

Photo of Palm Beach Sanctuary Point NSW on a clear day... Photo taken by the Editor Dennis Williams.

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14 June 2020

https://www.shoalhaven.com/events/huskisson-market-4

Huskisson Market

Thoughts on my mind

Allow me to express a few thoughts on my mind, as I stay in my home I watch out of my blind.

I wonder if others are doing the same, this coronavirus is not just a game.

We have suffered the droughts, bushfires and floods, we have put out the fires and washed out the mud.

And now we're confronted with this virus to clear, so please distance yourselves and don't stand so near.

We wash our hands and scrub our nails and wear a mask if all else fails.

Where this begun is not now our worry, it's finding that cure we need in a hurry!

An Australian human trial of a vaccination, has commenced with earnest to protect every Nation.

I salute our Governments, Federal and States, Emergency Services and the Doctors and Nurses for all being our Mates.

And when this is all over it won't be the same, it's the loss of our love ones, just too many to name!

Editor: Dennis Williams



Shoalhaven City Council is reminding residents of the importance of staying connected to our community during difficult times. The community connection card can be used to offer help to those who may need support in our community or to spread some neighbourly kindness.

The Community Connection Card will help you to connect with your neighbours, and to let them know how you may be able to assist them.

Whilst some COVID-19 restrictions are lifting across the state, it is important to remember the person you give your connection card to

could be self-isolating or vulnerable. This means we must practice neighbourly kindness with precaution, ultimately to stay safe and connected. Wash your hands before delivering your cards or any items of assistance and if possible, wear gloves.

It is important that we look after each other during this difficult time. Reach out to your neighbours if you need support or can offer help. These cards can be used at any time so once the restrictions are lifted, we would encourage people to keep using them.

The support you may need or can offer may include picking groceries or goods for a neighbour who is self-isolating or vulnerable. It may be as simple as offering a smile, making a phone or video call to neighbours, friends and loved ones, organising a virtual morning tea, giving a wave or by checking in with, "Hello, are you okay today?" while maintaining social distancing. It's well known that social connection makes us feel better as it helps prevent loneliness, isolation and depression and who knows, it might just make their day.

If you need mental health support the Mental Health Access Line on 1800 011 511. All residents are urged to reach out to the vulnerable and lonely members of their community to create a connection – whether it's a few friendly words across the back fence or inviting your elderly neighbour for a virtual cuppa.

The cards can be downloaded here.

If you can offer help or just want to say hi, please fill in this Connection Card and drop it into your neighbours mailbox. help if you need Address Contact me on I can help with... ☐ A phone call / catch up ☐ Picking up shopping □ Urgent supplies ☐ Posting mail □ Something else Proudly supported by firefly Bay & Basin For more information about what's going on in your community and for recovery assistance visit shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au n @ = y

May 19, 2020

If you can offer help or just want to say hi, please fill in this Connection Card and drop it into your neighbours mailbox. COMD-19 is contagious - please ensure you wash your hands before delivering your connection card and dropping off items

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Media Release

3 June 2020

Household Waste Disposal Voucher Extension

Shoalhaven City Council is pleased to announce the extension of 2019-2020 household waste disposal vouchers, which will now expire on 30 September 2020.

The extension follows the disruptions resulting from Covid-19 restrictions preventing some residents accessing Council's Waste Services depots. The move aims to allow an extended period for Shoalhaven ratepayers to arrange their waste disposal.

Council understands community concerns regarding the reduced opportunity for waste disposal in recent weeks and the voucher extension will help alleviate any unnecessary surge of customers at Councils waste depots attempting to use waste disposal vouchers before the original July deadline.

Vouchers can be redeemed at any of Council's Recycling and Waste Depots. Social distancing measures continue to apply, and staff appreciate customer patience as the distancing measures may result in delays onsite.

Waste disposal vouchers can also be used for booking Council's convenient on-call Green & Bulky collection service.

For the latest information on Shoalhaven's Recycling and Waste Depots visit: www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Environment/Waste-and-recycling/Recycling-and-Waste-Depots

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Member for South Coast - Minister for Local Government.

Mail To: southcoast@parliament.nsw.gov.au



Thursday, 28 May 2020

LOCAL SHOWGROUNDS GET STIMULUS UPGRADES

Member for the South Coast Shelley Hancock today announced two local showgrounds will benefit from \$251,744 in funding as part of the NSW Government COVID-19 stimulus package.

Mrs Hancock said "Milton and Nowra showgrounds will receive funding to upgrade and improve the safety, use and condition of their infrastructure and support jobs in the local economy. When COVID-19 hit it forced the postponement or cancellation of agricultural shows and many activities that showgrounds rely on for their income,"

Mrs Hancock said "This investment by the NSW Government will provide a boost for our local showgrounds and the communities they serve by supporting tradies and suppliers with work and strengthening showground infrastructure for the future."

