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**2023**

Happy New Year



**AND  
AUSTRALIA DAY  
26th January...  
and what it means to me!**

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## Australia Day ~ 26th January ~ and what it means to me!

Although it is the official national day of Australia, celebrated each year on the 26th January to mark the anniversary of the First Fleet of British Ships to arrive at Sydney Cove, New South Wales in 1788; when the Flag of Great Britain, was raised by the then Governor, Arthur Phillip!

**Reflection;** A time to reflect on the sacrifices, that the traditional owners of this land and the many who came after, who together call this country home and have given their all, to toil the soils, tame the mighty lakes and rivers, and built the solid frame work, to support the mighty structure of a life style, second to none! And for all who come to truly share and appreciate our history, we should extend a hand of friendship and welcome them to our HOME!

**Courage;** A time to remember the courage of our fallen hero's and the persistence of our fighting and returned Defence Personnel, where ever they are deployed to protect our Sovereign land and Freedom. 2023 will mark the one hundred and nine years of our beloved ANZACS who personifies (a perfect example of) Courage to the letter and should remind us of their courage, when ever we are faced with our own conflicts!

**Respect;** A time to respect that we live with others in this great land of Australia and we are not alone! As we share our land with all Australians, together we can achieve great heights and do great things... But! In achieving our goals along the way, we should respect one another and help each other to achieve and share our achievements...Together!

**Appreciation;** A time to appreciate what we have achieved, to reflect on what we have lost, to have the respect in ourselves and others who care for our Australian way of life and above all to have the courage to APPRECIATE, that together as a nation, we can achieve almost anything we want for AUSTRALIA... We only need to TRY!

**I will if you will!**

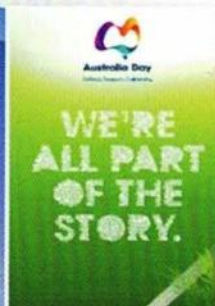
# Happy Australia Day!

# MARINE RESCUE N.S.W. - JERVIS BAY UNIT



## AUSTRALIA DAY 2023 - DUCK DERBY

Join us Australia Day, Thursday 26th January 2023 - 9am Moona Moona Creek, Huskisson for a day of family fun and entertainment. Market stalls, food stalls, and of course duck races. Bring a picnic rug, bring the family and watch your duck race to the finish line for a chance of winning \$500 cash.



ALL PROCEEDS MARINE  
RESCUE JERVIS BAY  
ABN 98 138 078 092  
CFN21153



**Australia Day**

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

**YOU ALSO CAN BECOME A VOLUNTEER MEMBER OF MARINE RESCUE JERVIS BAY... GIVE THEM A CALL on (02) 4441 5433 OR DROP INTO THEIR OPERATIONAL BASE IN VOYAGER PARK HUSKISSON AND SAY HELLO!**



## **A Local Marine Rescue Jervis Bay Story with a Happy Ending**

The following account of a rescue is provided by Marine Rescue Jervis Bay. This actual incident occurred on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 after lunch.

At 1:47pm the Marine Rescue Base Jervis Bay (at Huskisson) received a phone call from a young woman advising that a girl on an inflatable paddle board was being swept off the beach at Iluka, Jervis Bay by strong winds and was several hundred metres off the shore.

Immediately after obtaining the necessary details of the location, people involved, nature of the problem and the observers phone number, a second call was received from a woman on the beach reporting the same incident. An immediate dispatch was sent to all volunteer call-out crew members (at 1:49pm) calling for a Rescue Vessel to be activated.

The Australian Federal Police phoned the Rescue Base at 1:50pm to provide further information. The girl's father had entered the water on a boogie board wearing a set of fins to assist his daughter. She was about 600metres off the beach. It is necessary to advise the Marine Rescue NSW Zone Duty Operations Manager in case further resources are required or the local base needs assistance. His decision was to continue existing efforts and keep him informed. Now contact was made with the Marine Area Command – New South Wales Police to provide an update on the situation.

Between 1:56pm (7 minutes after the initial dispatch to crew) and 2:00pm a crew had arrived on the Rescue Vessel "Wayne Walker" JB20 and the vessel left Huskisson at speed with the Emergency Response Lights showing. At this point a brief update was provided to the informants on the beach by the base, our gratitude was expressed and they were assured the Rescue Vessel was "flying" to the scene. On the way, the JB20 Rescue crew prepared the First Aid Kit, the Defibrillator and Oxygen in case they were needed on scene. This was rough going for the crew because the wind had picked up to 20 to 25 knots from the south, south west, swell was 1.5metres and it was a very bumpy crossing, but a fast one nevertheless.

