

## Business and Employment Development Committee

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, 27 November, 2019

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

**Time:** 4:00pm

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#### 5. General Business

- BE19.32 Regional Development Australia Update

*Andrew Wales (Employment Facilitator, Far South Coast) will provide an update on behalf of Regional Development Australia on Australian Government employment initiatives in the Shoalhaven.*

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**Membership**

John Lamont – RDA – Chairperson  
All Councillors  
Chief Executive Officer or nominee  
Fiona Phillips MP (or nominee Paul Mitchell)  
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 – Sussex Inlet District Chamber of Commerce  
Mary-Jean Lewis – Milton Ulladulla Business Chamber  
Alison Chiam – Shoalhaven Arts Board  
Robert Crow – Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group  
Paul Keith – Aboriginal Advisory Committee  
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 Joanna Gash  
Clr Patricia White  
Mr John Lamont – Chairperson  
Mr Robert Crow – representing Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Board  
Ms Alison Chiam – representing Shoalhaven Arts Board  
Ms Jemma Tribe – President, Shoalhaven Business Chamber  
Mr David Goodman – Shoalhaven Business Chamber  
Mr Peter Masterson – Department of Industry, Innovation & Science - AusIndustry  
Ms Lexie Meyer – Community representative  
Ms Mary-Jean Lewis – President, Milton Ulladulla Business Chamber  
Ms Anna Finch – President, Shoalhaven Professional Business Association  
Mr Ian Morris – representing Shoalhaven Secondary Schools  
Mr Paul Mitchell – representing Fiona Phillips MP  
Mr Stephen Dunshea – Chief Executive Officer

Others present:

Mr Andrew Wales – Employment Facilitator, Department of Employment  
Mr Greg Pullen – Economic Development Manager  
Ms Cathy Bern – Section Manager, Development Services  
Ms Marianne Jones – Economic Development Officer

### Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Clr Kitchener, Tony Emery, Donna Payne, Paul Keith, Fiona Hatcher and Paul Keech (Director, Assets & Works).

### Confirmation of the Minutes

**RESOLVED** (Alison Chiam / David Goodman)

That the Minutes of the Business and Employment Development Committee held on Wednesday 29 May 2019 be confirmed.

CARRIED

### Declarations of Interest

Nil

## REPORTS

### **BE19.17 Development in Shoalhaven - Significant Projects**

**HPERM Ref:  
D19/169320**

Cathy Bern spoke to the report.

In relation to the aged care facility the Chair asked whether job outcomes were indicated in the application. Cathy advised that job outcomes are not routinely indicated as part of a development application unless an economic impact assessment is required.

#### **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.

#### **RESOLVED** (David Goodman / Robert Crow)

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

CARRIED

### **BE19.14 Performance of the Shoalhaven Economy - June 2019**

**HPERM Ref:  
D19/275196**

Greg Pullen spoke to the report and noted that the Shoalhaven economy is currently performing very well. Unemployment is the lowest it has been in 35 years at 6.27%. Approximately 80-90% of unemployment is youth unemployment.

The Chair questioned rates of underemployment. Greg noted that the tourism and hospitality industries are vulnerable to under-employment and that the manufacturing industry strong, working 48 hour weeks on average. Alison Chiam noted that the over 50 age group is vulnerable to under-employment.

#### **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.

#### **RESOLVED** (Peter Masterson / Alison Chiam)

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

CARRIED

### **BE19.22 Regional Development Australia Update**

**HPERM Ref:  
D19/279170**

*Andrew Wales (Employment Facilitator, Far South Coast) provided an update on behalf of Regional Development Australia, including the Regional Employment Trials for the Shoalhaven.*

Andrew has been in the role since February 2019 and covers the Far South Coast, which covers the local government areas of Shoalhaven, Eurobodalla and Bega. The Regional Employment Trials are about collaboration and linking stakeholders.

Andrew noted that the Together We Can program is a collaboration between Eurobodalle, Bega

and Shoalhaven. The Young Job Seeker Coding and Cloud Technology Job and Training Programme has 20 internships.

Andrew encouraged members to put forward more projects. Andrew was asked whether an in-kind contribution was required. The in-kind contribution requirement is 25%, not necessarily funds, and can be time or use of resources.

Proposals need to demonstrate outcomes and value for money, whether they are jobs or pathway to jobs. The grant is competitive across three local government areas.

AusIndustry review projects prior to funding. Not all projects are approved.

Applications for projects were required by 30 June, aiming to extend funding and acceptance of applications to 31 December.

#### **BE19.15 Princes Highway Corridor Strategy**

**HPERM Ref:  
D19/271328**

Greg Pullen spoke to the report and noted that one of the aims was to alleviate congestion from Kiama to Wollongong. Greg noted that safety issues are prioritised over congestion.

Clr White thanked the Economic Development Unit staff for their efforts and noted that 36 Councils from Shoalhaven to Adelaide were asked for comment on strategy. Issues to be considered include future land use planning and land acquisition from State Forest and National Parks which need Parliamentary approval.

