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<https://sanctuarypointaconcernedcitizensnewsletter.com>

Shoalhaven, South Coast NSW Events Calendar can be located on the following Link...

<https://www.shoalhaven.com/events/?A=1+February+2022&A=28+February+2022&C=&L=&Y=#read>

Australian Beaches are great places to go to swim at and come home safely from! If you are at a beach with the



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very well trained to help them save you if you are in trouble... Learn what these flags are telling you and don't deviate from what they are telling you.

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On the 25th January 2022 Kate and I had the pleasure to have called into Sussex Green House and we were amazed at the work that Toni Evans and Jesse Crowe,

the Proprietors of the Hydroponics Produce Farm, have put into their Fresh Farm Property.

What we have purchased so far, will have us returning! Check it out for yourselves... Open Wednesday - Sunday 10.00am to 6.30pm. And School Holidays 7 Days a Week.



Media Release

Swan Lake Artificially Opened Illegally

19 January 2022

An artificial opening at Swan Lake was carried out by members of the public on 12 January 2022. NSW Department of Primary Industries - Fisheries were alerted and will be enacting their compliance functions. Council Rangers have also been in the area carrying out investigations as the artificial opening of the lake is an illegal activity as these works were not carried out in relation to the water trigger levels and Entrance Management Policy (EMP).

The intervention works created a 20-30-metre-wide channel, which poses a public safety risk. People need to be made aware of the danger this has created. The channel, when opened by natural means or by Council (under licensed conditions in accordance with the EMP), is located to the south adjoining the rock platform. This does not typically create a channel like the one that has formed from the recent artificial intervention.

Pending rainfall and tidal behaviours, it is expected that the sand bar will re-establish in four to eight weeks and return Swan Lake back to its natural form. The entrance cannot be closed using any further artificial intervention. In the meantime, signs have been posted by Council to alert the public to the swimming hazard.

Shoalhaven City Council Manager of Environment Services, Dr Michael Roberts said, “This channel, between Swan Lake and the ocean, has resulted in the lake artificially opening at too low a water level and in unsuitable conditions. This may lead to significant adverse environmental impacts on Swan Lake, such as low oxygen levels, associated fish kills as well as a significant swimming hazard.”

“It is an offence to open coastal lakes, or lagoons, using machinery or by hand, without a licence and could result in penalties of up to \$220,000 per offence.” Dr Roberts stated.

Council operates an [Entrance Management Policy](#) for Swan Lake, and other coastal lakes in the Shoalhaven region, with licenses from various State Government Agencies.

This Policy allows Council to mechanically open Swan Lake to the ocean with an excavator to prevent flooding of low-lying properties surrounding the lake when the water level rises, typically following a large rainfall event, to a specific trigger level.

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) current situation and case numbers

We are managing the COVID-19 outbreak in Australia as a health emergency. We will update this page every day with the current situation, latest case numbers and related information.

The above extract has been taken from the Australian Government Department of Health Website and included by the Editor Dennis Williams as a Community Service for the Department of Health.

The following web site has been provided for the community to follow the current situation on a daily basis and don't forget...

“If we all try together and don't give up, we can achieve almost anything.” AND WE WILL!

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/coronavirus-covid-19-current-situation-and-case-numbers>

Shelley Hancock MP

MEMBER FOR SOUTH COAST



NSW GOVERNMENT
Shelley Hancock
Minister for Local Government

MEDIA RELEASE

31 January 2022

\$ 652,000 For Flood Management Across South Coast

Parliamentary Secretary and Member for South Coast Shelley Hancock has welcomed new funding of \$ 652,429 for local floodplain management through the NSW Government's Floodplain Management Program grants.

Mrs Hancock said the grant, awarded under the 2021-22 Floodplain Management Program, will help Council better understand and manage local flood risk and exposure in the region.

Each year Councils can apply for grants through the NSW Government's Floodplain Management Program to fund important projects for local councils to assess and understand flood risk and help reduce flood impacts on their local communities.

"This is a continuation of the NSW Government's investment to support councils, which have the primary role of managing flood risk in their communities."

The grants help with flood risk management studies, as well as the implementation of works to reduce risks such as flood levees, flood gates, warning systems, house raising or purchase in high risk areas.

