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# SHOALHAVEN INDEPENDENTS

Together we can build a better Shoalhaven

## MEDIA RELEASE

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# Mayoral Campaign Launch – PATRICIA WHITE

## Shoalhaven Independents Team

Today I am proud to announce that I, Patricia White will be standing for the Mayoral Candidate for Shoalhaven City Council and to introduce a strong team of individuals for the Shoalhaven Independents line-up for Wards 1, 2 & 3.

I have been an elected representative for 12 years holding the position of Deputy Mayor for 3 years. I have successfully worked and represented residents and communities across the whole Shoalhaven listening and resolving the real issues. I had a long career in legal and corporate banking with a sound financial background prior to moving to the Shoalhaven.

I have a resilient experience team with backgrounds in Corporate & International Businesses, Management, Finance, Media, IT Software, Disaster Management, Education, Volunteering, and Community Advocates fighting for residents.

Now is not the time for indecision, self-interest, and negativity which the Shoalhaven has been subjected to from the last 3 years of this Council.

I will lead with steady determination, compassion, and listen to all residents of our 50 towns and villages and businesses.

Even though Council faces the difficulties of today and will tomorrow, I have a plan to fix the issues - together we can build a better Shoalhaven.

We are a great community and have great residents and businesses, but we can't afford another Council, which will be elected for a four-year term, like the last three years.

Yes, we need a new way but to get a new way we have to choose a new Council: a new council with positive plans to restore the hope, rewards, and opportunities for the Shoalhaven.

This is what I will do, with the Shoalhaven Independents team: -

- ✓ We'll fix Council's devastating FINANCIAL POSITION...
- We'll Fix the crumbling ROAD NETWORK Fix it once Fix it right
- ✓ We'll Fix the 45-degree rule...
- ✓ We'll put our community, residents, & businesses at the heart of Council by listening...
- ✓ We'll STOP Council's out of control Rate increases...
- ✓ We'll introduce Green Waste Solutions...
- We'll maintain our parks, natural strips, and reserves And get real pride back to the Shoalhaven
- ✓ We'll maintain our Assets...
- ✓ We'll STOP the big Party Politics and block voting in local Council...
- AND much more

We have a plan, and we know how to pay for it.

From day one, it will be obvious for residents and communities will notice change, and once more Council will get back to basic and listen to residents.

Who do you trust to retore Shoalhaven City Council

#### – Patricia White Mayor & Shoalhaven Independents Ward Candidates

Choose change, and the last eight years will soon seem like an aberration.

Choose change, and there are few problems that cannot be improved.

But the only way to choose change is to vote for Shoalhaven Independents!!

#### We have the plan, we have the team and we are ready.

That's the choice I urge you to make to move the Council forward.

Together we can build a better Shoalhaven

#### Patricia White

Mayoral Candidate – Shoalhaven City Council 149 Camden Street Ulladulla 2539 Mobile 0447416329

#### SHOALHAVEN INDEPENDENTS CANDIDATES

WARD 1 Suzanne Hammond-Warne

Peter Wilkie Jason Cox Jenny Mison

WARD 2 Bob Proudfoot

Lou Casmiri

**Clive Robertson** 

WARD 3 Patricia White

**Mitchell Paks** 

**Denise Joy** 

Education; Community Cancer Fundraiser; Choir Master Media; Presenter

Finance; Business; Bank Manager Education

Community; Education; Director; Former Councillor

Businessman; IT Specialist; Software Developer,

Education; Community Advocate; Former Councillor

Councillor; Community; Corporate Banking

International Business; Disaster Management; Former Councillor Community Advocate

#### Marine Rescue Sussex Inlet - Autumn 2024 Report

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SUSSEX INLET

With the poorer weather felt for much of Autumn our tempo slowed a bit for much of this period. With some glorious days towards the end of May we have enjoyed the opportunity for more training and fewer assists/call-outs than over Summer.

