129/1590	Under assessment
South Nowra	Old Southern Rd	\$6,320,000.00	158 Lot residential subdivision	27/05/2019	SF10743	Under assessment
South Nowra	175 Old Southern Rd	\$4,133,000.00	Multi dwelling housing & strata subdivision	13/03/2019	DA19/1251	Under assessment
South Nowra	194 Old Southern Rd	\$2,575,000.00	Classroom and associated landscaping / carparking	18/01/2019	DA19/1060	Under assessment
South Nowra	55 Quinns Lane	\$3,200,000.00	Multi dwelling housing	20/08/2018	DA18/1916	Under assessment
South Nowra	12 Ballina St	\$4,822,353.00	Industrial units /warehouse	30/05/2018	DA18/1588	Under assessment
Ulladulla	U30 Princes Hwy	\$15,260,122.00	Senior's Living - 90 beds	16/07/2019	DA19/1692	Under assessment
Ulladulla	58 Washburton Rd	\$1,309,636.00	10 Tourist Cabins	02/05/2019	DA19/1424	Under assessment.
Ulladulla	252 Princes Hwy	\$1,325,000.00	Manufactured Housing Estate (49 Sites) & Community Building	08/02/2019	DA19/1102	Under assessment
Ulladulla	130 Princes Hwy	\$6,823,283	Demolition of existing building & structures and construction of new	29/10/2018	RA18/1001	Under assessment - regional application to be considered by RPP.
Ulladulla	7 Jubilee Ave	\$1,350,000	Residential flat building (4 units)	29/03/2018	DA18/1345	Under assessment
Ulladulla	189,191,183 Princes Hwy	\$1,000,000	Demolition & new storage facilities	24/08/2017	DA17/2061	Assessment on hold at the request of the applicant
West Nowra	79 Albatross Rd	\$5,856,186	Multi dwelling housing (21 dwellings) to be staged	27/08/2018	DA18/1949	Under assessment
Worrigea	60 Isa Rd	\$1,867,534	Child care centre - 100 places with 34 car parking spaces	02/01/2019	DA19/1000	Under assessment
Worrigea	369 Worrigea Rd	\$11,000,000	154 large lots including 1 residue and conservation lot.	08/03/2017	SF10570	Under assessment

TOTAL: \$189,221,158

BE19.18 Update - Shoalhaven Business Chamber

HPERM Ref: D19/253228

Submitted by: Jemma Tribe, President Shoalhaven Business Chamber

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committee receive the Shoalhaven Business Chamber Update report for information.

Details

The Shoalhaven Business Chamber have held the following events in recent months:

Event: Shoalhaven Business Awards Launch Party
Location: Silos Estate
Attendees: 52

Event: Lunch N Learn: Fiducian Financial Services
Location: Shoalhaven ExServicemans Club
Attendees: 24

Event: Breakfast Seminar: Cyber Crime
Location: Shoalhaven ExServicemans Sports Club
Attendees: 52

Event: Lunch N Learn: The Marketing Clan
Location: Quest Nowra
Attendees: 22

Event: Business Awards Finalist & Sponsor Evening
Location: Flame Woodfire Pizzeria
Attendees: 80

- SBC members continue to have concerns regarding the Nowra Bridge Project. Letters of concern are still being sent in from local businesses, media requests are continuing and community members have raised their concerns directly with Chamber members.
- The SBC 'hot desk' is fully functional and being utilised by members, which is fantastic.
- SBC have successfully obtained a RET grant for a workshop called 'What Employers Are Looking For.' Please save the date for October 16 at the SEC and contact us if you would like to be involved.
- Our bi-monthly newsletter has gone out with a new feature called 'Members Events.' Members are invited to submit details of events to the SBC office that can be included in the next edition
- Business Award preparation and publicity is continuing. (A verbal report can be offered at the meeting to provide up to date information.)
- We are establishing a 'Business Brains Trust' made up of retired business people in the local community who will meet on a bimonthly basis and provide mentoring support for business chamber members who request advice.

