



Photo of Palm Beach Sanctuary Point NSW... Photo taken by the Editor Dennis Williams 27th Mar 2021.

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<https://www.shoalhaven.com./events/?A=1+October+2023&A=30+October+2023&C=&L=&Y=#read>



**WE ARE JUST
WAITING
AROUND FOR
THINGS TO
GET DONE!**



1. Amenities building and a proper Disable toilet at Frances Ryan Sports Ground Sanctuary Point.
2. Councils construction of an accessible Boardwalk at Ray Brooks Reserve, Palm Beach Sanctuary Point.
3. Commencement of work on Jervis Bay Road and Princes Highway intersection to remove the long queuing of motorists.
4. Completion of the Wool Road upgrade between Mernie and Woodhill Streets Worrowing Heights.
5. Commencement of the Sanctuary Point Library.
6. With Summer Tourists soon arriving at Palm Beach, it's time to repair the barbeque facilities.
7. Smooth out the bumps and ridges reforming in Kerry Street Sanctuary Point.

ETC,ETC.ETC.

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[Click here for Kangaroo Valley Landslip Updates](#)

Temporary Closure

Rescheduled daytime road closures at Site 2. near rural address 1291 are now anticipated to continue through to 29 September 2023.

See Drop-in calendar for dates Symal and Council will answer questions about works at Kangaroo Valley Hall.

The Shoalhaven was declared a Natural Disaster Area 5 March 2022 after an East Coast Low and rain events. This had a major impact on Kangaroo Valley and surrounding communities, with landslips affecting roads and property. Upper Kangaroo River Road was severely impacted by these rain events.

Public Access:

CLOSED

Load limit

9 tonne

Residents only

Reason for Closure:

Landslip

Project Status:

Construction

Last reviewed 25 September 2023

The latest

Landslip repair work at Site 1. rural address 676 are completed. Road to be sealed at a later date.

Below: Site 3. NH00011- soil anchors installed.



Council is still constructing an accessible boardwalk at Ray Brooks Reserve, Palm Beach, Sanctuary Point, although I was informed by a person outside of Council, that some of the concreted support posts were too close of the very large tree and the project was halted until removal of the support posts were removed and thus causing the run of the proposed boardwalk has to be redirected from their present direction to place the run of the boardwalk away from the large tree.



(see photo below showing the large tree and some of the support posts in question.).



Last reviewed 11 August 2023

About the project

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

The boardwalk project commenced in 2022 with the removal of the existing dilapidated access boardwalk which had come to end of life.

Due to unforeseen, prolonged weather events, extended material lead times and site conditions necessitating design adjustments, the project has experienced significant delays. It is now anticipated the project will be open to the public by December 2023 and will provide wheelchair accessible access into this much loved reserve which will compliment other accessible features including amenities, BBQs and other park infrastructure.



Some way to go before this structure comes to life... And in the mean while, more and more tourists are visiting the better locations of the Shoalhaven!



Shoalhaven City Council's CEO, Stephen Dunshea has tonight announced his retirement, ending a distinguished career in Local Government spanning more than 40 years.

Since joining Council in 2018, Mr Dunshea served as Director Finance, Corporate and Community Services before taking the helm as GM/CEO in early 2019, implementing organisational change during some extraordinarily challenging times in the city's history.

"When I started, I could never have imagined that coming off the back of drought, we would be confronted with devastating bushfires, repeated flooding events, a global pandemic, and major landslips, all of which have tested every inch of the organisation and the city – and yet, memories of everyone rallying together to do what needed to be done to respond to eleven natural disasters in three years will stay with me forever," Mr Dunshea said.

"I am incredibly proud of the transformational change that has been implemented during my time here, particularly to our customer experience and disaster recovery function, and I'm confident that these initiatives will continue on a positive trajectory," he said.

"Personally, this is the right time for me to retire, to take stock, focus on my health, and to set a future direction."

Mr Dunshea is leaving Council having delivered the necessary restructure of the organisation to meet the contemporary challenges of a growing city.

