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

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When rainbows arch in a graceful bender, it makes me stop and awe in splendour... Photo captured from home on the 16th July 2020 to be always timeless!



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REMEMBRANCE DAY 11th NOVEMBER 2020 at 11 am. A date and time to stop and Remember.



At 11am on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of war. In November the Germans called for an armistice (a ceasefire) and they

accepted the allied terms of unconditional surrender.

We Shall Keep the Faith

by Moina Michael, November 1918

Oh! you who sleep in Flanders Fields, Sleep sweet - to rise anew! We caught the torch you threw And holding high, we keep the Faith With All who died.

We cherish, too, the poppy red That grows on fields where valor led; It seems to signal to the skies That blood of heroes never dies, But lends a lustre to the red Of the flower that blooms above the dead In Flanders Fields.

And now the Torch and Poppy Red We wear in honor of our dead. Fear not that ye have died for naught; We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought In Flanders Fields. The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month became universally associated with the remembrance of those who died.



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



The Hon Shelley Hancock MI Member for South Coast

Please find below my recent newsletter for your information, please feel free to share with your friends and family. If you have any issue that you feel I could assist you with, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

South Coast Column - Friday October 23, 2020 REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day

celebrations to go ahead in groups of up to 100 people.

🛱 11 November

Groups of up to 100 people will be able to gather for

SERVICES

Remembrance Day services in the South Coast electorate after the approval of a one-off exemption from COVID-19 restrictions.

Day is a major event for both veterans and the broader community to pay their respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

The easing of restrictions to public gatherings for Remembrance Day means wreath laying ceremonies and other memorial services can take place with up to 100 people present, to pay their respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The one-off exemption to the Public Health Order increases the current restrictions from 20 people to 100 people, to gather at community war memorials, provided they adhere to social distancing measures and have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place.

Acting Minister for Veterans Geoff Lee said while some of our larger commemorations won't look the same as in past years, this exemption means smaller services can be held in all local communities across NSW.

"Australians have paused to reflect and pay tribute on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month since 1918, so this is welcome news for our veteran community," said Mr Lee.

The exemption is in place for Remembrance Day Services held before 12 November.

RSL NSW Acting President Ray James OAM thanked the NSW Government for lifting the restrictions to ensure services could go ahead safely.

"With this year's Anzac Day commemorations cancelled due to the pandemic, it is particularly meaningful for the veteran community to see Remembrance Day gatherings taking place," Mr James said.

"Local Remembrance Day services have a significant role in regional and rural communities where the incidence of COVID-19 has been low in recent months."

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



6 October 2020 Ulladulla Frontline Services Memorial Construction Completed

The construction of the frontline services memorial in Ulladulla, honouring those who lost their lives while selflessly protecting other people and their communities during disasters and emergencies, has been completed.

The Ulladulla Civic Centre Memorial Obelisk is a memorial for those lives lost by State Emergency Service, Rural Fire Service, Police, Marine Rescue, Emergency Medical Services, Surf Lifesaving NSW and other Emergency Services personnel, paid or unpaid, while performing their duties in protecting the community and environment.

The first two plaques on the obelisk will be for Fixed Wing Pilot David Black and Helicopter Pilot Allan Tull. Allan "Tully" Tull lost his life while fighting the Kingiman Fires in Milton in 2018.

Pilot David Black died in a plane crash in October 2013 when fighting fires in Budawang National Park, west of Ulladulla. Mayor of Shoalhaven, Amanda Findley acknowledged the ultimate sacrifice given by Allan Tull and David Black. "We send our City's deepest condolences to Alan Tull's and David Black's families and to all of those who called 'Tully' or David friend.

"This memorial enables our community to show their respect and gratitude to those who have lost their lives in protecting the community and environment in paid and unpaid roles. We do hope this memorial benefits their families by honouring and commemorating the sacrifice that their loved ones have made, in protecting the community. It is fitting that their sacrifice will be remembered always.

I must acknowledge the contribution of many community members, including Ulladulla-local Sandy Lanham, who has worked tirelessly to ensure the vision for the memorial has finally become a reality. This includes local police, Rural Fire Service, Rotary Club of Milton-Ulladulla, Ulladulla & Districts Community Forum, local clubs and media", Clr Findley said.

An official unveiling of the memorial is being organised, with a date yet to be finalised.