Assists/call-outs:

Of six call-outs scattered across March, only one, a jet ski that broke down near the surf zone off Bherwerre Beach in Wreck Bay, resulted in a tow (back to Lions Park boat ramp in Sussex Inlet). The other five call outs were resolved before our main Rescue Vessel Sussex 20 arrived and the crew was stood down.

April bucked the March "stand-down" trend with six call-outs, with five of the six being vessels in St Georges Basin, two were towed back to Sussex Inlet and the other two were towed to Sanctuary Point/Erowal Bay. One vessel was a large motor cruiser that had a fire on board off Basin View that required a multiple rescue agency response as well as a tow. The only assist outside of the Basin being a jetski that was towed from Berrara to Bendalong after its impeller was jammed with rope.

Finally, May was relatively quiet for callouts except one that was just outside the Bar on the last weekend of the month. The vessel had been taking part in the very successful BROE Fishing Classic over the weekend of 25-26 but had trouble starting and running. It was escorted back to the Lions Park boat ramp in Sussex Inlet by Sussex 20. While Sussex 20 was ensuring the safety of boaters engaged in the BROE, our two Rescue Water Craft (jetskis) participated in a large search and rescue exercise with all the other Marine Rescue Units in the Ilawarra.

Fundraising: The only paid members of Marine Rescue are staff based at the MRNSW Headquarters in Sydney. All of the volunteers across the State (over 3,000), including Unit Commanders and other office holders at each Unit, are unpaid. While the State Government through our HQ provides some funding to Units, it is not enough to fully cover operations and other running expenditures. This is why you always find MRNSW members doing BBQs, Raffles and other events to raise money.

At our Sussex Inlet Unit we have raised much of our funds over Autumn through providing Boat Licensing Courses for the public at our base, a food van BBQ and raffles at the Sussex Classic Car Show, and just around the corner will be the Vikings Festival on Saturday 8 June.

In addition to our own fundraising, Marine Rescue Sussex Inlet is very grateful to our Major supporters including: St Georges Basin Country Club, Sussex Inlet Bowling Club, Sussex Inlet RSL Club, Sussex Inlet Chamber of Commerce and our other notable supporters – fishing clubs, the local community and visitors!

Our mission of saving lives on the water requires the Unit to have sufficient trained volunteers on roster available to respond 24 hours a day to any emergency that might happen on the water. Recently, three more Crew, one Coxswain and a Radio Operator were assessed after their training and qualified, adding to the Unit's capability.

Vale- David Tarbert, former member of both Volunteer Coastal Patrol and Marine Rescue Sussex Inlet.

David "Crossed the Bar" on 5 May at 79 years of age. David was greatly respected in the Sussex Inlet community for his long and active role in a number of local organisations. RIP David.

Admin

Marine Rescue Sussex Inlet



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#### MEDIA RELEASE

#### FREE LEGAL ADVICE

#### FACE TO FACE APPOINTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN BAY & BASIN TUESDAY 4<sup>™</sup> JUNE 2024

On Tuesday 4th June 2024 a solicitor from Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre will be visiting your area for legal outreach appointments.

Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre provides free legal advice to residents of the Shoalhaven, Eurobodalla, Bega Valley, Snowy Monaro & Queanbeyan/Palerang Local Government Areas. Shoalcoast solicitors are experienced in resolving many types of legal problems.

When: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Where: Bay & Basin Community Centre, 34 Paradise Beach Road Sanctuary Point Times: Between 10:30am to 3:30pm Appointments are essential – please call 1800 229 529

Appointments can be made for many types of legal problems. Shoalcoast deals with most noncommercial areas of law, including consumer credit and debt, family law involving children and separation, victims' compensation, personal safety or domestic violence issues, Centrelink problems, employment and tenancy.

Shoalcoast also offers telephone advice & information. Phone our staff to complete a client intake and a solicitor will call you back or an appointment will be made for the next time we visit your area.

Shoalcoast can also provide community legal education for groups and organisations. Please contact our office if you are interested.