During the past four years, he has overhauled the customer experience process, instilled the introduction of core values, progressed leadership development and process improvement strategies within the organisation to enhance service delivery to the community.

"Stephen has worked tirelessly to guide change within the organisation to better serve the community during a tumultuous time of natural disaster events," said Mayor Amanda Findley.

"I have valued Stephen's leadership and he has never once shied away from the complex and challenging. He is respected by his peers at adjoining councils who are members of the Illawarra Shoalhaven Joint Organisation and played an integral part in guiding the financial sustainability of the Joint Organisation," Cr Findley said.

"I appreciate that he now needs to focus on himself and would like to thank him for all he has done to the benefit of the Shoalhaven community," she said.

Mr Dunshea's career started at Campbelltown Council in 1983, before moving through the ranks at Blacktown Council and taking on senior executive roles at Wagga Wagga City and Woollahra Council, prior to his relocation to the Shoalhaven.

He will remain as the Chief Executive Officer of Shoalhaven City Council until Friday 9 February 2024.

I am often not satisfied with a number of services we receive in Sanctuary Point! So when a service is experienced by Kate and I that we consider worthy of a mention, we can go no further than the service recently provided to us from a very worthy young man called Mathew (Mat) McDonald... He was easy to

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The Delivery of the Jervis Bay Road Flyover

Major construction work is expected to begin in late 2023.



Photos above are Artist Impression of completed project.

Project overview

Jun 2023 – Early work now complete

The intersection upgrade will improve safety for all transport customers, reduce congestion, improve access to local roads and growing tourist and residential areas, improve network resilience, support active and public transport users and support the growth of regional economies.

Early work on the Jervis Bay Road and Princes Highway intersection upgrade project has now been completed.

Transport for NSW thanks for the community for their patience while early work took place and had some impact on traffic in the area.

The tender period for the major construction contract closed in February 2023. Tender applications are currently being reviewed and an announcement for the award of the major construction contract is expected to be made later this year.

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SUMMER FIRE SAFETY

Help us, help you by taking action to ensure you and your family stay safe over summer. If you do your bit to minimise the risks in your home, we can all stay



Summer checklist



Smoke alarms

Did you know that you will not smell smoke while asleep? Only working smoke alarms save lives.

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BBQ fire safety

The backyard barbie can be a common cause of fires and injury during summer. Keep barbecues clean and ensure all gas hoses and connections are tight with no leakage.

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Electric lights safety

When setting up christmas lights or decorative electric displays, use only one item per power socket and don't overload power boards or piggy back double adaptors.

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Live near the bush?

Last bushfire season taught us some terrifying lessons about the importance of being prepared and having a plan. If you and your home are well prepared, you stand a better chance of surviving a bushfire.



Keep looking when cooking

The leading cause of home fires in NSW is leaving cooking unattended. Never leave cooking unattended. Stay in the kitchen while cooking and turn off the stove before you leave.

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Escape plans

Having a home escape plan in conjunction with a working smoke alarm will greatly increase your chances of getting out safely. Every second counts.

Fire and Rescue NSW - Prepared for anything.

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) is one of the world's largest urban fire and rescue services and is the busiest in Australia. Our overriding purpose is to enhance community safety, quality of life, and confidence by minimising the impact of hazards and emergency incidents on the people, property, environment and economy of NSW.

Commencement of the first stage of the three stage **BHERWERRE WETLAND WALKWAY SANCTUARY POINT**





**Disable Toilet at
Frances Ryan Sports
Ground Sanctuary Point was
set on Fire on 22nd July
2022**



**As at the 30th of September
2023 the disabled citizens
needing a toilet are left to
manoeuvre around a small
box alongside of the
repaired toilet block
minus the disabled toilet!**



**As at the 30st September 2023 the Disabled toilet Box and
the shipping container housing facilities from the
amenities building has not advanced completion of
normal facilities for the disabled or the junior football
teams using the facilities of the Frances Ryan sports field.**

**If this is all that our Shoalhaven Council can do for
Sanctuary Point with a population of over 7000 residents,
God only knows what our Council will do for the smaller
towns of the Shoalhaven, so I ask again...**

WHY IS THIS SO?