Federal grant funding of \$10,000 was received through the Stronger Communities Program for this project. In addition to this Council funds have been used and many community members have contributed to this important tribute, with funds continuing to be sourced through a community driven 'Go Fund Me' initiative. For more information about the memorial visit <u>Council's Get Involved page</u>. ** End **



Image: Ulladulla Civic Centre Memorial Obelisk in Ulladulla.

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SHOALHAVEN NEWS



Palm Beach upgrade underway 08 October 2020... Sanctuary Point's Palm Beach upgrade is underway, with



the first sod on the project turned today (Thursday 8th October 2020).

The popular picnic and boating area will be transformed into a tourism precinct with upgrades to Ray Brooks Reserve, including a two-metre-wide accessible concrete path linking the

Shoalhaven Mayor CIr Amanda Findley, Hon Shelley Hancock MP Member for South Coast - Minister for Local Government, Kate and Dennis Williams.

amenities building, car park and playground; new accessible barbecues and picnic shelters, plus car park improvements including accessible parking spaces. A gravel path will also connect the reserve to the Basin Walking Trail which will continue along the foreshore.

Member for South Coast Shelley Hancock, who joined community advocates Dennis and Kate Williams and Shoalhaven Mayor Amanda Findley for the sod turning, said the project was part of a \$5.3 million NSW Government funding commitment to Shoalhaven City Council and was the first of seven sustainable tourism infrastructure projects to be undertaken by council over the next three years.

Future works include upgrades to facilities at Hyams Beach, an extension of the Murramarang Coastal Walk, upgrades to the Basin Walk track and the construction of paths and boardwalks at Bherwerre Wetland.

Photo supplied.



I had the pleasure to keep record of Raymond Barnes golf scores on Thursday PRO Golf on the 15th October 2020 at the Country Club Golf Course and as a bonus on the day, I was awarded the privilege to witness Raymond's first hole in one.

Both Raymond and I drove our tee shots onto the 13th Green. When we arrived at the green, only my ball could be seen on the green, we checked if his rolled off the green... No! No ball to be seen. We then thought, could it be in the hole? And sure enough, when we checked... There was Ray's ball resting in the Hole!

Congratulations Ray on your first Hole In One... May this be the start of more to come!



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 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-2019ncov-health-alert/coronavirus-covid-19-current-situation-and-casenumbers It may have been a long time coming, but the rewards from the wait has been worth every moment, while Kate and I can look at this photo and dedicate the significants to all of the Locals and Tourists, who will appreciate what has been GIVEN THEM!



Photo from Left: Dennis Williams, Clr Patricia White, Clr Mark Kitchener, the Hon. Shelley Hancock State Member for South Coast & Minister for Local Government, Kate Williams, Clr John Levett & Shoalhaven Mayor Clr Amanda Findley.



After the dignitaries on the day had made their Sod Turn, Kate and I was also asked to throw a sod on the day!

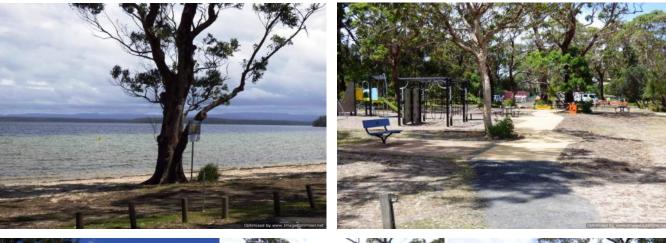
It would be amiss of Kate and I not to mention a few other players who through their support, have played their part in bringing to fruition the commencement of the seven Sustainable Tourism Projects Updates, of which the Palm Beach Accessible Upgrades Project is but one of the Projects... From left: Shoalhaven Council Staff, CEO Stephen Dunshea,



Shannan Perry-Hall, Michelle Green and who was unable to attend on the day... Ward Three Clr Bob Proudfoot who has promoted these upgrades for as long as we have, if not longer... Well done Bob!

Photos taken o the 28th October 2020 showing an update of Shoalhaven City Council Getting on with the transformation of Ray Brooks Reserve and Palm Beach.

The last two photos showing the gravel walk way of the Basin Walking track through Ray Brooks Reserve





















St John

First Aid Training

Call St John on 1300 360 455.