Thank you for your assistance to promote the services of Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre. Please do not hesitate to contact the office for further information.

Emma Wood Centre Manager 1800 229 529 emma@shoalcoast.org.au



# Welcome to The Country Club – The Home of Sport & Entertainment on

#### the South Coast <a href="https://thecountryclub.com.au/#">https://thecountryclub.com.au/#</a>

As you are probably aware, The Country Club Board & Management have been diligently working to ensure the long-term viability of The Country Club Vincentia. I am excited to share, that within the next several weeks, we will be able to provide the community with more specific details of our proposed plans.

We acknowledge that the interpretation of the information provided thus far has led to a mild degree of speculation as to the bulk and scale of the proposal, and to the future of golf at Vincentia. Nothing has changed in this regard with the Board consistently resolving to maximise the likelihood of sustainability, including the continuation of a nine-hole golf course as previously indicated. Negotiations of this nature are complex and time-consuming, but they are necessary to achieve the best outcomes for all involved. By committing to this process, we believe we have secured far greater potential to ensure the future viability of a golf course and an integrated clubhouse and carpark.

Here are the key components of our proposed partnership:

A top-tier seniors living community, primarily located on the existing clubhouse site as well as the provision of a nine-hole golf course as indicated earlier.

A new, more efficient integrated clubhouse in conjunction with the seniors living clubroom, and a pro shop with

rationalised staffing and overhead needs, all designed to be easily accessible to our members, the senior's community, and the general public.

An inviting alfresco area adjacent to the new clubhouse for everyone to enjoy.

Financial reserves to capitalise on future opportunities and to manage any unforeseen issues that may arise from time to time.

We recognise that the initial suggestion by the consultant to sell the entire Vincentia Golf Course site, contained within the feasibility report, was quite confronting for many people. However, while optimal business suggestions may not always align with community preferences, our commitment has been to take the necessary steps to sustain the golf course and this community asset in a financially responsible manner.

Although we have received numerous ideas from our membership and the public, they have largely been assessed as burdening the club with significant financial risks and have not been considered by the relevant industry experts as adding to the overall sustainability of the organisation.

The development of a senior's community not only provides the financial means necessary to deliver a quality product but also ensures a steady influx of customers necessary for sustainability.

In the coming weeks, we aim to provide additional details and keep our members and the wider community informed as much as is possible. We will provide updates online, through letterbox drops, and at information sessions, culminating in a vote to re-classify that parcel of land that is required for the senior's community, from core to non-core, thus allowing the Board to transact only on that parcel of land and not the entire golf course. Details of the proposal will be provided to members before the meeting to allow the members to make a fully informed decision about the future of the Country Club Vincentia. For the benefit of our community, we provide the below map, which delineates approximate boundaries and a designated area for the proposed seniors living community.

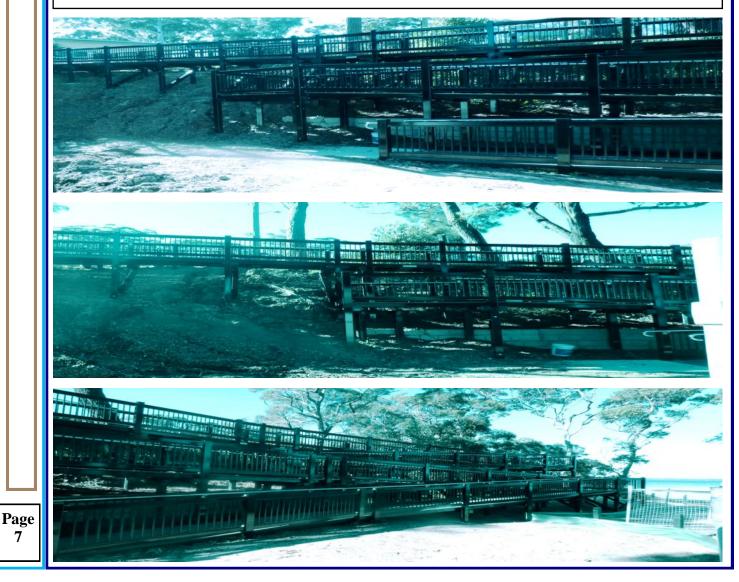
Bob Proudfoot President



**RAY BROOKS RESERVE SANCTUARY POINT BOARDWALK** we are nearly there... However the photos shown on this page were taken on the 29th May 2024 and unfortunately I see not much progress from the photos taken on the 30th April 2024.