The Sanctuary Point Men's Shed Inc.

President:

Ray Marcusson 44478634

Secretary:

John Kelly 0413 837 53

Hours of Business 9.000am. - 3.00pm. Monday, Wednesday & Thursday...

Phone the office on (02) 44438239 on these days, or call at the big green shed located at

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RUNNING TIME Approx. 2 hrs 30 mins

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Forever Young - Monique Montez

Morning Matinee 2023

Wednesday 18 October | 11am

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RUNNING TIME Approx. 75 mins

RECOMMENDED FOR All ages

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NSW SES St Georges Basin Unit

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Welcome to NSW SES St Georges Basin Unit

The NSW SES St Georges Basin Unit consists of a group of dedicated members of varying 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 assist 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.

Prepare now for flood, storm and tsunami



- Your emergency kit contents**
- ✓ A portable radio with spare batteries
 - ✓ A torch with spare batteries
 - ✓ A first aid kit
 - ✓ Candles and waterproof matches
 - ✓ Important documents including emergency contact numbers
 - ✓ Copies of any emergency plans
 - ✓ A waterproof bag for valuables

- If you have to evacuate, add to your emergency kit**
- ✓ Medications
 - ✓ Supplies for your baby or any other people in your care
 - ✓ Appropriate clothing and footwear
 - ✓ Food and drinking water
 - ✓ Mobile phone wall and car charger

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

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
- 6** Make a plan for your family that outlines what you would do in an emergency
- 7** Put together an emergency kit
- 8** Listen to your local radio station and other media for weather warnings

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

NSW SES St Georges Basin meet and train 6.30 pm Wednesdays

For further information on membership Please phone 1800 201 000

Link to reports summary:

[NSW Recorded Crime Statistics quarterly update June 2023](#)
[The rising cost of retail theft? Trends in steal from retail to June 2023](#)

Release Date: Wednesday, 20 September 2023

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research has today released NSW Recorded Crime Statistics up to June 2023.

Key findings:

- In the *five* years to June 2023, two of the 13 major offence categories showed significant upward trends, eight showed downward trends, and three were stable. Recorded incidents of domestic violence assault increased 3.2% per year on average and sexual assault increased 6.7% per year on average. The eight offences trending downwards were murder (down 9.9% per year on average), sexual touching (down 2.8% per year on average), robbery (down 6.6% per year on average), break and enter dwelling (down 7.0% per year on average), break and enter non-dwelling (down 5.4% per year on average), steal from motor vehicle (down 7.3% per year on average), other stealing offences (down 7.6% per year on average), and malicious damage to property (down 4.2% per year on average).
- In the *two* years to June 2023, nine of the 13 major offence categories showed significant upward trends, and four were stable. In most cases the increase in the two years to June 2023, reflects a return towards pre-pandemic crime levels. The nine offences trending upwards in the two years to June 2023 were domestic violence assault (up 8.7%), non-domestic violence assault (up 16.2%), robbery (up 26.6%), break and enter dwelling (up 10.0%), break and enter non-dwelling (up 14.3%), motor vehicle theft (up 23.0%), steal from motor vehicle (up 6.7%), steal from retail store (up 47.5%), and other stealing offences (up 8.0%).

Following a 47.5% increase in recorded incidents of retail theft in the two years to June 2023, counts are now equivalent to, but not above, 2019 figures. This suggests that, while the increase in retail theft has been faster than for many other property crimes, the increase most likely reflects a return to pre-COVID offending behaviour rather being driven by inflation or emerging cost-of-living pressures. Further information on the regions where retail theft is increasing, what items is being stolen and from where, and who appears to be responsible are available in the report.

Further enquiries: Jackie Fitzgerald, Executive Director, NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research Phone: +61 423 139 687 Email: bcsr@justice.nsw.gov.au

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

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If you think

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

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

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

SHOALHAVEN LAC FACEBOOK PAGE
 <https://www.facebook.com/ShoalhavenLac>

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

NSW Police Community PORTAL — Check it out for yourself

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

for the SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA

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



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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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