The North Nowra Link Road has been put on hold and the Far North Collector Road has commenced.

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

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

**RESOLVED** (Lexie Meyer / Clr Gash)

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

CARRIED

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

**HPERM Ref:  
D19/245079**

Greg Pullen spoke to the report and noted that the mentoring program had been running for six years.

Clr Gash also noted the benefit to Shoalhaven Professionals of the networking breakfasts that have been running for 10 years.

#### **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.

**RESOLVED** (Anna Finch / Robert Crow)

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.

CARRIED

**BE19.17 DEVELOPMENT IN SHOALHAVEN - SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS****HPERM REF:  
D19/169320**

Item dealt with earlier in the meeting.

**BE19.18 Update - Shoalhaven Business Chamber****HPERM Ref:  
D19/253228**

Jemma Tribe spoke to her report and noted that the Business Awards night was a success and a great celebration of Shoalhaven businesses. There were 400 attendees.

The date for the upcoming workshop to be held at the Entertainment Centre "What Employers Want" is 13 November 2019. Transport will be provided for the event for Ulladulla, Bay & Basin, North Nowra. Topics will include writing an attractive CV. Partners include CareSouth and Headspace. The event is open to everyone and can include HSC students. Attendees don't have to be registered to participate.

The Economic Development Unit will forward details of the event to careers advisors of local High Schools. Jemma will forward to Committee for distribution.

Jemma congratulated the Chair for winning the Business of the Year Award.

Jemma proposed to relocate the plaque featuring the winners of "Business of the Year", currently located in the Shoalhaven Business Chamber Office to the foyer of Council's Nowra Administrative Building. The CEO supported the idea and will propose to the Mayor.

Jemma also congratulated Mary-Jean Lewis on her appointment as President of the Milton Ulladulla Business Chamber.

**Recommendation**

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

**RECOMMENDATION** (David Goodman / Mary-Jean Lewis)

That the large plaque featuring the winners of "Business Leader of the Year", currently located within the Shoalhaven Business Chamber Office, be relocated to the foyer of Council's Nowra Administrative Building. This would recognise the important partnership between Council and the business community while celebrating its success.

CARRIED

**BE19.19 Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Update****HPERM Ref:  
D19/267077**

Greg Pullen spoke to the report in the absence of Donna Payne and noted that the first cohort of Shoalhaven Defence Industry Group students have been "employed" at Air Affairs.

**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.

**RESOLVED** (John Lamont / Peter Masterson)

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

CARRIED

**BE19.20 Basin Business Forum Celebrates 1 Year of Networking****HPERM Ref:  
D19/268580**

Mary-Jean Lewis spoke to the report.

Members discussed difficulties they experienced in voting for “Revitalise Sanctuary Point” in the “My Community Project” which discouraged people from voting by requiring the provision of Medicare numbers, delays with mobile and laptop voting and non-resident landowners being disqualified from voting. A number of members agreed that the process needs improvement. It was also noted the grants were electorate based rather than local government area and you are only permitted to vote once. Voting closed on 15 August 2019.

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

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

**RESOLVED** (Jemma Tribe / Anna Finch)

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

CARRIED

**BE19.21 Milton Ulladulla Business Chamber****HPERM Ref:  
D19/268589**

Mary-Jean Lewis spoke to her report and noted that the former President of Milton Ulladulla Business Chamber, Mr Rob Richards, has stepped down to work on Ulladulla Country Universities Centre.

Mary-Jean has taken on role as President of Milton Ulladulla Business Chamber and is excited to work with Shoalhaven Business Chamber.

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

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

**RESOLVED** (Jemma Tribe / David Goodman)

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

CARRIED

**GENERAL BUSINESS****BE19.22 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA UPDATE****HPERM REF:  
D19/279170**

Item dealt with earlier in the meeting.

**BE19.23 Additional Item - Updates from Members****Alison Chiam – Shoalhaven Arts Board**

Alison shared that:

- The Shoalhaven Regional Gallery is running the NOWra Contemporary Art Award, which is a national prize with \$10,000 prize money. Entries are open from 5 October to 3 November. Alison encouraged spreading information about the Award and encouraged entrants to apply.
- The Professional Development Grant and Public Art funding is open. Alison encouraged

Committee members to spread the word.

- The Arts Board is looking to develop an Arts Foundation to inject additional funds into the arts in Shoalhaven. Donations will be tax deductible.

### **Peter Masterton – AusIndustry**

Peter advised that:

- AusIndustry is at the start of the consultation process for a project to support Female Founders of start-ups. This project is looking at assistance with raising capital and growing networks. At this stage they are looking at program design and access to capital on a fund matching basis. Peter will forward the link to project (launched last week) to the Economic Development Unit to distribute.
- A second project - Export Hub Small and Medium Enterprises Export Hubs Initiative.
- Additional programs are expected.