Upgrades in the local area will include:

- \$150,078 to Nowra Showground for floodlighting for wood chop arena, air
- conditioning and carpeting for the pavilion and to replace the fencing in the main arena.
- \$101,666 to Milton Showground for the construction of an accessible pathway.

Minister for Water, Property and Housing Melinda Pavey said this funding is part of \$25 million that will be spent over two years to improve showgrounds across the State. "\$12.5 million is being allocated immediately to get projects underway this financial year under the NSW Government's COVID-19 Stimulus Package," Mrs Pavey said. "We will then follow through by allocating another \$12.5 million for more work across showgrounds to be announced next financial year."

The two local showgrounds would be among 137 across the State that will benefit from the first tranche of funding. "Showgrounds today are multi-use facilities for a range of activities from agricultural shows, rodeos and horse clubs to farmers markets, festivals, camping, men's sheds, and sport and cultural events,"

Mrs Pavey said. "Our showgrounds are at the heart of communities including serving as evacuation centres during bushfire and flood so we want to keep them in good shape."

For more information contact the Office of Shelley Hancock MP 4421 0222

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Dennis and Kate Williams - Just give them a call 4421 4005.



Good morning, Shoalhaven City Council have

committed funding towards the Development Application ready design of a new



District Library for the Bay and Basin area in Sanctuary Point.

https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/sanctuarypoint-library/widgets/281830/photos

This project involves:

- preparation of a concept design
- community consultation

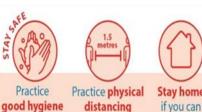
preparation of a detailed design and associated documentation for lodgement of a Development Application. We would like your feed-back on this exciting project, by completing the Questionnaire on the Get Involved webpage by 5 pm, Friday 26 June 2020.

Please distribute this information to your communities through your networks.

Kind regards,

Sandy Sturgiss

Community Engagement Officer Shoalhaven City Council 02 4429 5482 Bridge Rd (PO Box 42) Nowra NSW 2541 sandy.sturgiss@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au















Check out more photos on below link

https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/sanctuarypoint-library/ widgets/281830/photos

New site for Sanctuary Point District Library https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/

sanctuarypoint-library

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Following the advice received at the pre-lodgement advice meeting, Council have now resolved (MIN20.33) to locate the new Sanctuary Point District Library on the corner of Kerry Street and Paradise Beach Road (Site A):

- "1. Accept this report as an update on MIN18.910
- 2. Select Site A, located on the corner of Kerry Street and Paradise Beach Road, as the preferred site for building of a new district library at Sanctuary Point.
- 3. Proceed to community consultation, detailed design and lodgement of a Development Application.
- 4. Receive a report from staff on the construction of the new amenities block together with costings at Francis Ryan Reserve."

Council staff will now move forward with Part 3 of the above decision.

NEWS FEED

QUESTIONNAIRE

GUESTBOOK

Sanctuary Point District Library Survey

We are currently working with planners and library staff to determine what services and resources will be available at the new Sanctuary Point District Library.

This survey has been crafted from previous correspondence received from the community in regard to what they would like to see at the new library.

Please provide you input by 5pm, Friday 26 June 2020.

Take Survey

https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/sanctuarypointlibrary?tool=survey tool#tool tab









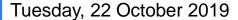
Why is it that, such an iconic tourist attraction, has to be compromised along Palm Beach, Sanctuary Point with the massive build up of dead seaweed and what ever lurks beneath it and even though it is now the start of our winter season, Tourists still want to explore the iconic locations and take safe steps along an iconic foreshore while taking photos to share with other relatives and friends when they return to their homes. I know we do when touring around!



Dead and dying forest trees and fallen branches throughout Ray Brooks Reserve and the Basin Walking Track, through Sanctuary Point needs a great deal of attention, only if someone can open up their eyes and be honest and accept a much safer and enjoyable environment can be made for the tourists we are asking to return to our iconic waters and safe reserves for their next holiday location.



Even the NSW Government has provided funding to Shoalhaven Council, for the changes under Projects - Regional Growth Environment and Tourism Fund for Sanctuary Point / Palm Beach, St Georges Basin Walking Track and Bherwerre Wetland, as can be seen from the following extract from a media release on the 22nd October 2019... The NSW Government is trying to help, why the hold up!



\$5.3 MILLION TOURISM BOOST

A new Shoalhaven project to promote nature-based, cultural and accessible tourism through upgrades to infrastructure will allow more people to enjoy the natural beauty of the region thanks to a \$5 million grant awarded to Shoalhaven City Council by the NSW Government. Member for South Coast Shelley Hancock said a grant from the Regional Growth - Environment and Tourism Fund will enable foreshore walk upgrades, beach and walking track access, park and beach amenities, playground upgrades, car park upgrades and interpretative Signage. Mrs Hancock said the funding will create a signature tourism attractions for the community, helping to boost the Shoalhaven status among holidaymakers and putting our region front of mind for tourists when planning their next trip "Promoting nature-based, cultural and accessible tourism, these funds will see infrastructure at Vincentia, Sanctuary Point, Jervis Bay, Ulladulla and Kioloa to Narrawallee.

