

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Date: 21st October 2024

Time: 7.05pm

Location: Community Centre Thomson Street

Attendance: John Lang, Jan Lang, Gwen Downie, Judy Neeves, Russell Neeves, Sue Haycox.

Welcome:

Apologies: Nil

Acknowledgement to Country:

Mission Statement of (The Sussex Inlet & District Community Forum):

Confirmation of Minutes ---- September meeting as distributed by the web site, accepted unanimously.

Matters arising from minutes: === Nil

FINANCIAL REPORT:

INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR September 2024

Opening Balance as at 01 September 2024		\$4089.51
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INCOME

September Bank Interest	\$0.04
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SUB TOTAL	\$0.04	\$4089.55
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EXPENDITURE

Nil

BALANCE as at 1st October 2024	\$4089.55
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CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Copies of all correspondence can be viewed at the end of the published minutes on the web site.

24/9 Information regarding the RFS Bush Fire Get Ready Weekend, 21-22 September 2024

25/9 Press release from Fiona Phillips announcing a new avionics course at Nowra Tafe.

26/9 Press release: **Rubber crumb plant tackles tyre waste**

27/9 Sign up for eNotices and get \$500 credit on your water account

28/10 Plans and amendments to road crossings and proposed footpaths at Suncrest Avenue i.e. the Badgee Urban Release Area.

29/10 18 Oct 2024

Council has now published the outcome of community feedback that helped inform the new Affordable Housing Strategy.

Residents were invited to have their say on the draft document during June and July this year. 38 submissions were received from community members, Community Consultative Bodies (CCBs), planning consultancies, licensed builders, and a variety of organisations including Shelter NSW and Southern Cross Housing.

Most of the submissions supported the preparation of the draft Strategy, the identified actions, and Council's continued work to help deliver affordable housing. Several organisations offered to collaborate with Council on proposed advocacy, education, and feasibility testing activities.

Several submissions raised concerns about Council's role in delivering or facilitating the supply of affordable housing, or objected to attempts to increase the amount of affordable housing locally.

[The Summary and Consideration of Submissions and Council Response\(External link\)](#), which summarises the feedback received during the exhibition and Council's consideration of it, can now be viewed in the Document Library.

https://doc.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/LinkGeneratorAPI/record/9403305/preview_latest_final_version_pdf

The following link is to the current Affordable Housing Strategy of 2017

https://doc.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/LinkGeneratorAPI/record/6064067/preview_latest_final_version_pdf

30/10 September 2024 Newsletter from Illawarra South Coast Local Jobs Program – via Sandra Gray- (Employment Facilitator). Detail attached to end of these minutes

Update from the Illawarra South Coast

The Illawarra South Coast Local Jobs team have had a very busy few months supporting over 30 projects across the Illawarra South Coast region linking employment and training programs and key industry stakeholders to reduce duplication and to maximise outcomes.

Delivery of employment and training outcomes aligned to our Local Jobs Plan is the major focus for the Local Jobs team supporting our regions priority industries including the Care Sector, Hospitality and Tourism, Manufacturing, Defence and new Net Zero initiatives.

The Local Jobs team focus on supporting initiatives that support employment and training pathways for jobseekers, young people, school leavers, migrants, and First Nations communities.

The Local Jobs Taskforce has had some changes in the first part of 2024 with Selena Stevens from RDA Illawarra Shoalhaven replacing Coralie Bell, Paula Martin from Illawarra Business replacing Anthony Body, Corin Hodgson from APM replacing Goran Drieski and Jenni Downs from TAFE NSW replacing Kaye Morris. Our new members will continue to ensure the Taskforce is well connected to industry, all levels of government and support the employment and skills needs of the Illawarra South Coast region. We would also like to thank our departing taskforce members for their contribution and ongoing support.

We've welcomed Kaye Morris as a part time Project Officer for 8 months to help the Local Jobs team with specific projects supporting Migrants and Youth in the Shoalhaven and Illawarra.