### **Robert Crow – Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Board**

Robert noted that there were a number of highly qualified and experienced new members which will be a valuable source knowledge sharing into STAG.

### **Anna Finch – Shoalhaven Professional Business Association**

Anna encouraged:

- Experienced professionals to nominate as a mentor and young professionals to sign up for next year's mentoring program.
- Members to attend the Allied Health Awards Ceremony on 6 September 2019.

### **RESOLVED** (Jemma Tribe / Clr Gash)

That the General Business Updates be received for information.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 5.16pm.

Mr John Lamont  
CHAIRPERSON



## BE19.24 Property Council - Business Luncheon - September 2019

HPERM Ref: D19/403991

Section: Economic Development

Approver: Stephen Dunshea, Chief Executive Officer

### Reason for Report

In September 2019 Council joined with the Property Council of NSW (Illawarra Shoalhaven Branch) to host a lunchtime event.

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

That the report on the event organised by the Property Council of NSW in conjunction with the Economic Development Office of Shoalhaven City Council be received for information.

### Options

1. Accept the resolution as recommended
2. Propose an alternate recommendation

### Background

On Friday 6 September the Property Council held its first event in the Shoalhaven which was a great success and was attended by over 120 people. It was clear from attendee feedback at the event and listening to the speakers that the Shoalhaven region is a region on the move, and with clear support from Shoalhaven City Council for further growth and investment into the region with the future definitely looking bright.

Outlines of the major upgrades of roads and infrastructure currently underway, booming residential and industrial markets and a big vision from Shoalhaven Council's CEO Stephen Dunshea, it was evident that there is plenty going on and the purpose was to reach out to Property Council members to demonstrate the Shoalhaven economy.

As reported in the *South Coast Register*:

*How do we address population growth in the Shoalhaven?*

*More than 33,000 dwellings will need to be constructed in the region to cater for expected population increases.*

*Property Council of Australia Regional director, Illawarra Michelle Guido said the Shoalhaven was one of the fastest growing economies in Australia.*

*"It's going to grow by over 22,000 people by 2041," she said.*

*"So the event is about talking about the infrastructure, the growth, how we support that, how we ensure there's jobs and investment for the future and actually discussing some of those economic opportunities for the region."*

*Ms Guido said we need to look at affordable housing and ensure we can offer people choice in housing.*

*"Thinking about affordable housing, and making sure that we have the right strategies in place to have the houses for our communities as it grows," she said.*

*"Today's event will also be looking at that - where the pockets of growth are and where we need to ensure that we're boosting supply of housing."*

*Shoalhaven City Council's Economic Development Manager Greg Pullen said he was confident Shoalhaven had the right planning for the future.*

*"Definitely, sometimes it gets a little bit out of step but that's the pressures of the economy and the economic changes," he said.*

*"We've seen more and more people wanting to get out of Sydney and Canberra and Melbourne."*

*Mr Pullen said the biggest challenge for Shoalhaven City Council was creating jobs to keep up with population increase.*

*"If we're going to have the population increase, which we know we're going to have, we've got to create the jobs to take up that expectation of those people who've gotten here and want jobs and want employment," he said.*

*"And so far, over the last 20, 30, 40 years, we've been doing that satisfactorily and creating jobs actually faster than what the population has been coming in."*

*Over the next 30 years the Shoalhaven's population will increase by around 70,000 and there will need to be 15,000 more jobs.*

Another function will be organised in 2020, giving the Shoalhaven another opportunity to show its economic and residential growth to a range of delegates to the property industry locally as well as from Wollongong and Sydney.

A one page flyer on the Shoalhaven was circulated at the luncheon and is attached overleaf.



# SHOALHAVEN

## Welcome to our Business Location

Welcome to the Shoalhaven, a place where business and lifestyle complement each other.

Conveniently located in a beautiful part of New South Wales, Australia, the Shoalhaven is an easy two hours drive south of Sydney on a coastal strip which stretches from the rural township of Berry to some 85 kilometres south of the harbourside township of Ulladulla.



**105,000**

**Current Population**

**4,531** Sq Kms

**Land Area**

**\$6.04b**

**GRP**

**35,751**

**Employed Residents**

**7,152**

**Local Businesses**

**38,392**

**Local Jobs**



► [business.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au](http://business.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au)

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Doing business in the

# SHOALHAVEN

an opportunity to join 7,152 other Shoalhaven businesses...

## AT A GLANCE THE STRENGTHS OF SHOALHAVEN AS A BUSINESS LOCATION ARE:



Adjacent to the largest market in Australia (Sydney with over 5 million population is 2 hours away)



Easy access to freight hubs (Botany, Port Kembla, Mascot)



Innovative, globally oriented companies



Qualified workforce that appreciates vocational education



Adequate infrastructure allowing good connectivity to markets

and an excellent lifestyle in which to live!