"We know there is already so much to see and do here in the Shoalhaven and this project will provide an impressive new attraction to entice first-time and return visitors."More than 67 million people visited regional NSW in the 12 months to March this year and there is clearly high demand from tourists who want to see regional NSW's incredible landscapes and learn about our vibrant heritage and culture."

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW John Barilaro said the project is one of 10 iconic regional tourism projects that will receive a share of \$62 million in funding. "These new infrastructure projects will establish exciting, iconic tourism attractions for communities across regional NSW and create work in the longer term for chefs, tour guides, baristas, taxi drivers and pub and hotel staff servicing tourists who visit these attractions,"

Mr Barilaro said. "NSW is struggling through one of the worst droughts on record and through programs such as the Regional Growth – Environment and Tourism Fund, the NSW Government is helping towns attract tourists and keep money flowing through the local economy. "Regional NSW is still open for business and our restaurants and cafes continue to delight diners; tourist attractions are welcoming record numbers of visitors and I'm encouraging everyone to consider a trip to the bush instead of Bali this Christmas."

The \$300 million Regional Growth - Environment and Tourism Fund is part of the \$1.7 billion Regional Growth Fund which, together with the \$4.2 billion Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund, is delivering once-in-ageneration infrastructure that generates opportunities, investments and jobs. The NSW Government's \$1.8 billion Emergency Drought Relief Package is backing farmers, towns, families and businesses by providing up to \$800 million in practical support measures, rebates, subsidies and waiving Government charges for farmers and related industries. The package is also making available \$1 billion in interest-free or low interest loans to farmers and eligible businesses.

Projects - Regional Growth Environment and Tourism Fund

Sanctuary Point / Palm Beach

BBQ and associated park infrastructure, including accessible shelters and BBQs. New accessible pathways and loop between car park, open space, beach and amenities. New access pathway from Palm Beach up to the adjoining Greville Avenue and through to other shared paths and to Bherwerre Wetlands. Upgrades around the existing compliant amenities building and Car park improvements.

St Georges Basin Walking Track

A mixture of gravel and raised boardwalk style trails traversing low-lying areas around St Georges Basin water body. A new shared pathway to link Palm Beach to the Bay and Basin Shared Path network via the Bherwerre Wetland.

Bherwerre Wetland

A mixture of gravel and raised boardwalk style trails, including fully accessible component. New accessible parking and turning head at the end of The Park Drive - linking to the accessible portion of walking trails. A number of seating areas to stop and enjoy the natural area. Interpretive and direction signage and sign posting.

Sanctuary Point A Concerned Citizens Newsletter

If we try together and don't give up, we can achieve almost anything!

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Web Site at:

https://www.sanctuarypointmenshed.org/

Hours of Business

8.30am. - 4.30 pm. Monday to Friday... Phone the office on (02) 44438239 on these days, or call at the big green shed located at 17 Clifton Street. Sanctuary Point NSW 2540 and Say **Hello Mate!**





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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-



Media Release

13 May 2020

Shoalhaven City Council Announces \$17.5M COVID-19 Financial Relief Package for Ratepayers

At last night's Strategy & Assets Committee Meeting, Shoalhaven City Council revealed a \$17.5M COVID-19 Financial Relief Package to help ratepayers during this extremely difficult period. On top of financial assistance measures previously announced to support businesses and development activity across the Shoalhaven, the further support package revealed last night offers direct financial support to every property owner in the Shoalhaven to the extent of \$300 for 2020/21 financial year. Shoalhaven City Council CEO Stephen Dunshea said "This relief package is another step towards seeing our region recover from what was a devastating summer season, now compounded by the impact of this terrible COVID-19 crisis."

Read more

https://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/My-Property/ Rates-and-payments/COVID-19-Financial-Relief-Package







Update on the Jervis Bay Road and Princes Highway intersection upgrade

Watch our Project Manager, Matthew Burns, give an update on how the Jervis Bay Road and Princes Highway intersection upgrade is progressing including next steps from the recent consultation period and planned investigation work around the intersection starting from Tuesday 2 June.







Ulladulla Saturday 13 June **Nowra** Sunday 14 June

Household Chemical CleanOut

Dispose of your hazardous household chemical waste for FREE! Household Chemical CleanOut days are the perfect opportunity to safely dispose of this environmentally unfriendly waste from your house and garage.

The Clean Out will take place in Ulladulla on 13 June and Nowra on 14 June.