Len's passion for, and commitment to, St John Ambulance is obvious throughout our conversation, but it's when talking about driving awareness around public access defibrillation that it really becomes apparent. "There's no doubt that the organisation has made a huge difference in making first aid a part of everyone's life," he tells *The CEO Magazine.* "We genuinely believe that first aid training can help you save someone's life. The current focus for St John is on public access defibrillation. We want everyone to have access to a defibrillator in case they have to deal with a sudden cardiac arrest.

"In Australia, approximately 30,000 people die suddenly from cardiac arrest each year. A defibrillator makes a significant difference in that situation. Delivering a shock to re-start the heart is time-critical because the reality is that, best-case scenario, an ambulance will arrive anywhere between 8–15 minutes after a sudden cardiac arrest. The window of opportunity to save a life is within the first five minutes. Applying a shock with a defibrillator can increase survival rates by up to 80 per cent."

Gaining public access to defibrillators is St John Ambulance's on-going campaign, and raising awareness is something Len refers to as his "biggest challenge". "We're working hard with manufacturers to get the price down on defibrillators so it's not price prohibitive if you're thinking of buying one for the home," he says. "We want people to be able to access them, the same way they do a first aid kit. At the moment the cheapest one is around A\$2,400 and we want to get them down to around A\$800–A\$1,000. We think it will happen, it will just take time. When you consider that approximately 70 per cent of all sudden cardiac arrests happen in the home, you understand just how important access to a defibrillator is."

Saving lives is something Len has dedicated his entire career to, yet he describes himself in the same way as he describes his organisation – the quiet achiever. "St John Ambulance has been around for almost 1,000 years. We are one of the longest serving charities in the world, and we have been in Australia for more than 135 years. Even though we have a good reputation, we don't have the same profile as, say, the National Heart Foundation. That's why I always say we're the quiet achiever. We do a lot of very good work in the community, and we do it with very little recognition," he says.

"The vision of what we do remains the same; we want to make first aid a part of everyone's life because we know that every single Australian will be touched by an event that requires some level of first aid knowledge. Whether that's applying a bandaid, looking after someone with asthma, dealing with an airway that needs to be cleared or doing CPR. Every single Australian should have some knowledge to be able to do something and that will remain my, and St John's, mission for the years to come."



Minister for Police and Emergency Services David Elliot, with Member of South Coast the Hon Shelley Hancock—Minister for Local Government, the NSW State Emergency Services Commissioner Carlene York, SES St Georges Basin Unit



Commander Chris Wheeler and other SES Members at the SES St Georges Basin Unit on Tuesday 27th October 2020 to handover a \$185,000 Light Rescue Vehicle and a \$90,000 General Purpose Vehicle.



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2020 for the handover of a \$340,000 Rescue Vessel.







Scamwatch radar alert

Threat based scams targeting young people and Chinese community

Australians have lost over \$8.8 million to threat based scams so far this year, and young people are reporting the highest losses.

Threat based scammers often pretend to be from government departments and rely on fear, intimidation and people's instinct to comply with authority, to scam victims. These scams are mainly phone-based and impersonate various officials, such as police, ATO officers or government investigators.

People aged 24 and under reported losing more than \$4.1 million to threat based scams and women reported losses three times higher than men.

"It is extremely concerning that young people are being so severely emotionally and financially impacted by threat based scams," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

"These losses can be devastating and they can also lead to a loss of trust in authority, meaning victims of threat based scams may be less likely to seek help or advice from legitimate agencies in the future."

So far this year Scamwatch has received over 18,000 reports of these scams, an increase of 40 per cent compared to reports across all of 2019.

Chinese authority scams comprised 74 per cent of all losses to threat based scams, over \$6.5 million. These scams target Mandarin-speakers in Australian and impersonate authorities such as the Chinese embassy, police or other government officials.

"Threat based scams disproportionately impact people with English as a second language, including foreign students, who may not fully understand Australian law," Ms Rickard said.

"Victims will often provide personal information to scammers, as they believe they are dealing with a government agency, and this can lead to identity theft or falling victim to further scams." Scamwatch has recorded an increase in robo-calls impersonating government agencies, such as the Department of Home Affairs or Services Australia, which claim the victim is under investigation and to 'Dial 1' to speak to an investigator.

"Government departments will never send pre-recorded messages to your phone or threaten you with immediate arrest," Ms Rickard said.

"If you're not sure whether a call is legitimate, hang up and call the organisation directly by finding their details through an independent search."