The Australian Federal Police advised that a helicopter was activated and would hover near the people in the water to guide the Rescue Vessel JB20 to the precise location. A staging point at HMAS Creswell was selected and an Ambulance called to attend. The Rescue Vessel then communicated with the helicopter directly and communications were updated to all parties a few minutes apart.

Both rescued people were retrieved from the water at approximately 2:26pm, seated out of the wind and wrapped in "space blankets" for warmth. They were assured of their safety now and advised of arrangements for further assistance from waiting paramedics and mother/wife on shore. A handover to the Paramedics at HMAS Creswell was completed at approximately 2:40pm. The family reunion on shore was something to behold and made an indelible impression on the JB20 Rescue crew.

Everyone involved including the original informants were then advised of the successful outcome. This was clearly a Rescue Team effort with the inclusion of multiple agencies displaying outstanding co-operation leading to a *wonderful* conclusion.



**Marine Rescue New South Wales, Jervis Bay.**

**"Volunteers Saving Lives on the Water"**

03 January 2023

## **MASSIVE FUNDING BOOST TO REPAIR SOUTH COAST ROADS**

Liberal Candidate for South Coast Luke Sikora has today welcomed the \$500 million commitment by the NSW Perrottet Government to fix local roads, which will ensure local roads across the South Coast are repaired as a priority.

Mr Sikora said funding under the new Regional and Local Roads Repair program would be made available to Shoalhaven City Council "within weeks" to allow repair works to be carried out on local roads across the region.

"Our local road network has taken a battering following recent wet weather and it is essential that support is provided to bring our local roads back up to an appropriate standard," Mr Sikora said.

"Everywhere I go across the region so many residents raise the state of our local roads. I have taken these concerns directly to the NSW Government and I am pleased they have listened and responded with such a significant funding package," he said.

"Today's announcement by the NSW Government of \$500 million comes on top of the \$50 million already provided to regional councils to help assist repair local roads. Last year Shoalhaven City Council received \$620,868 in funding under the Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Round and will once again benefit from the significant funding announced today.

"The application process for Shoalhaven City Council to access funding will be simple and the cash will be made available immediately so Council can get on with the job of urgently restoring our local road network.

"So many of our towns and villages have only one access road in and out. Whether Bendalong Road, Greenwell Point Road, Sussex Inlet Road, or Matron Porter Drive, it is essential that accesses to homes and businesses are repaired to ensure safety for local residents.

"I am proud to be part of the Perrottet Liberal Team that is listening to local communities and ensuring funding is made available to fix and deliver important infrastructure across the South Coast," Mr Sikora said.

**ENDS**

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What's in this update: Night work in December Christmas site shutdown Upcoming weekend closure of Bridge Road

## Upcoming night work in January

Night work will continue across the project from **Wednesday 11 January to Tuesday 31 January 2023**, between 6pm and 7am, weather permitting.

A summary of night work activities and a map of the work areas can be viewed on the latest [resident notification](#).

## Christmas site shutdown

There will be a site shutdown over the Christmas period from **6pm Thursday 22 December until 7am Monday 9 January 2023**.

There will be no construction work during this time. Reduced work zone speed limits will continue to be enforced.

### Contact us:

If you have any questions or would like more information,  
please contact the project team: 1800 331 713

[nowrabridgeproject@fultonhogan.com.au](mailto:nowrabridgeproject@fultonhogan.com.au)

[nswroads.work/nowrabridge](https://nswroads.work/nowrabridge)

PO Box 477, Wollongong, NSW, 2500

If you need help understanding this information, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask them to call us on 1800 331 713.

