



Sussex Inlet and Districts COMMUNITY FORUM



Incorporating Berrara, Cudmirrah, Sussex Inlet and Swanhaven
The Voice of the Community

Summary of Strategic Priorities 2020/2021

The Sussex Inlet and Districts Community Forum will be focusing on the following strategies to enhance the community by:

- Continuing to develop partnerships with Shoalhaven Council and other key stakeholder groups to increase community collaboration and facilitate greater community engagement
- Identify and support grant funding opportunities for Sussex Inlet and District to enhance the 4 Community Forum strategic priority areas.
- Engaging with the community to identify improvements, enhancements and new initiatives for infrastructure in Sussex Inlet, Berrara, Cudmirrah and Swanhaven to ensure projects are included in annual Council works programs and budgets
- Continue to progress current infrastructure projects through advocacy and planning with Council, the community and through the Forum Working Parties

Strategy 1 Disaster Management Consultation Meeting Monday 17 August 2020

- Establish regular communication mechanisms with key stakeholders to form a local Resilience Working Party to ensure that support for Sussex Inlet and district during disaster or emergencies is coordinated and effective at a local community level
- Support Shoalhaven Council to get feedback from the community and to inform the community regarding planning and new initiatives to enhance community resilience to improve disaster management
- Develop communication strategies to share information that improve services for the community during emergencies
- Support projects that enhance disaster management and community resilience responses for Sussex Inlet and District

Key Stakeholder Groups to Engage with: - Shoalhaven Council, Shoalhaven Emergency Management Committee, Resilience NSW, Bush Fire Brigades, Red Cross, Marine Rescue, SES, NSW Police, Berrara/Cudmirrah/Swan Lake Progress Association, RSL/Bowling Club, Bendigo Bank, Thomson Street, General Community members and local businesses

Strategy 2 Economic Development and Tourism Consultation Meeting Monday 21 September 2020

- Continue to encourage and support diversification and innovation to build business resilience and viability
- Work with the Shoalhaven Council and the Chamber of Commerce to continue to improve services for businesses and enhance marketing and tourism opportunities
- Support projects that enhance residents and visitors experience and stimulate economic development through Forum Economic Development and Tourism Working Group

Key Stakeholder Groups to Engage with: Shoalhaven Council Tourism and Economic Development Teams, Chamber of Commerce, Business NSW, Local Businesses, Tourism Operators, Fishing Clubs, Berrara/Cudmirrah/Swan Lake Progress Association, Regional Development South Coast, General community members

Strategy 3 Community Services Community Consultation Meeting Monday 19 October 2020



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- Engage with the community to identify improvements, enhancements and new initiatives for community services in Sussex Inlet by developing a Community Services Working Party
- Identify and develop community services projects with support from Shoalhaven Council and key community groups to increase opportunities for groups such as seniors, vulnerable people, low income housing, youth and other priority groups in the community
- Continue to progress current Community Services projects including youth employment strategies, enhanced aged care, retirement village and home care services working with key partners and the Forum Community Services Working group

Key Stakeholders to engage with: Shoalhaven Council Community Development Team, Sussex Inlet Neighbourhood Centre, Inasmuch Community Ltd, Bendigo Bank Youth Strategy, schools, Job Active, TAFE NSW, Mission Australia Transition to Work and Sticking Together Project, Pensioners groups, Red Cross and church groups and general community members

Strategy 4 Environment and Planning Community Consultation Meeting Monday 16 November 2020

- Work with Shoalhaven Council to review new development opportunities, engage the community to provide consultation and identify new initiatives to enhance the community
- Support and monitor the implementation of the Coastal Management plan to ensure Sussex Inlet and District is protected and maintained effectively
- Build networks with other key agencies and organisation to enhance environmental and town planning strategies
- Support projects that enhance environmental and planning initiatives through the Forum Environment/ Planning Working group

Key Stakeholder Groups to Engage with: Shoalhaven Council Environment and Planning Team, Flood Plain and Coastal Management Committees, SNAG, Fishing Clubs, Dept of Environment, NSW Fisheries and RMS, Park care and Bush Care Groups, Berrara/Cudmirrah/Swan Lake Progress Association, general community members, businesses