I wonder, "Has Council ran out of funding on this project, or is it to be left in the state it is now, while Council is deciding what to do with this Project also!"

Or perhaps there is other issues for council to sort out before completion is Done??



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## In **Your** Neighbourhood



#### Community to benefit from revamped Joe Hyam Reserve Published on 17 May 2024

The Joe Hyam Reserve in North Nowra has undergone a complete makeover thanks to a NSW Government grant.

With construction works complete, the installation of brand-new playground equipment promises to delight local families, while new bench seating, shade sails and landscaping have turned the reserve into a recreational destination.

Liza Butler, State Member for the South Coast, said Joe Hyam Reserve has long been popular with locals and visitors for its natural beauty.

"The upgrade to the park is a great boost to the local community so locals and visitors can get out and enjoy our beautiful city," she said.

#### Police support Council worker's zero tolerance approach Published on 15 May 2024

An increase in abuse towards Shoalhaven City Council workers has resulted in a dialogue with local police on how to best protect staff from ongoing threats to their safety. Council has a Zero Tolerance approach when it comes to workplace aggression and violence. Staff have seen disturbing conduct from some members of the Shoalhaven community when voicing their views around certain topical issues. It is important the community can have their say, but that cannot interfere with the wellbeing of council employees.

#### Burrier Road reopens following major landslip remediation Published on 28 May 2024

Landslip remediation works on Burrier Road in Burrier came to an end on Sunday 26 May, marking a major milestone on the project.







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<sup>4</sup> Matt Kean Shadow Minister for Health

Bronnie Taylor Shadow Minister for Regional Health

## IMPACT OF LABOR'S HEALTH CUTS REVEALED

The NSW Opposition has slammed the Minns Labor Government's cuts to health funding for putting major pressure on the state's hospital system and creating an emergency department crisis.

Shadow Minister for Health Matt Kean said that the health system is falling apart because of Labor's cruel cuts.

"Data released by the Bureau of Health Information (BHI) today show a hospital system under immense strain. People are waiting longer to be seen and their health is at risk," Mr Kean said. "The number of people treated at emergency departments within four hours is in freefall, with the January to March quarter producing a record low."

"This is a consequence of Labor's budget mismanagement. They have lost control of the Budget and as a result have embarked on a rampage of health cuts hitting palliative care, frontline services and emergency departments."

Shadow Minister for Regional Health Bronnie Taylor said the latest BHI data shows waiting times are up and the elective surgeries backlog is growing.

"While the Government are focused on cutting ribbons on health facilities that were delivered and funded by the former Liberal and Nationals Government, patients are left waiting in emergency departments around the state," Mrs Taylor said.

"Across our regions our dedicated frontline workers are holding together a healthcare system in rapid decline under the Minns Labor Government.

"AMA (NSW) President Dr Kathryn Austin described this as a catastrophe waiting to happen. I urge Chris Minns to immediately reinstate critical health funding and stop putting politics and photo opportunities before the health of our state."

The Opposition has also criticised Ryan Park for failing to acknowledge the impact of Labor's cuts including:

- An increase in the number of people leaving emergency departments without treatment
- Record high emergency department overcrowding numbers
- An increase in the average length of stay in hospitals
- An increase in mental health admissions
- An increase to the backlog of elective surgery and
- Stagnant ambulance response times

"The Minns Labor Government has no plan to address this health crisis, which is of their own making. Shamefully the Minister failed to even acknowledge the emergency department crisis today in a pathetic attempt to sweep it under the rug," Mr Kean said.

