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Service Updates



Small Business Support Grants

Shoalhaven successfully applied for 2,582 bushfire grants under the NSW Government scheme.



Bushfire Inquiry

40 Conjola Park and Fisherman's Paradise residents participated in a virtual Bushfire Inquiry community meeting.



Demolition Waste

In the last week Council processed 1,600 tonnes of waste from bushfire demolition, bringing the total waste processed to nearly 9,000 tonnes from 89 houses.



From the Community

The Water Runners have released a free song to commemorate the bushfire season, called The End of The Year.

A Word From Vince

The clean-up is progressing well with 102 sites cleaned to date. Significant work continues to match fire destroyed property with registered owners for clean-up. Communicating with registered owners through Service NSW, Shoalhaven City Council and personal contact have all been successful in the main, however we still have properties whose owners are not registered in Sassafras, Budgong, Wandandian and Nerriga. Do you know anyone that needs assistance, or needs to register? Please encourage them to contact Council's helpline [02 4429 5888](tel:0244295888).

Formal submissions by Shoalhaven City Council and Shoalhaven Water have been accepted by the NSW Independent Bushfire Inquiry. The Council submission to the Royal Commission is underway and will be ready for the revised early May deadline.

Whilst we can't promote physical visits to our region, Shoalhaven Tourism's 'Spend Here This Year' Campaign is helping business adapt to sell online or over the phone to locals and markets further afield.

I encourage everyone to keep doing the right thing and make the most of technology to stay connected, and to keep our City's Recovery wheels turning. Prevention is better than cure.



Shannan Perry-Hall

*Economic/Tourism
Recovery Action Team Leader*



Shane Pickering

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Economic/Tourism

Financial and Learning Support - Business Connect have released over 60 free online workshops and webinars to help small business through this challenging time. Helpful topics include, managing cashflow, changing your business model and online sales and marketing. View and book here: bit.ly/34QDt9

If you need additional financial support and assistance during this time, please visit:

bit.ly/3eCw6xc



Michael Paine

*Social Recovery
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Social Recovery

Bushfire National Agency Newsletter - The Bushfire National Recovery Agency's fortnightly newsletter is available to subscribe to for free. The newsletter brings you the latest updates on the Agency's bushfire recovery efforts, straight to your inbox.

You can subscribe online at bit.ly/2XPdELQ, or alternatively, you can find each addition on Council's Bushfire Recovery page.

Environment

Wildlife Relief and Recovery Grants - Landcare Australia, and wildlife rescue group WIRES, have announced \$1 million grant. Applicants are invited to apply for grants of up to \$20,000, before Thursday, 30 April 2020, to support projects that improve outcomes for wildlife affected by the recent bushfires here bit.ly/34RJWr3



Warwick Papworth

*Built Recovery
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Built Recovery

Local Land Services Grant - The NSW Government has passed regulations which allows full or partial exemptions for the Long Service Levy, specifically for the NSW Bushfires. Exemptions are for the replacement or repair of buildings destroyed or damaged as a result of the bushfires from 1 July 2019 - 2 March 2020.

A Long Service Levy on these builds is not payable in respect of the first \$1million (incl. of GST) of the costs of erecting a building. Applications must be submitted prior to 2 March 2023. Full details are available at bit.ly/2RRSs4j

COVID-19 Updates

Council's Bereavement Services



As many services close, our Bereavement Services Team are still working to ensure your loved one receives the send-off they deserve.

The team understand the current restrictions are hard on family members, with many family and friends unable to attend and celebrate a loved one's life. Bereavement Services is offering grieving families a private YouTube link with a full recording of the funeral service. This link can then be shared across the globe with family and friends allowing them to also say their goodbyes.

Small Business Support



The NSW Government are providing Small Business Grants to support businesses impacted by COVID-19. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to small businesses, not-for-profit organisations and sole traders.

You may be eligible if your organisation has experienced a significant decline in revenue as a direct result of COVID-19. The funds may be used for unavoidable business expenses such as utilities, Council rates, telecommunication charges, insurance payments, franchise fees and paying creditors.

For more information, including eligibility requirements and how to apply, head to bit.ly/2xqj5q1

Light Up the Dawn



ANZAC Day will look very different this year, with services and marches cancelled due to COVID-19. Even though we cannot come together to commemorate those who gave their lives this ANZAC Day, we are able to show our respect in a different way.

Citizens are being encouraged to stand in our driveways, on balconies or by our windows, with candle or torch in hand, for a combined dawn service at 6am. The Australian War Memorial will also be streaming its National dawn service, which residents can listen to in lieu of attending a physical service.

A thank you to the Bereavement Services Team

“ I have just received the usb with a digital copy of Mum's funeral. Thank you very much for providing this for us.

I have shared the YouTube link with many of our family and they also send their thanks.

Please extend my thanks and those of Linda for all your help during this time. ”



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