### INCREASING POPULATION

1979 = 42,800  
2019 = 105,000  
2059 = 170,000



### INCREASING LABOUR FORCE / JOBS

1979 = 16,500  
2019 = 41,000  
2059 = 66,000



### INCREASING DWELLINGS

1979 = 21,010  
2019 = 51,636  
2059 = 85,000



### INCREASING GROSS REGIONAL PRODUCT

2013 = \$3.74 billion  
2019 = \$6.04 billion



### INCREASING GRP PER WORKER

2013 = \$130,000 / worker  
2019 = \$169,000 / worker  
(Average growth of 4.6%)

INDUSTRY SECTOR	CONTRIBUTION TO GRP
► Property Services	\$891 million
► Construction	\$614 million
► Defence	\$568 million
► Health	\$558 million
► Manufacturing	\$331 million
► Education	\$298 million
► Accommodation & Food	\$248 million

Celebrating 40 Years 1979 - 2019  
Planning 2019 - 2059



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## BE19.25 School to Industry Program - Teacher bus tour 2019

**HPERM Ref:** D19/404460

**Section:** Economic Development

**Approver:** Stephen Dunshea, Chief Executive Officer

### Reason for Report

To update the Committee on another event in the Council's School to Industry Program

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

That the report on the 2019 Teacher Bus Tour be received for information.

### Options

1. Adopt the recommendation
2. Propose an alternate resolution

### Background

Each year the Economic Development Office undertakes a series of events as part of its "School to Industry" program to make students, teachers and the wider community aware of the career options available locally for jobseekers entering the employment market out of school.

With the co-operation of local High Schools and working through the Careers Advisor network, last Thursday another Teacher Bus Tour was held to inform the teachers that opportunities exist in and around Shoalhaven for employment, training and career growth.

This year the following industries were either visited or made presentations to the group:

- Global Defence Solutions
- Aerospace Training Services
- Shoalhaven Water
- Air Affairs – Advanced Manufacturing Centre
- Lockheed Martin/Sikorsky
- Online Recruitment
- Manildra Group
- Bomaderry Bowling Club
- Flagstaff Group
- Bomaderry Training Hub
- NSW Infrastructure Project

Local high schools participating were:

- Nowra Christian School
- St John the Evangelist Catholic HS
- Nowra Anglican College
- Vincentia High School
- Shoalhaven High School
- Bomaderry High School
- Ulladulla High School
- Nowra TAFE

More information will be available at the meeting.

As the local labour market is generally exhibiting characteristics of full employment with unemployment at a near low of 6.3% there would be no better time than the present to have local jobseekers actively promote and present themselves to gain employment locally. Vacancies do exist for apprenticeships, traineeships and other job entry positions in the local area at this time. Teachers learned about these entry positions, what career progressions were offered by local business and what employers were looking for.

Other events offered through the School to Industry program include the Professional Snapshot Program (Term 1) and a Defence Industry Career day in term 3.

### **Community Engagement**

These programs are promoted within the school communities.

## BE19.26 Election of Chairperson

HPERM Ref: D19/340711

**Group:** Finance Corporate & Community Services Group  
**Section:** Human Resources, Governance & Risk

### 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 2019.

### 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 20 September 2019 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 21 November 2018.

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.*

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## BE19.27 Notification - Council Resolution - Re-establishment of Business and Employment Development Committee

**HPERM Ref:** D19/363838

**Section:** Human Resources, Governance & Risk  
**Approver:** Stephen Dunshea, Chief Executive Officer

### Reason for Report

To advise the Committee of Council's resolution in relation to the re-establishment of the Business and Employment Development Committee.

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

That the Committee receive the report on the Council Resolution – Re-establishment of Business and Employment Development Committee for information.

### Options

1. As recommended.

Implications: The membership structure as specified in the Council Resolution is adopted for the period to 30 September 2020.

2. Propose a different membership arrangement.

Implications: Should the Board wish to make the recommendation in option 2, this is required to go to Council for approval.

### Background

Each year in September Council reaffirms all its committees for the next 12 months. At that meeting Council has the option to: reaffirm its committees; make any change to membership, purpose, delegation, quorum, and the number of meetings required for those committees; or disband committees.

At the Extra Ordinary meeting on 20 September 2019 Council resolved as follows:

### CL19.241 Business and Employment Development Committee (38821E)

#### RESOLVED

MIN19.1

That Council continue the operation of Business and Employment Development Committee for the period to 30 September 2020 as outlined below:

<u>Meetings per year</u> – Four (4)	<u>Quorum</u> – Six (6)
<u>Commencement time</u> – 4pm	<u>Terms of Reference:</u> NIL
<b>Purpose</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To assist in the implementation of the Economic Development Strategy and monitor and report on performance.</li> <li>• Support the expansion of industry activities within the Shoalhaven, across all sectors.</li> <li>• Encourage the location of new industries in the region which will lead to an increase in</li> </ul>	