The 49 projects funded under the 2021-22 Floodplain Management grants program, which total \$9.54 million, are in addition to the 208 ongoing projects valued at \$49.64 million being implemented from previous years' funding rounds.

The new grant projects will enable local councils, county councils and other government bodies with floodplain risk management responsibilities to undertake priority projects.

Each application was assessed by a DPIE technical specialist and then by the independent State Floodplain Mitigation Assessment Committee (SFMAC) for feasibility and overall worthiness using assessment criteria.

See further information online: <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/water/floodplains/floodplain-management-grants>

Media Release

Road Work Upgrade - Wool Road, Old Erowal Bay

3 February 2022

Shoalhaven City Council are undertaking road works on Wool Road and Mernie Street at Old Erowal Bay.

The Wool Road and Mernie Street Channelised Right Turn Lane Project is part of Council's 2021-22 Roads Delivery Program. The project is the result of a successful grant application 2020 under the Federal and State Government Stimulus Commitment for Safety Work.

Paul Keech, Director of City Services said. "The delivery of road upgrades often causes some inconvenience for the Community. Be assured that Council staff always try to minimise the impact where possible."

"The lane closure at this site is unavoidable given the scope and nature of these works."

"I would like to remind everyone to pay attention to the road work speed limits that are in place at this location, for the safety of motorists and workers onsite. I appreciate your patience for the duration of these important road work upgrades." Mr Keech said.

The project began in early January and is expected to take nine weeks to complete. The works are being completed under a Traffic Control Plan, which includes the lane closure.

To find out where road works are underway across the Shoalhaven, visit Council's website at shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Projects-Engagement/Road-Works

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Cancer Moonshot Launches in 2022 with Bold New Vision

Dear partners, colleagues, and friends:

We all know cancer screening is important for the early detection of disease, better health outcomes, and saving more lives. Many of you work with us through our [national programs](#) to extend these benefits to millions of people.

Today, the White House underscored the importance of cancer prevention and early detection by making it a national priority and cornerstone of the new [Cancer Moonshot Initiative](#). The President's Cancer Panel also released "[Closing Gaps in Cancer Screening: Connecting People, Communities, and Systems to Improve Equity and Access.](#)"

As many of you will remember, the Cancer Moonshot Initiative was first launched in 2016 by then Vice President Biden to accelerate progress in cancer research. The heightened focus on cancer prevention and screening in the 2022 relaunch of Cancer Moonshot initiative is a clear acknowledgement of the impact our work is having through [communities](#), [employers](#), and [families](#).

The new Cancer Moonshot sets some ambitious goals for the future of cancer prevention and control: 1) reduce the death rate from cancer by 50 percent over the next 25 years and 2) improve the experience of patients and families living with and surviving cancer. As part of the Moonshot, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services made a commitment that supports these new Moonshot objectives: accelerating efforts to nearly eliminate cervical cancer through screening and HPV vaccination, with a particular focus on reaching people who are most at risk.

We look forward to collaborating with you in the months and years ahead as we continue working toward realizing these goals. We'll have more to share about DCPC's Moonshot work as the initiative unfolds.

Sincerely,

Lisa C. Richardson, MD, MPH
Director, CDC Division of Cancer Prevention and Control

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Election of Deputy Mayor of Shoalhaven

27 January 2022

Shoalhaven City Councillor Liza Butler has been elected Deputy Mayor of Shoalhaven at Council's first Ordinary meeting on Tuesday, 25 January 2022.

Shoalhaven Mayor, Amanda Findley said, "Councillor Liza Butler is a successful businesswoman who created two highly successful businesses on the South Coast."

"Prior to being in business, Councillor Butler worked for the NSW and Federal Governments at the Department of Ageing Disability and Homecare and the Department of Human Services.

"Councillor Butler has also worked with remote Aboriginal Communities in the Northern Territory and the Office of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

"I congratulate Councillor Butler on her appointment as Deputy Mayor and look forward to working closely with her," Mayor Findley said.

Councillor Butler will serve out her role of Deputy Mayor until September 2022.

In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor may exercise any function of the Mayor, at the request of the Mayor or if the Mayor is prevented from exercising the function or if there is a casual vacancy in the office of the Mayor.

