



Sussex Inlet and Districts COMMUNITY FORUM



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Sussex Inlet Community Forum Strategy Report

Date 20 July 2020

Strategy 1 Disaster Management	Hugh Johnson
Activities Completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participation in NSW Bushfire Royal Commission re concerns for Sussex Inlet community• Meetings with St Georges Basin Country Club re evacuation centre role• Meetings with Bowling Club and RSL re role as a evacuation centre and what support they may need re generators and improved communication from government• Meeting with Spa to identify issues during bushfires and what support required to ensure adequate food during a disaster• Discussions with Inasmuch re strategies for support for elderly vulnerable people in community	
Projects Update/Discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional meetings to be held with RFS, SES in August• Funding issues to support RSL with generator costs• Identification of items to include on Disaster Community readiness checklists eg cash, fuel, emergency provisions kit, torches, radio , additional medication	
Stakeholder Engagement Completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication with Council re concerns about Disaster Management and request for them to participate in community consultation in September	
Strategy 2 Economic Development and Tourism	Sandra Gray
Activities Completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support through Business Chamber for Sussex Businesses throughout Covid lockdown regarding access to grants and support services• Communication with Shoalhaven Tourisms regarding signage improvements to promote tourism and visitors with options for highways sign and two signs on Springs Rd and Sussex Inlet Rd turn• Successful Grant applications for Viking Festival, Precinct Marketing, Community Development grant for Forum and Chamber to improve website and community and business engagement• New Sussex Inlet Website completed by Chamber and new activities video completed for web site• Tourism working group established and working with Hand Made Web Design for tourism campaigns from August to November• Support for Spa to do a spring clean of construction site and use fence for tourism promotion• Partnership with Community Church and Chamber for markets and a new event application to be lodged by Chamber to include Lions park and front part of church groups for markets with new version of markets to be launched in October 23020	
Projects Update/Discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Viking Festival- may need to be postponed due to recent COVID set backs decisions to be made by end of July in collaboration with council	
Stakeholder Engagement Completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular discussions and email communication with Sussex Inlet Businesses re support• Communication with Business NSW	



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Strategy 3 Environment and Planning /Infrastructure Neeve	Russell
Activities Completed: Review of the following has occurred : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coastal Management Program Scoping Study - CMP• St Georges Basin Flood Study• Draft Delivery Program Operational Plan and Budget 2020 / 2021• Draft Shoalhaven Local Strategic Planning Statement• Draft Shoalhaven 2040 – Our Strategic Land-Use Planning Statement (long term plan for future work)• Summary of feedback from community survey• Council review of Parks Management Policy & introduction of a Plaques & Memorials Policy• Council approved DA's each fortnight	
Projects Update/Discussions : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• .Badgee boundary adjustment re Taliac canal – meeting with residents Thompson Street and Rates levy for Canal maintenance.• Cuddy Pedestrian Bridge• Potential new Supermarket• Pathways Motion re Plaques & memorials Policy Motion re Golf Course DA variation Suncrest Ave.	
Stakeholder Engagement Completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication re resident concerns for pathway in front of Sussex Rise• Communication with residents and Council regarding Poole Ave drainage issue• Meeting with Swan lake residents re concerns about clearing of reserve and fire risks for reserve in Lake Drive• Meeting with Swan Lake residents and Councillor White re strategies for residents group• Discussions with Patricia White re suggestions for Crown lands funding – Additional solar lights for reserve along inlet, Surf Club repairs and external clean up	
Strategy 4 Community Services	Kerry May
Activities Completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting with Neighbourhood Centre to discuss closer working relationships and how the Forum can support their priorities and concerns re lease for building• Meeting with Thompson Street re use of building for forum meetings and closer linkages to Thompson Street committee• Representation on Community Investment Committee for Shoalhaven with other key stakeholders focusing on youth employment and other issues such as transport	
Projects Update/Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Library/Tourism Centre suggestion to progress discussions with council to commence community consultation processes• Focus on building stronger linkages with Community Services area of council and local community services groups to ensure services for Sussex Inlet are high quality and meet all needs	
Stakeholder Engagement Completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thompson Street committee• Reps from Neighbourhood Centre committee	



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Correspondence Received

Date	
April/May/June, July	Various emails from Shoalhaven Council Community Engagement emails re DA listings, Recovery Newsletters, Funding opportunities, weather warnings, council meetings
April/May/June and July	Various emails from Shelley Hancock regarding funding opportunities
April/May/June and July	Various emails from Fiona Phillips regarding funding opportunities and bushfire recovery
1 May	Invitation from NSW Bushfire Royal Commission to lodge submission
10 July	Email from Troy Punnett re rectification of Poole Ave drainage issues
15 June	Email from Trudi Latour regarding concerns of Swan lake residents reading clearing of reserve on lake Drive and fire risks
June	Letter from Shoalhaven Council re community meeting and disaster management to be held in September
17 July	Email requesting Sussex Inlet forum participate in CCB meeting at Wandandian

Correspondence Sent

Date	
April, May June and July	Various emails responding to Shoalhaven Community engagement
April, May June and July	Various emails with community stakeholders research and meetings for strategic projects
13 May-	Email to Amanda Findlay requesting support from Council for engagement with the Sussex Inlet Community re concerns about fires and future disaster preparedness
10 June	Email sent to Shoalhaven water re request for meeting to discuss pathway along sewer easement for golf course village
15 June	Emails to Trudi Latour re Swan lake issues and arrangement of meeting with Patricia White
8 July	Email to Troy Punnett and Scott Wells re drainage issues on Poole Ave
13 July	Email to Judi McEvoy and Lynn Arnold re drainage issue in Poole Ave and council response to rectify