### Location of night work



Contact Nowra Bridge project by Mail

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# SUSSEX GREEN HOUSE - FRESH FARM PRODUCE

392 SUSSEX INLET ROAD, SUSSEX  
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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



## Boardwalk Construction - Ray Brooks Reserve, Sanctuary Point Update.

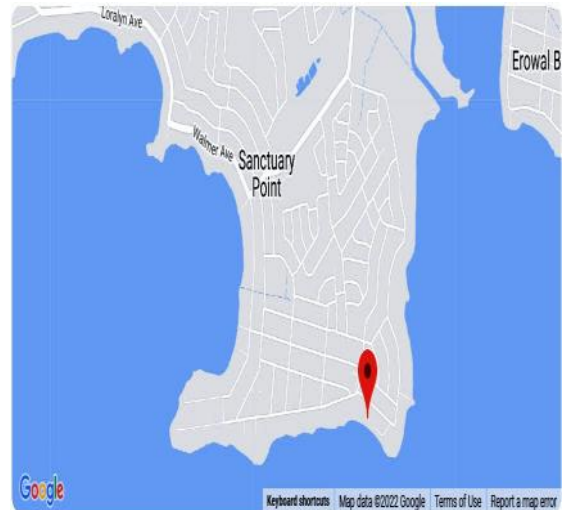
Project Status In progress  
Where [Greville Avenue, Sanctuary Point 2540](#)

Last reviewed 09 December 2022  
About the project

The project involves the replacement of the existing boardwalk, including demolition, construction, and associated concrete works.

The boardwalk project commenced on 21 July 2022. To facilitate this work, the existing access boardwalk had to be removed.

The original completion date of this project was scheduled for the end of November 2022, however, due to unforeseen, prolonged weather events, and extended material lead times, the construction program has experienced significant delays. Council will be proceeding with construction works over the coming months, with the new construction completion date, anticipated to be March - April 2023.



During this time vehicle access to the reserve will remain unrestricted, however pedestrian access to the reserve, in close proximity to the construction site, will be closed. Pedestrians are advised to access the reserve via the walkway between 216-218 Greville Avenue Sanctuary Point (please see the image below). Council will be providing directional signage indicating alternative pedestrian access to the reserve.

The new accessible boardwalk has been jointly funded by Council and a grant from the Australian Government - [Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund](#).





## The Sanctuary Point Men's Shed Inc.



**President:**

**Ray Marcusson 4447 8634**

**Secretary:**

**John Kelly 0413 837 538**

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**17 Clifton Street, Sanctuary Point  
NSW 2540 and Say Hello Mate!**

**Web Site at:**

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*St Georges Basin*

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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>

# Public homage as Benedict lies in state

By Giada Zampano and France D'Emilio

**Updated** January 2 2023 - 8:28pm, first published 27pm



Thousands have queued to pay their respects to Pope Emeritus Benedict who died at the age of 95. (AP PHOTO)

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI 's body, his head resting on a pair of crimson pillows, lay in state in St. Peter's Basilica as thousands of people filed by to pay tribute to the pontiff who shocked the world by retiring a decade ago.

As daylight broke on Monday 10 white-gloved Papal Gentlemen, lay assistants to pontiffs and papal households, carried the body on a cloth-covered wooden stretcher up the centre aisle of the mammoth basilica to its resting place in front of the main altar under Bernini's towering bronze canopy.

A Swiss Guard saluted as the body was brought in via a side door after Benedict's remains, placed in a van, had been transferred from the chapel of the monastery grounds where the increasingly frail, 95-year-old former pontiff passed away on Saturday morning.

His longtime secretary Archbishop Georg Gaenswein, and a handful of consecrated laywomen who served in Benedict's household, followed the van by foot in a silent procession toward the basilica.

Just after 9am, the doors of the basilica were swung open so the public, some who had waited for hours in the dampness before dawn, could pay their respects to the late pontiff, who retired from the papacy in 2013 to become the first pope to do so in 600 years.



## SHOALHAVEN NEWS

### Sod turns to start work on Jervis Bay Road flyover

19 December 2022



Four years of community campaigning has come to an end, with work officially beginning on the Jervis Bay Road flyover.

But the turning of the first sod on Friday also brings the start of four years of construction work and the associated delays it will cause, beginning early in 0223.

Vincentia Matters secretary Liz Tooley said the prospect of traffic problems at the intersection with the Princes Highway would not stop the celebrations among Jervis Bay residents. "We're absolutely delighted, this is such an important day," she said.

"The early works have started on schedule, which was promised all along, the design is absolutely fantastic, and the community is absolutely delighted with what is happening." The organisation's chairman, Ross Popplewell, said debate over the Jervis Bay Road intersection had brought the community together as it fought against earlier proposals including traffic lights and a roundabout.

"We had 14,500 written signatures to say that they wanted the flyover, and it was taken to Parliament and all sides of Parliament supported it on the floor.