"Never send money or give credit card details or personal information to anyone you don't know or trust and never by email or over the phone."

More information on scams is also available on the <u>Scamwatch website</u>, including how to <u>make a</u> <u>report</u> and where to <u>get help</u>.

Consumers can also download the ACCC's <u>Little Black Book of Scams</u>, which has been translated into 10 languages.

Background

Page 13 If the scammer impersonated a government agency, contact the agency by sourcing the number from an independent search and report the scam to them.

If you have experienced fraud or theft or the scammer is impersonating the police, contact your local police or crime stoppers on 1800 333 000.

IDCARE is a free government-funded service which works with victims of identity theft to develop a specific response plan and support them throughout the process. You can phone them on 1300 IDCARE (432273) or visit their website www.idcare.org

Report a scam



An evaluation of the Suspect Target Management Plan

Release Date: 6am Tuesday 13 October 2020

Link to report summary

An evaluation of the Suspect Target Management Plan

A new study released today by the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) shows that the New South Wales (NSW) Police Force's Suspect Target Management Plan (STMP) is an effective tool for reducing crime. STMP is an initiative designed to reduce crime among high risk individuals through proactive policing strategies. Two types of STMP exist: STMP-II, which was introduced in May 2005 and aims to reduce general offending; and DV-STMP, which was introduced in October 2015 and aims to reduce domestic violence (DV) related crime.

The BOCSAR study examined the offending rates of individuals in the 12 months before and after their placement on STMP-II (n=10,103) or DV-STMP (n=1,028) and found that both programs were associated with very large reductions in crime.

The study estimates;

• a 16% decrease in the probability of at least one new violent or property crime within 12 months of being placed on STMP-II and

• a 43% reduction in the probability of at least one new DV offence within 12 months of being placed on DV-STMP.

STMP-II was found to be more effective for young people and non-Aboriginal people. The study also found that the crime reduction benefit for both programs appears to operate predominately through deterrence rather than incapacitation. This is particularly true for DV-STMP and for young people placed on STMP-II.

Commenting on the findings Executive Director at BOCSAR, Jackie Fitzgerald, said the evaluation filled an important gap in understanding the impact of this key policing program. "STMP has been criticised for targeting vulnerable groups such as juveniles and Aboriginal people. While our evaluation confirms that these groups are over-represented among STMP participants, this now needs to be considered in light of the considerable crime reduction associated with participating in the program."

Further enquiries: Jackie Fitzgerald, Executive Director 0423 139 687 Email: bcsr@justice.nsw.gov.au Copies of the report: <u>www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au</u>

From On The Beat - NSW Police Shoalhaven Crime Prevention



With Senior Constable Anthony Jory VEHICLE SECURITY

Picture this. You go shopping and find a car park. You drive into the car park and get out of your car. You are only going to the shop for a minute so

you leave the keys in the car and the door unlocked. You go to the shop for a couple of minutes and then return to the car. Imagine your surprise when it is not there. **"How does this happen?" you ask.**

I can tell you how it happens, it happened because people do not think about the security of their vehicles. This scenario has played out a number of times in the past. I have mentioned many times in the previous 250 or so "On the Beat" episodes about the importance of vehicle security. It may be the case that the not "on the Beat" readers are the culprits. I call upon all on the beat readers (yes all 7 of you) to rise up and tell 10 friends about the importance of Vehicle security every day for a week. Ask your friends to tell 10 of their friends (but not you because you already know about it because you told them). Everyone in New South Wales would know about vehicle security in a matter of weeks.

The Road Rules 2014 states;

If the driver will be over 3 metres from the closest part of the vehicle and there is no-one left in the vehicle, the driver must:

(a) if the windows of the vehicle can be secured—secure the windows immediately before leaving the vehicle, and

(b) if the doors of the vehicle can be locked—lock the doors immediately after leaving the vehicle.

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units. (Penalty unit is \$110)

Please look up on the Google net and read section/clause 213 of this act for further information.

https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/regulation/2014/758/full

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**

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

SURVEY LOG ON If you think

https://secure.peoplepulse.com.au/display.php?mid=2060116b2b887848336

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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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.			The above Notice is inserted by the Editor as a Community Service
NSW Police Community PORTAL — Check it out for yourself http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community_portal/about-the-portal			for SUSSSEX INLET
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!			
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