DETAILS



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You'll receive a monthly email with the latest news on operations at the Entertainment Centre and Encore Dining, upcoming shows, special deals, and workshops.

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Sportsfield Floodlight Upgrades

Council have completed floodlight works on 17 sportsgrounds across the Shoalhaven, with the project including an upgrade of the switching controls to allow floodlight operation via a phone-based system. The system allows users to operate the floodlights by sending a text message to the floodlight controller, offering a safer way for sportsground users to access the Floodlights.

LEARN MORE

Has domestic violence increased in the wake of COVID-19 social distancing measures?

Full report: https://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Publications/BB/2020-Report-Domestic-Violence-in-the (pdf 728Kb)

Release date: Embargo: 10:30am, Thursday 28 May 2020

Domestic violence reports did not increase in April 2020 compared with the same time last year. This is despite most of the community being in lockdown in their homes over that month.

Concerns have been raised that social isolation strategies implemented to address the COVID-19 pandemic may inadvertently increase the incidence of domestic violence. A new report by the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) considers domestic violence data from various sources in order to monitor signs of an increase.

The data show:

- The number of domestic violence assaults recorded by NSW Police in April 2020 was slightly lower than in April 2019
- The number of urgent Police DV callouts in April 2020 was equivalent to the number in April 2019
- Calls to the NSW Domestic Violence Line increased in 2020, but the increase pre-dated social isolation measures.

It is possible that the figures above are affected by a fall in domestic violence reporting during social isolation. While murder and grievous bodily harm are infrequent, they are serious enough that we expect they will come to police attention regardless of victim willingness to report. Neither of these offences were higher in April 2020 compared with April 2019.

Commenting on the findings, Jackie Fitzgerald, Executive Director at the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research noted that while there is no evidence to suggest social isolation measures have increased domestic violence, we cannot rule out an increase in *unreported* domestic violence. "If there were an increase in *unreported* domestic violence that didn't result in serious physical injury, it would not be apparent in this study."

Further enquiries: Jackie Fitzgerald, Executive Director 0423 139 687

Email: bcsr@justice.nsw.gov.au

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

From On The Beat - NSW Police Shoalhaven Crime Prevention



With Senior Constable Anthony Jory

A man or Woman's best friend is a dog. Or so they say. Most of us own a dog or have had a dog at some point in our lives. They can lower our blood pressure and give us years of pleasure. Some people treat them like their children.

However, If you own a dog, you have to be a responsible owner. You make sure to feed them, give them water and a nice cosy bed but the responsibility does not stop there. You have to have consideration for the other members of the community. A community that is made up of Men Woman and Children, the weak, sick and infirm. How many times have you been out on your daily stroll and spied a dog which causes you some concern due to is demeanour or size? If you are a healthy person and you fear what might happen, give a thought for the elderly or small kids, what must they be feeling.

What happens when your hairy child goes wild? Who is liable?

If your dog bites a person or it is not under effective control it used to be the owner that copped the fine or went to Court. However, from the first of October, 2001 the Companion Animals Act was amended. The Act was amended so that it provides that if the owner is not present at the time of the offence and another person who is at least 16 years old is in charge of the animal at that time, then that other person is guilty of the offence instead of the owner.

Some offences carry a \$2200 fine and/or 2 years in prison, also a person who is convicted under section 16 of the Act is permanently disqualified from owning a dog. Section 16 relates to attacks by dangerous dogs in aggravated circumstances. How would you feel if your dog was responsible for seriously injuring a Child or even worse, killing someone? The message is clear. Love your dog, enjoy playing with it. Bask in the benefits of ownership, but just remember your life could be turned upside down in a nanno second if you become complacent.

That's all the excitement for this week.

Remember: Do not Drink and Drive and you can Dob in a Druggie any time you like, by contacting Nowra Police or ringing Crime Stoppers. on 1800 333 000

As always, in case of emergency, call (000)

Non Emergencies contact Police Assistance Line on 131444 or your local Police. To provide anonymous information call crime stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Shoalhaven Domestic Violence Officers Email shoaldvlo@police.nsw.gov.au

Don't forget. Cops are Tops.

Information provided by On The Beat & Inserted by the Editor as a Community Service for **Shoalhaven LAC**

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Bay & Basin Police Station	Sanctuary Point	Fax: 02 44421811
Crime Prevention Officer	Nowra Police Station	02 44219619
Nowra Police Station	Nowra - Main switch	02 44219619
Sussex Inlet Police Station	Sussex Inlet	02 44219619
Police Assistance Line	PAL	131444
Police Assistance Line	PAL	02 92113776
(PAL) Hearing / speech impaired of	TTY only	
Crime Stoppers	Crime Stoppers	1800333000

NSW POLICE FORCE website address

www.police.nsw.gov.au

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 ${\bf NSW\ Police\ Community\ PORTAL--\ Check\ it\ out\ for\ yourself}$

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

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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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