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<p>the number of employment opportunities for the residents of the region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grow the socio-economic base of the Shoalhaven.</li> <li>• Examine and review employment development strategies and report on initiatives to carry their strategies forward.</li> </ul>
<b>Delegation</b> – NIL
<b>Chairperson</b> – Appointed by Committee
<b>2019-2020 Councillor / Staff Membership</b> All Councillors CEO or Nominee
<p><b>Organisational Representatives</b>  Member for Gilmore or nominee;  Member for South Coast or nominee;  Member for Kiama or nominee;  Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group  Shoalhaven Arts Board  Aboriginal Advisory Committee  Regional Development Australia (2 representatives)  University of Wollongong Shoalhaven Campus  NSW TAFE Bomaderry Campus – Manager  NSW Department of Premier &amp; Cabinet  Shoalhaven Business Chamber (2 representatives)  Milton Ulladulla Business Chamber  Secondary Schools Representative  Shoalhaven Professional Business Association  Southern Regional Business Enterprise Centre  Department of Industry, Innovation and Science – AusIndustry  Manufacturing (Vacant);  Defence (Vacant);  Construction (Vacant)</p> <p><b>Community Representatives</b>  Three (3) Community Representatives</p>

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This report is provided to inform the Committee members of the resolution of the Council. Should the Committee wish to make any changes to the above, a recommendation to Council will be required to that effect.

### Policy Implications

Nil.

## BE19.28 Development in Shoalhaven - Significant Projects

**HPERM Ref:** D19/169326

**Group:** Planning Environment & Development Group  
**Section:** Development Services

**Attachments:** 1. Applications with a value over \$1 million under assessment [↓](#)  
2. Applications recently approved or with 'no activity' - with a value over \$1 million [↓](#)

### 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).

**Applications (over \$1 million) under assessment**

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	\$2,400,000	Modify 20 tourist cabins	27/09/2018	DS18/1418	Under assessment
Berry	10 Albany Lane	\$8,172,222	Alterations & additions to aged care facility	13/09/2019	DA19/1901	Under assessment
Berry	13 Prince aAlfred St	\$1,610,000	Alterations & additions to function centre	23/09/2019	DA19/1940	Under assessment
Berry	52 Parker Cr	\$1,300,000	Multi dwelling development (5 dwellings)	29/08/2019	DA19/1857	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	22 East Crescent	\$1,125,260	Multi dwelling housing & strata subdivision	22/10/2019	DA19/2048	Under assessment
Huskisson	11 Fegen St	\$7,500,000	Residential Flat Building (20 units)	21/10/2019	DA19/2045	Under assessment
Huskisson	44 Duncan St	\$6,853,000	Residential Flat Building (17 units)	27/08/2019	DA19/1841	Under assessment - called in by Council
Huskisson	9 Beach St	\$6,627,500	Residential Flat Building (12 units)	22/08/2019	DA19/1830	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	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	201 Illaroo Rd	\$7,437,615.00	Alterations and additions to aged care	09/09/2019	DA19/1891	Under assessment
Nowra	204 Kinghome St	\$28,671,297.00	Residential Flat Building (91 units)	28/08/2019	DA19/1846	Under assessment
Nowra	221 Kinghome St	\$3,200,000.00	Multi dwelling housing (15 dwellings)	28/05/2019	DA19/1514	Under assessment
Nowra	2 Albatross Road	\$15,197,610.00	Residential Units (57) and Commercial (Ground level)	18/04/2016	DA16/1465	Under assessment - called in by Council
Nowra Hill	183 The Links Rd	\$3,500,000.51 Lot subdivision	Subdivision of land	26/09/2019	SF10765	Under assessment
Sanctuary Point	43 Tahnee St	\$2,205,012.00	Multi dwelling housing (7 dwellings)	29/08/2019	DA19/1852	Under assessment - called in by Council
St Georges Basin	193 Island Point Rd	\$1,200,000.00	18 Lot residential subdivision	24/11/2017	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
South Nowra	206 Princes Hwy	\$2,054,000.00	Industrial units & associated development	08/10/2019	UA19/1995	Under assessment
South Nowra	101 Hillcrest Ave	\$1,400,000.00	Multi dwelling housing (7 villas) & subdivision	23/07/2019	DA19/1723	Under assessment
South Nowra	Old Southern Rd	\$6,320,000.00	158 Lot residential subdivision	27/05/2019	SF10743	Under assessment
South Nowra	55 Quinns Lane	\$3,200,000.00	Multi dwelling housing	20/08/2018	DA18/1916	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	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
Worrigee	Greenwell Point Rd	\$3,625,785	Alterations - Ex-Servicemen's Club	03/10/2019	DA19/1986	Under assessment
Worrigee	60 Isa Rd	\$1,867,534	Child care centre - 100 places with 34 car parking spaces	02/01/2019	DA19/1000	Under assessment
Worrigee	369 Worrigee Rd	\$11,000,000	154 large lots including 1 residue and conservation lot	08/03/2017	SF10570	Under assessment
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$196,958,576</b>				