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**GET IN
TOUCH
NOW**

Thursday January 27, 2022

SOUTH COAST WELCOMES NEW MEDICAL INTERNS

Parliamentary Secretary and Member for South Coast, Shelley Hancock MP today welcomed the appointment of 74 new interns across the Illawarra Shoalhaven Health District.

This year, 1,073 new medical interns are joining the NSW Health system - a record number of new starters and the most of any state or territory in Australia.

Mrs Hancock said the new interns would boost the local health workforce at a pivotal time in the ongoing COVID-19 response.

“Our community owes a huge debt of gratitude to our local health teams who have worked around the clock to keep us safe, especially over the past two years,” Mrs Hancock said.

“I am incredibly pleased that these new interns have the opportunity to learn from the world-class doctors and play a significant role in navigating the challenges of this unprecedented, world-wide pandemic.”

Interns are medical graduates who have completed their medical degree and are required to complete a supervised year of practice in order to become independent practitioners.

The new doctors who commenced orientation this week will be entering a training program with networked hospitals throughout the state, providing formal and on the job training.

They receive two-year contracts to rotate between metropolitan, regional and rural hospitals to ensure the diversity of their experience. They also join different units in each hospital, including surgery and emergency medicine.

In the largest ever health workforce boost in the state, the NSW Government has invested a record \$2.8 billion to recruit an additional 1,060 doctors, 5,000 nurses, 880 allied health staff and 1,360 hospital support staff over a four year period.

More information on the recruitment of Junior Medical Officers can be found here: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/jmo/Pages/default.aspx>



Seniors slipping through NDIS cracks

AT least half of Australians over the age of 65 live with a disability, but many are being denied access to the NDIS. Leading advocates are calling for that to change.

AGEISM IN DISABILITY: At least 50 per cent of people over the age of 65 identify as having an disability but many can't access help through the NDIS.

It's time to end ageism against older people with a disability who are being denied help through the NDIS, says a new campaign.

[READ MORE](#)



Struggle is real for renting 'underclass'

A HOUSING and homelessness expert says a growing divide between elderly home owners and renters is turning the latter group into an 'underclass'.

TO AGE WELL WE MUST BE HOUSED WELL: Podcast wants the precarious housing stories of those seeking home care.

Many older Australians need care in the home if they are to stay out of a residential facility, but what if they don't have a home to receive the care in, or if their rental is insecure, or they can't afford the care co-payment after paying high rents?

[READ MORE](#)

The Sanctuary Point Men's Shed Inc.



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Ray Marcusson 4447 8634

Secretary:

John Kelly 0413 837 538

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these days, or call at the big green
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NSW 2540 and Say Hello Mate!**

Web Site at:

<https://www.sanctuarypointmenshed.org/>



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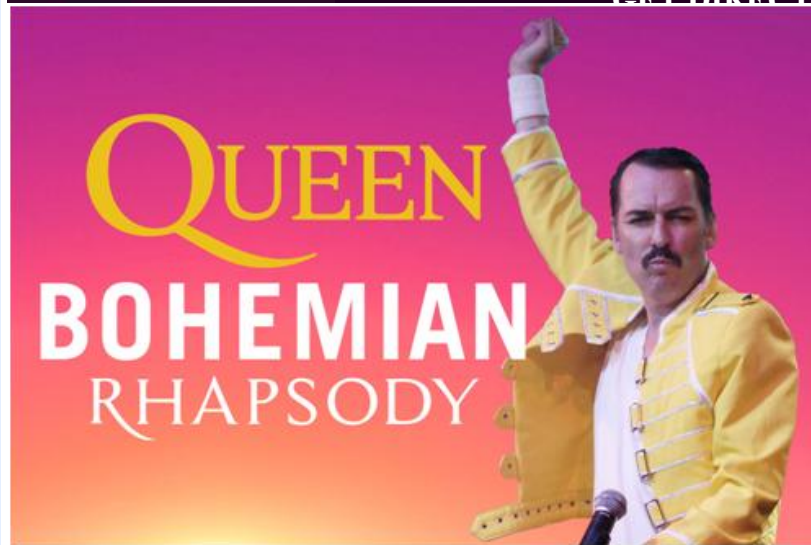
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Bohemian Rhapsody - Queen 50 Years On Starring international sensation Thomas Crane

FRI 2 SEP

Following hugely successful 2019/2021 sell-out tours, Bohemian Rhapsody are heading to Nowra with a brand new show in 2022, combining Queens 'Greatest Hits' with their most popular & iconic music.