"For this to happen today, one the last couple of days of working time in 2022, will show the community that Transport for NSW is delivering," Mr Popplewell said. "We're very happy and we've got a great relationship, they ring us and ask us our views."

Kiama MP Gareth Ward praised the community's work on the issue, and the role in rejecting early plans until the right one was found.

"Because of consistent community campaigning, we've seen an interchange which is the best option for what is a busy intersection and a dangerous intersection, and the community should give itself one hell of a pat on the back," he said.

South Coast MP Shelley Hancock said the planned flyover would end traffic and safety concerns in the area, once completed. "It has been an extraordinarily long process to get to this, because I think everybody, including the community and the tourists who visit this area in increasing numbers, know the JB intersection has been a problem for a long time, and whilst we've put in some improvements over the years, we really haven't come this far," Mrs Hancock said.

Gilmore MP Fiona Phillips said the Federal Government acknowledged the need for an urgent upgrade at the intersection, and was contributing \$100 million to the project. "We know that this intersection is the most dangerous intersection from here to the Victorian border," she said.

"We know that this is where many, many accidents occur, and it's vital that it's upgraded to improve the safety of people's lives."

The sod turning involved all three levels of government, with deputy mayor Paul Eil representing Shoalhaven Council.

*Images: Glenn Ellard, Transport for NSW*

Tags: [princes highway](#), [Shelley Hancock](#), [Fiona Phillips](#), [Jervis Bay](#), [Gareth Ward](#), [Jervis Bay Road](#), [Transport for NSW](#), [Paul Eil](#).



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MONDAY 20 MARCH

PHYSICAL SEASON

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*It is essential that attendees abide by all current NSW Public Health Orders as well as event and venue guidelines in regards to COVID-19.*



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**NSW SES St Georges Basin Unit**

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The NSW SES offers members a wide range of training and equipment enabling us to help our community in a safe and professional manner.

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Keep your emergency kit in a waterproof storage box. Check your emergency kit regularly and restock any out-of-date items such as batteries.

For more information: [www.ses.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ses.nsw.gov.au)

There are a few simple things that you can do now to help reduce the potential damage caused by severe storms:

- 1 Maintain your yard and balcony by securing or putting away items that could blow around in strong winds
- 2 Clean your gutters, downpipes and drains regularly to prevent blockages
- 3 Trim trees and branches that could potentially fall on your home or property
- 4 Fix any damage to your roof including broken or missing tiles
- 5 Check your insurance policy is current and adequate
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- 7 Put together an emergency kit
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**NSW SES St Georges Basin meet and train 6.30 pm Wednesdays**

**For further information on membership Please phone 1800 201 000**



**New data: New South Wales Criminal Courts Statistics Jul 2017 - Jun 2022**

**Release Date: Thursday 15 December 2022**

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research has released the latest Criminal Court Statistics showing court processes from 2017/18 to 2021/22.

Link to report summary: [New South Wales Criminal Courts Statistics Jul 2017 - Jun 2022](#)

**Key results include:**

- The pandemic has disrupted the operations of the Criminal Courts. In the 12 months to June 2022 the NSW Criminal Courts finalised 131,610 court appearances; this is 6% fewer than in the previous 12-month period and 6% fewer than in the years prior to the pandemic (2017/18 and 2018/19).
- The reduction in finalisations has been particularly pronounced for defended matters finalised in the Local Court. In the year to June 2022 the Local Court finalised 11,617 defended hearings. This was 29% fewer than in the year 2018/19 (n = 16,699).
- As a consequence, time to justice for defended hearings in the Local Court has risen significantly. In 2021/22 the median time to finalise a defended hearing in the Local Court rose to 279 days from arrest to finalisation; this is an 82 day increase from median time to finalisation in the year 2018/19 (198 days).
- About a third of defended hearing the Local Court are domestic violence related. For domestic violence related defended hearings time from arrest to finalisation rose from 160 days in the year 2018/19 to 271 days in 2021/22.

**Further enquiries: Jackie Fitzgerald, Executive Director, BOCSAR 0423 139 687**

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Bay & Basin Police Station	Sanctuary Point	Fax: 02 44421811
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Police Assistance Line	PAL	13 14 44
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NSW POLICE FORCE website address [www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au)

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NSW Police Community PORTAL — Check it out for yourself

[http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community\\_portal/about-the-portal](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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**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!**

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