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Lot 1433, Talimba Rd	Bangalee	SF10230	23 lot residential subdivision	\$920,000	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.
Forster Drive	Bawley Pt	DA19/1826	Recording /broadcast studio - Wallinga Park	\$2,450,000	14/10/2019	Relatively recent approval.
Forster Drive	Bawley Pt	DA18/1237	Events - Wallinga Park	\$5,000,000	28/08/2019	Relatively recent approval.
Forster Drive	Bawley Pt	DA18/1212	Show jumping arena	\$8,362,817	08/03/2019	Relatively recent approval.
Wharf Rd	Berry	SF10651	Industrial subdivision	\$1,500,000	03/06/2019	Refused on 30 November 2018. Consent issued via 8.2 Review.
Princes Hwy	Bomaderry	DA18/1000	Multi dwelling housing	\$6,000,000	28/05/2019	Relatively recent approval.
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	\$4,056/097	17/09/2018	Relatively recent approval.
Narang Rd	Bomaderry	DA16/1737	Proposed Aids	\$6,471,630	11/11/2016	No information available regarding applicant's intentions.
	Culburra Beach	DA19/1379	Clubura Rd, Alterations & additions to aged care complex	\$12,374,752	14/08/2019	Relatively recent approval.
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.
0981 Princes Hwy	Falls Creek	DA16/1843	Factory Extension & New Building	\$1,415,500	01/02/2018	Relatively recent approval. Modification application DS18/1460 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.
Beach St	Huskisson	DA18/1502	Residential Flat Building	\$4,205,304	07/08/2019	Relatively recent approval.
24 Duranbah Drive	Huskisson	DA17/2608	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.	\$4,250,000	23/04/2013	No information on file beyond the development consent.
17 Forest Rd	Kiolo	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 & Conjurong 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.
	Milton	DA18/2358	Tourist development	\$1,000,000	5/10/2019	Relatively recent approval.
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
68 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'.
McMahons Rd	North Nowra	DA19/1118	Multi dwelling housing & 8 lot community title subdivision	\$1,450,000	23/10/2019	Relatively recent approval.
Federation Place	Nowra	DA17/2321	Multi dwelling housing	\$1,780,000	29/08/2018	Relatively recent approval.
Lawrence Av	Nowra	DA18/2326	Shop Top Housing	\$3,660,260	04/10/2019	Relatively recent approval.
Kinghorne St	Nowra	DA18/2325	Shop Top Housing	\$2,401,760	04/10/2019	Relatively recent approval.
Nowra CBD	Nowra	CD19/1535	Alterations to ANZ bank	\$1,920,900	24/10/2019	relatively recent approval - will be removed from spreadsheet - complying development includes planning & construction approval 'in one'.
	Nowra	DA19/1267	Alterations & additions to Nowra Private Hospital	\$2,524,529	27/09/2019	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
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
90 Kalandar Street	Nowra	DA15/2698	Commercial Additions and Alterations (corner site)	\$1,550,000.00	17/06/2016	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.
175 Old Southern Rd	South Nowra	DA19/1251	Multi dwelling housing & strata subdivision	\$3,660,260.00	04/10/2019	Relatively recent approval.
	South Nowra	DA19/1590	Industrial unit development & strata subdivision	\$1,009,920.00	17/10/2019	Relatively recent approval.
	South Nowra	DA18/1588	Commercial & Warehouse premises (Ballina St)	\$4,822,353.00	24/09/2019	Relatively recent approval.
	South Nowra	DA19/1060	Classroom building, landscaping & car parking	\$2,575,000.00	21/08/2019	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 application to be lodged
244 Princes Hwy	South Nowra	DA04/2927	Bulky Goods Retailing/Industrial Complex	\$5,000,000	16/12/2010	Site preparatory 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.

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	Nowra	DA18/1949	Albatross Rd. 21 dwellings	\$5,856,186	13/08/2019	Relatively recent approval.
95 Albatross Rd	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	DA16/2227	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, Amenties, Storage and BBQ area.	\$250,000	10/06/2014	Operational consent issued 4 July 2018
	Ulladulla	DA19/1424	Tourist development	\$1,309,636	06/08/2019	Relatively recent approval.
	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	DA16/2412	3 storey office building with car park	\$4,658,000	24/08/2018	Approved 24/08/18
Parson St	Ulladulla	DA16/2369	Stage 1 Masterplan works - Services Club	\$2,450,000	19/12/2017	Approved 19 Dec 2017
216 Princes Highway	Ulladulla	DA06/2766	Serviced Apartments (19), Residential Apartments (24) and ground level commercial/retail	\$12,505,792	12/07/2017	Approved 12 July 2017
Wason St	Ulladulla	DA15/2595	Construction of 11 x 3 Bedroom Villas including Roadworks to Millard Street	\$14,000,000	12/12/2006	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, apts and adds to 2 existing dwellings	\$2,550,000	Note later report 10/01/17 approval date (clarification required)	Approved 8 Nov 2016
75 Albatross Rd	Worwong Heights	DA06/1619	Anglican School	\$1,077,750	17/07/2007	Alleged physical commencement.
Cnr Naval College Rd & The Wool Rd.	Yerrilyong	DA17/2595	Aircraft Hangers	\$6,000,000	04/10/2018	Deferred commencement consent.
Bunda St	Yerrilyong	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.
				\$471,774,486		
						CDCs are planning & construction approval

## BE19.29 Council Buy Local Policy

HPERM Ref: D19/381974

Submitted by: John Lamont

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

That the Economic Development Unit report regularly on successful local tenders.