Well known Australian Freddie Mercury impersonator Thomas Crane and his rocking band bring to life the visual excitement, sound and stage energy of a Queen concert, with hits including *We Will Rock You*, *Another One Bites the Dust* and more.

Come and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of supergroup QUEEN!

"My God Freddie Mercury is alive and well he would have been very proud of that vocal performance."

– Molly Meldrum

"That's the best Freddie Mercury impersonation I have seen YOU ROCK"

– Dannii Minogue

"Thomas Crane is a great singer and an amazing showman"

– Brian McFadden, Westlife

READ MORE



New BOCSAR publication: Improving police risk assessment of intimate partner violence

Date: Wednesday 2 February 2022

Link to report summary - [Improving police risk assessment of intimate partner violence](#)

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) has today released a paper that compares the performance of four statistical models in predicting intimate partner re-victimisation in NSW.

Past research has found that the NSW Police Force's domestic violence risk assessment tool, the DVSAT, is a poor predictor of re-victimisation. This study evaluates four intimate partner re-victimisation prediction tools to identify an alternative model that performs well in the NSW context.

Findings: The best performing model in the study uses 16 variables identified in the National Risk Assessment Principles developed by Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS). The study also finds that the optimal model can be simplified to only five predictors with only a small loss of predictive power.

The five best performing indicators were:

- the victim's history of domestic violence reports
- the perpetrator's history of domestic violence convictions
- pregnancy and new birth
- victim's self-perception of risk
- the perpetrator's misuse of alcohol or drugs.

This study demonstrates that a risk assessment instrument with a small number of variables can assist in identifying victims who are most at risk of future intimate partner violence.

Email: bcsr@justice.nsw.gov.au

Copies of the report: www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au

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something is Wrong... Help them to help us! Contact your Local Police Station... Or Phone it in when you know it is wrong!

Shoalhaven Local Area Command Police Telephone Contact List In the case of an Emergency Phone : 000		
Position	Location	Phone Number
Bay & Basin Police Station	Sanctuary Point	Phone: 02 44421899
Bay & Basin Police Station	Sanctuary Point	Fax: 02 44421811
Crime Prevention Officer	Nowra Police Station	02 44219619
Nowra Police Station	Nowra - Main switch	02 44219699
Sussex Inlet Police Station	Sussex Inlet	02 44468880
Police Assistance Line	PAL	13 14 44
Police Assistance Line TTY Hearing / speech impaired only	PAL	02 92113776
Crime Stoppers	Crime Stoppers	1800333000

NSW POLICE FORCE website address www.police.nsw.gov.au

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<https://www.facebook.com/ShoalhavenLac>

Where no emergency exists and immediate investigation by a Police officer is not necessary, registered community members can now create online reports such as Lost Property, Intentional Damage or Graffiti and Theft, in their own time anywhere where an internet connection is present, using devices of today's technology.

NSW Police Community PORTAL — Check it out for yourself

http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community_portal/about-the-portal

for the SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA

When you are going on the waters, of the St. Georges Basin... Don't forget to log on and off with Marine Rescue Sussex Inlet, for the safety of your life on the water. (27 MHz Chn: 88 VHF Chn: 16) Or Telephone: 4441 3555.



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POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE... 131 444 For reporting of non urgent matters, It will be recorded as an Incident and passed on to the appropriate Police Station to follow up ... It will also become a Statistic and they can be used for the allocation of Police in your local area.

EMERGENCY ... 000 and ask for Police. For Life Threatening or Immediate Attention Required.

CRIME STOPPERS ... 1800 333 000 Anonymous Information.

When you have had enough!...Remember... If you really want to stop Crime... Commit yourself to a SIGNED STATEMENT and you will REALLY give your POLICE something to WORK WITH!

Inserted by the Editor as a Community Service for **Shoalhaven LAC**