Upcoming Events:

Event: Shoalhaven Business Awards Gala
Location: Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre
Date: Friday 23 August 2019

Event: Lunch N Learn: TAFE Illawarra
Location: TAFE Bomaderry
Date: Tuesday 17 September 2019

Event: Annual General Meeting
Location: Nowra Golf Club
Date: Wednesday 18 September 2019

Event: Women in Business: Bangalay Dining
Location: Bangalay Retreat, Shoalhaven Heads
Date: Thursday 19 September 2019

Event: Mega Business After Hours: Bendigo Bank
Location: TBC
Date: TBC September 2019

Event: 'What Employers Want' Employment Expo
Location: Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre
Date: TBC October 2019

Event: Business After Hours: Nowra Motorcycles
Location: Nowra Motorcycles
Date: TBC October 2019

Event: Lunch N Learn: Tribe Business Consulting
Location: Quest Nowra
Date: 28 November 2019

Event: Business After Hours: Online Labour Hire
Location: Online Labour Hire
Date: TBC November 2019

Event: 7th Annual Charity Golf Day
Location: Nowra Golf Club
Date: Friday 29 November 2019

Event: Women in Business: End of year function
Location: TBC
Date: TBC December 2019

Event: Christmas Drinks
Location: CBD Nowra
Date: TBC December 2019

BE19.19 Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Update

HPERM Ref: D19/267077

Submitted by: Donna Payne

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report from the NSW Government's Department of Planning, Industry and Environment be received for information.

Details

1. **Machinery of Government.** Changes within the NSW Government took effect on 1 July 2019. The former Department of Premier and Cabinet regional development and coordination functions have now been integrated into a new cluster called the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE).

2. **Country Universities Centre (CUC) Ulladulla.** In February 2019 the NSW Government announced it will invest \$8 million to open a minimum of five new CUCs, expanding on existing and developing Centres in Cooma, Broken Hill, Goulburn, Moree/Narrabri, Grafton and Griffith/Leeton. CUCs will be established in locations where community support, suitable facilities and a clear business case demonstrate the need and viability.

CUC is a not-for-profit organisation that makes tertiary education more accessible for regional communities. These regional campuses are known as affiliates and they work in partnership with the central Country Universities Centre entity to establish an affiliate CUC campus operated by and for the local community. The model delivers supported learning to regional students, providing them with access to campus-level technology, facilities, tutors and a network of fellow students close to their homes.

In 2018 there were 292 regional students attending CUC campuses studying 130 different degrees from 30 Australian universities.

A CUC Ulladulla Steering Committee was established in the first quarter of 2019 with responsibility for developing a project business case, identifying suitable facilities and community engagement to determine whether to establish a CUC in Ulladulla. Membership includes Shoalhaven City Council, NSW Government, local businesses, community organisations and employers. A community engagement plan has been developed and consultation with community members and other stakeholders commence in mid-August.

3. **Shoalhaven Defence Industry Group (SDIG).** Ongoing support of SDIG is a priority for the NSW Government's Defence NSW Strategy. This Strategy seeks to promote the defence capabilities of key regional areas such as the Shoalhaven. SDIG will attend Pacific 2019 at Darling Harbour from 8 to 10 October 2019. Pacific 2019 is a global business event, attracting senior merchant marine, shore services, maritime and defence industry, military and government decision-makers from Australia and internationally. SDIG will be hosted on the Defence NSW stand.

Now in its 10th year promoting the defence industry capabilities of the Shoalhaven, SDIG has recently refreshed its webpage. Please visit www.shoalhavendefence.com.au to check it out.

4. **Invest Regional NSW Promotion.** Building on the successful video case studies in the Shoalhaven City Council's Proudly Shoalhaven campaign, the NSW government has also produced a series of short videos promoting the Shoalhaven as a region to live, work and invest. Featured entities are Global Defence Solutions, Nowchem, Manildra, Silos Estate, Kardina HR and The Old Schoolhouse (Milton). Proudly Shoalhaven featured businesses including MI Engineering, Air Affairs and Hanlon Windows will also be included in the campaign.

The campaign will include web and social media posts featuring these businesses talking about the benefits of establishing and operating their business in the Shoalhaven – and the lifestyle benefits.

See <https://www.investregional.nsw.gov.au> or follow Invest Regional NSW on LinkedIn

5. **Regional Growth Fund.** Since its launch in 2017, the NSW Government has provided a total of \$23 million in funding across 24 projects in the Shoalhaven through the program elements of the Regional Growth Fund. Highlights include:
- **Growing Local Economies (GLE)** – Shoalhaven City Council secured \$4.95 million in funding for infrastructure upgrades at Albatross Aviation Technology Park in February 2019 and recently a further \$1.36 million for a 20-tonne loading dock and carpark upgrades at Woollamia.
 - **Stronger Country Communities Fund** – Shoalhaven City Council has received funding for 14 community amenity and sporting infrastructure projects in Round 1 and 2 of this program. Round 3 is now open and applications are invited from councils and community organisations. This round has been expanded to cover programs and events as well as community infrastructure with at least 50 percent of the Shoalhaven's allocation for youth-related projects. Applications close Friday 27 September 2019.
 - **Regional Cultural Fund** – Bundanon Trust has received a grant for \$8.6m for infrastructure works.