### Details

Shoalhaven City Council has a 5% preference policy for local purchasing from local industry and providers.

Through the BEDC meetings it would be positive to report:

- Who has won tenders
- The economic benefit to the city
- Any new employment outcomes from the awarding of the tender.
- Where local tenders are not preferred, how the NSW Government, Council, Business Chamber and other associated bodies with an interest in growing the local economy, may be able to assist more local organisations to win these tenders.

### Note from Economic Development Manager

In 2018/19, a total of 49 contracts were entered into by Council for an amount above \$150,000. The total of these contracts amounted to \$38.9m.

Of these, 15 were awarded to local businesses or businesses that would operate locally for the delivery of the contract. These contracts amounted to \$20.4m or 52%.

Of the 34 contracts awarded to companies outside the Shoalhaven the majority were for specialist equipment, 6 contracts worth \$1.9m, or specialist services, 13 contracts worth \$9.5m. Of the specialised services these were from national providers of such items as piping, software, pavement stabilisation, W&S equipment.

Several businesses from the adjoining areas of Wollongong, Canberra/Queanbeyan were evident in the list of contractors that were not local.

## BE19.30 Update Shoalhaven Business Chamber

HPERM Ref: D19/393827

Submitted by: Jemma Tribe – President SBC

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

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

### Details

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

Event: Lunch N Learn: Tafe NSW  
Location: Destiny's Restaurant, Bomaderry  
Attendees: 37

Event: Annual General Meeting  
Location: Nowra Golf Club  
Attendees: 29

Event: Women in Business: Self Care for Success  
Location: Bangalay Dining  
Attendees: 65

Event: Lunch N Learn: The Dynamic Leader  
Location: Online Webinar  
Attendees: 24

Event: Mega Business After Hours: Bendigo Bank  
Location: Jervis Bay Maritime Museum  
Attendees: 60

The Lunch N Learn series as well as Women in Business sessions are run in conjunction with the Economic Development Office of Shoalhaven City Council.

SBC partnered with our Basin Business Forum and Milton Ulladulla Business Chamber friends at the recent Mega Business After Hours sponsored by Bendigo Bank. It was a great way to celebrate small business month at the Maritime Museum Jervis Bay.

Our next Business After Hours is off to a racing start. The team from On Line Recruitment will have some unique cars on display at their event and have a great evening planned.

The annual Charity Golf Day is fast approaching. Chance & Bec from Triple U radio will be broadcasting live at breakfast time on November 29 at the Nowra Golf Club, as teams get prepared and tee off. We have 3 well deserving local non-profits that will receive a share in the funds raised from this great event.

The SBC are excited to be supporting the CBD Christmas Shopping night on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December. We would love to see as much activity and as many shoppers out as possible buying local this Christmas.

We submitted a grant this week for Women's Week 2020 where we are hoping to offer 25 emerging Women in Leadership the opportunity to join us for a one-day empowering workshop. We have identified these women as potential & emerging leaders/entrepreneurs who have significant potential in our local community & may require additional skills to improve confidence & capacity.



**Upcoming Events:**

Event: 'What Employers Are Looking For' Workshop  
Location: Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre  
Date: Wednesday 13 November 2019

Event: Business After Hours: On Line Recruitment  
Location: On Line Recruitment, South Nowra  
Date: Wednesday 20 November 2019

Event: Lunch N Learn: Mid Life Entrepreneur  
Location: Quest Nowra  
Date: Wednesday 27 November 2019

Event: Lunch N Learn: 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Day  
Location: Nowra Golf Day  
Date: Friday 29 November 2019

Event: SBC Christmas Party  
Location: Shoalhaven Regional Gallery  
Date: Thursday 12 December 2019

Event: Women in Business: Xmas Lunch  
Location: TBC  
Date: TBC December 2019

**Note from Council's CEO**

I am pleased to report that the Shoalhaven Business Chamber's Business Excellence Awards Honour Board has now been relocated to a prominent position in Council's Administration Centre Foyer.

## BE19.31 Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Update

**HPERM Ref:** D19/398703

**Submitted by:** Donna Payne – Business Development Manager, Regional NSW

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

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

### **Details**

#### **1. Country Universities Centre (CUC) Southern Shoalhaven**

In late October the community-based Steering Committee completed and submitted a business case recommending a CUC be established at Ulladulla (refer August Committee report for background).