"Chris Minns and Ryan Park must reverse these cuts and restore hospital funding in next month's Budget otherwise this crisis will only deepen."

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Written by Wendy Harmer and starring Lynne McGranger (Home and Away)

Fri 7 Jun, 3pm & 7pm
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Grandparenthood!
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Shoalhaven Eisteddfod Showcase Concert

Sun 16 Jun, 2pm

Support our young people in the Performing Arts!

**RUNNING TIME** Approx. 1 hr 45 mins

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# **NSW SES St Georges Basin** Unit 👩

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Your emergency kit contents

- A portable radio with spare batteries
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- Candles and waterproof matches
- Manual Manual Manual State and State
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- A waterproof bag for valuables

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- Medications
- Supplies for your baby or any other people in your care
- Appropriate clothing and footwear
- V Food and drinking water
- Mobile phone wall and car charger

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For more information: www.ses.nsw.gov.au

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

- Maintain your yard and balcony by securing or 1 putting away items that could blow around in strong winds
- Clean your gutters, downpipes and drains regularly to prevent blockages
- Trim trees and branches that could potentially fall 3 on your home or property
- Fix any damage to your roof including broken or 4 missing tiles
- 5 Check your insurance policy is current and adequate
- Make a plan for your family that outlines what you 6 would do in an emergency
- Put together an emergency kit
- Listen to your local radio station and other media 8 for weather warnings

YOU TOO CAN BE A **MEMBER**, **CONTACT YOUR** LOCAL SES UNIT TODAY... **AND SAY HELLO!** 

## Welcome to NSW **SES St Georges Basin Unit**

The NSW SES **St Georges Basin Unit** consists of a group of dedicated members of varving ages, from all walks of life with a wide variety of skills and experiences to offer. Each is individual but come together with a common goal, to assists their community in times of need.

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

**NSW SES St Georges Basin meet and train** 6.30 pm Wednesdays

For further information on membership Please phone 1800 201 000

## New Publication: Attrition of sexual assaults from the New South Wales criminal justice system

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Link to report summary:

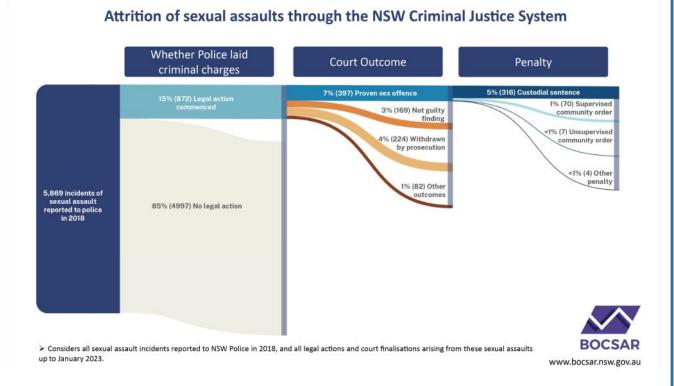
Attrition of sexual assaults from the New South Wales criminal justice system

Release Date: Wednesday, 29 May 2024

The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) has released a new study tracking the progress of sexual assaults reported to the NSW Police in 2018 through the NSW criminal justice system.

Of sexual assaults reported to police, only 7% result in a proven court outcome. Similar patterns are observed for reported incidents of adult sexual assault, contemporary child sexual assault and historic child sexual assault. The largest point of attrition is at the police investigation stage with only 15% of reported sexual assaults resulting in a legal action being commenced by police.

Among the matters that do proceed to court, fewer than half result in a proven sexual offence.



Further enquiries: Suzanne Poynton, A/Executive Director, NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research Phone: +61 423 139 687 Email: <u>bcsr@justice.nsw.gov.au</u> Copies of the report: <u>www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au</u>

Log on to the NSW Police Web Site for the "Tell us what you want SURVEY!".

### SURVEY LOG ON If you think

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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!

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