BE19.20 Basin Business Forum Celebrates 1 Year of Networking

HPERM Ref: D19/268580

Submitted by: Mary-Jean Lewis

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on the Basin Business Forum be received for information.

Details

The Basin Business Forum (BBF) is an association of like-minded business owners and representatives who meet on the second Tuesday of the month for breakfast and networking in Sanctuary Point.

Commencing in July 2018, BBF has grown from approximately 5 to 30 members attending each meeting.

On 25 July 2019 BBF celebrated its first anniversary of meetings. In attendance were Greg Pullen, Marianne Jones and Sally Bacon from the Economic Development Office. We thank Greg, Marianne and Sally for their attendance.

BBF endeavours to grow its networking association and promote growth and opportunities in the Bay and Basin area.

BBF, with the assistance of Bendigo Bank and Sanctuary Point Community Pride (sponsor), headed the "Revitalise Sanctuary Point" My Community Project application for a grant from the State Government for \$188,000. Members have rigorously donated their time and efforts in doing everything they can to ensure they are successful by encouraging the community and the Shoalhaven to vote for the project as the number one preference. Voting closed on 15 August 2019 and the winner or winners are to be announced in September.

BBF thanks the Shoalhaven Business Chamber and the Milton Ulladulla Business Chamber for their promotion of the Revitalise Sanctuary Point project and they hope to be able to announce their success at the next committee meeting.



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Help make us make our
community

As beautiful on the outside

As it is on the inside

By revitalising our town centre



My Community Project

My Community Project is all about local ideas, local projects and local decisions

Vote for "Revitalise Sanctuary Point"

Sanctuary Point Community Pride in collaboration with the Basin Business Forum & the Bendigo Bank, Sanctuary Point has been successful in getting to the voting stage of the My Community Project grants.

Hop on your computer, tablet, mobile phone or head to your nearest

Service NSW Centre at South Nowra and log onto:

<https://mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au>

1. Select your electorate "SOUTH COAST" (can only vote once)
2. Browse and shortlist your favourite project: **Revitalise Sanctuary Point**
You'll need a MyServiceNSW Account and your MEDICARE card to shortlist projects. Medicare Card required to prove that you live on the SOUTH COAST
3. Submit your vote #1 **Revitalise Sanctuary Point**
(arrange your top 3 to 5 projects in order of preference and submit your vote)

Any questions or assistance with voting contact 02 4444 6808



Voting opens Monday 15 July 2019 - Voting closes Thursday 15 August 2019

Our whole
community can
benefit from

A safer carpark

Revitalisation of the
shopping centre
connecting all
businesses

Directional signage

Cleaning up rear
of shops

Rejuvenate Francis
Ryan oval

Improve Sanctuary
Points Profile

Growth for small
businesses working
towards better Job
opportunities for
our young people

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BE19.21 Milton Ulladulla Business Chamber

HPERM Ref: D19/268589

Submitted by: Mary-Jean Lewis

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on the Milton Ulladulla Business Chamber be received for information.

Details

The Milton Ulladulla Business Chamber (MUBC) AGM took place on 15 August 2019.

Mr Rob Richards has exited MUBC as President and Mary-Jean Lewis was nominated and accepted the position as President. Rob has been an extremely valuable and respected President and MUBC looks forward to the continued input and consultation with Rob as we move forward into the new year. We thank Rob for his dedication and commitment to MUBC.

Throughout 2019 MUBC has had a strong focus on its growth in membership numbers, as well as promoting a stronger attendance to the monthly Business after Five events and the value in local networking.

The Women's Connection of Milton Ulladulla was established as an arm of MUBC, and has had two successful events throughout the 2019 year with a further "Spring Connection" event to take place in mid-late October.



The Women's Connection *of Milton Ulladulla*

MUBC is aware of the struggling retail industry in the area and seeks to promote the benefits that networking with other local business owners and representatives can have to their business growth and promotion.

The goals for MUBC for the 2019/2020 year are:

1. Significant growth in membership and attendances.
2. Continuing quarterly events by the Women's Connection organisers.
3. Realigning our connection and future shared events with the Shoalhaven Business Chamber.
4. Organising a fresh and exciting local event to promote the new executive committee of the chamber and showcase what MUBC has to offer the local community.
5. Establishing an energetic committee to arrange, promote and undertake the 2020 Milton Ulladulla Business Awards.