CUC Central have accepted the business case recommendations that a CUC is supported by the community, financially viable and can be housed in suitable premises. CUC is now assisting the Steering Committee to appoint an interim board and establish an incorporated not for profit company limited by guarantee so a Funding and Affiliate agreement can be negotiated between CUC Central and the new CUC Southern Shoalhaven entity. There is in-principle support for \$1.3 million of NSW State Government funding to fit out premises and support 2 years of operating costs for a CUC Southern Shoalhaven at Ulladulla.

300 community members responded to the Council-led consultation process and were overwhelmingly positive in their support for the need for such a facility. The Dunn Lewis Centre is the preferred location, subject to Council DA and Crown Land lease approvals.

The Steering Committee is also working with CUC Central to complete a grant application to the Australian Government's 2019 Regional University Centres Program for additional support for CUC Southern Shoalhaven. This application is due on 28 November.

CUC Southern Shoalhaven at Ulladulla will deliver supported tertiary level learning to local students, providing them with access to campus-level technology, facilities, tutors and a network of fellow students close to their homes. The Ulladulla centre will join a network of 6 existing CUCs across NSW, supporting over 300 students enrolled in 130+ degree courses at 30+ Australian Universities.

#### **2. Update on NSW State Government's Regional Growth Fund**

The recent announcement of \$5.3 million to Shoalhaven City Council under the NSW State Government's Regional Growth Environment and Tourism Fund brings total funding to \$28 million across 25 projects in the Shoalhaven since the Regional Growth Fund launched in 2017.

The latest \$5.3 million grant funding for sustainable tourism will support 7 co-ordinated projects at Vincentia, Sanctuary Point, St Georges Basin, Bherwerre Wetland, Hyams Beach, Ulladulla Headland and Murramarang for inclusive access, cultural and nature-based tourism.

### Note from Council's CEO

This most welcome \$5.3 million State Government investment in tourism infrastructure improvements across the Shoalhaven is supported by a \$1.5 million contribution from Shoalhaven City Council – bringing the total project value to \$6.8 million.

Planning for the delivery of these projects is currently underway which will include significant community consultation and engagement.

### **3. Illawarra-Shoalhaven Investment Showcase**

On Tuesday 12 November the Shoalhaven hosted 20 delegates to the Shoalhaven leg of the Illawarra-Shoalhaven 2019 Investment Showcase. Co-ordinated by Regional NSW, the purpose was to promote the region's employment precincts (industrial lands) to key stakeholders within the NSW Government investment attraction ecosystem within NSW Treasury and NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE). More information on investment attraction can be found at [www.invest.nsw.gov.au](http://www.invest.nsw.gov.au) and [www.investregional.nsw.gov.au](http://www.investregional.nsw.gov.au)

The tour included Flinders Industrial Estate and Albatross Aviation Technology Park where delegates met Air Affairs and Lockheed Martin Sikorsky. Showcasing these precincts increases understanding of the region's investment opportunities and enables more informed decisions about promoting the attributes of the precincts through the various NSW Government channels. The Showcase also provided a 'trial run' for future events to Showcase the regions investment opportunities to a broader cohort of investment influencers including international consular and trade officials.

### **4. Shoalhaven Defence Industry Group (SDIG)**

#### ***Pacific 2019 International Maritime Exposition***

In early October Shoalhaven Defence Industry Group (SDIG) represented the defence industry capabilities of the Shoalhaven as an exhibitor on the Defence NSW stand at Pacific 2019 International Maritime Expo at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre Darling Harbour. Pacific is the Asia Pacific showcase for commercial maritime and naval defence industries to promote their capabilities to decision-makers from around the world. Defence NSW hosted 14 exhibitors and the Shoalhaven had 3 of those exhibitor stands - SDIG, Mellori and Schiebel. And, by association with the testing of their unmanned object detection "blue bottles" off Ulladulla Harbour, Ocuis.

#### ***Centre for Defence Industry Capability event***

In mid-October SDIG hosted the Federal Centre for Defence Industry Capability and AusIndustry at a lunch event to introduce to 19 attendees the assistance available to existing and prospective defence industries to build their capabilities to enter into or grow their share of the defence supply chain.

#### ***Paper Chase***

SDIG, the Nowra Show Society and RDA South Coast have invited schools and students across the Shoalhaven, Kiama and Wollongong to compete in a Shoalhaven Paper Plane challenge.

STEM Challenges help teach students about science, technology, engineering and math. Winners in the longest distance and longest time of flight will compete for the Shoalhaven regional School Championship. The finalists will compete against the other school entrants at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre on 5 December 2019.

***Shoalhaven Defence Industry Showcase***

In late March 2020 Global Defence Systems will have a number of their locally manufactured deployable “life support” infrastructure capability for military and humanitarian operations (mobile field kitchens, hospital operating theatres, quick assembly soft wall accommodation, ablution blocks) ready for delivery. They are planning a showcase event and encouraging other local defence industry manufacturers to participate, showcasing the variety and quality of high-tech defence equipment and components designed and manufactured in the Shoalhaven.