Sandra Gray
Employment Facilitator

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARD:

Nil

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

BUSINESS ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS:

- First meeting of new council and Patricia White as Mayor.
- At the ordinary meeting 14th October 2024 Council resolved to reinstate the tree 45° rule. See below for detail.
- Council resolved to appoint a finance committee including (5) community members.

Community led Adaptation & Resilience Strategy (CLARSS)

No meeting of the SCRN in September

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Gwen Downie described the future operational procedures during a disaster and a new internal management structure by Red Cross and how it will affect Sussex Inlet.

Meeting Closed: 7.55pm

Next Meeting: 18th November 2024

Location: Thomson Street

Time 7.00pm

RFS Get Ready Weekend information for distribution

Community Connections <CommunityConnections@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au>
To: Matthew.reeves@rfs.nsw.gov.au

Reply Reply All Forward Tue 17/09/2024 1:35 PM

Get Ready Day 2024 Community Newsletter.pdf 159 KB
GRD dates.pdf 9 MB

Dear Community Consultative Bodies

Please find attached information regarding the RFS Bush Fire Get Ready Weekend, this weekend September 21-22 across the Shoalhaven as well as a bush fire community newsletter for your attention and distribution through your networks and social media channels.

The RFS Bush Fire Get Ready Weekend is the primary campaign to encourage residents to prepare for the risk of bush and grass fires organised by the NSW Rural Fire Service.

Kind regards,

Shoalhaven City Council logo and contact information: Community Connections, 1300 293 111, Bridge Road (PO Box 42) Nowra NSW 2541, shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au. Values: RESPECT | INTEGRITY | ADAPTABILITY | COLLABORATION

BUSH FIRE INFORMATION

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

'GET READY WEEKEND' September 21 and 22

PREPARE YOUR FAMILY | PREPARE YOUR HOME

As we roll into spring and summer approaches it's time to 'Get Ready' for the risk of bush and grass fires. Preparing your family and your home is a key element of 'Living Bush Fire Ready', so RFS brigades are opening their doors and local firefighters will be on hand to discuss your bush and grass fire risk this weekend **Saturday September 21 and Sunday September 22** (see the full list attached).

13 RFS brigades will open their doors with displays of equipment, fire safety and preparedness information, goodies for the kids, fun activities and more! Six brigades will hold activities in October.

We encourage you to attend and discuss your bush fire plan and your preparations, regardless of how experienced you are with bush and grass fires in our environment.

Join us for a chat, learn about the bush fire risk in your area this year and meet other emergency services and support agencies who support the community in times of emergency - there will be something for everyone, including the opportunity to meet and chat to locals who know the area and our fire history - and who are ready to share their experiences so that you can prepare your family and your home, better understand bush fire danger ratings and gain an appreciation of the fire risk in your area.

Attached is the list of RFS brigades and their locations.

To help you get started we have included some important links to scan below.

PREPARE YOUR FAMILY PREPARE YOUR PLAN ASSISTANCE FOR ELDERLY



We look forward to seeing you at the RFS 'Get Ready Weekend' events!

FOR MORE HELP PREPARING YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR HOME VISIT RFS.NSW.GOV.AU

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From: Condie, Katrina (F. Phillips, MP) <Katrina.Condie@aph.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 24 September 2024 3:39 PM
To: Phillips, Fiona (MP)
Cc: Moon, Daniel (F. Phillips, MP)
Subject: Media Release - New avionics course at Nowra TAFE
Attachments: Fiona and Minister Conroy.jpg; aviation technician HMAS Albatross 2.jpg

God afternoon,
 Please find a media release and two photos attached announcing a new course now on offer at Nowra TAFE which is set to give local students a leg-up into the defence industry.
 Regards
 Katrina

Katrina Condie | MEDIA ADVISOR
 OFFICE OF FIONA PHILLIPS MP
 MEMBER FOR GILMORE
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**FIONA PHILLIPS, MP
 MEMBER FOR GILMORE**

MEDIA RELEASE

New Nowra TAFE course to launch

careers in avionics industry

South Coast students will have an opportunity to launch a career in the defence industry, with a new avionics course on offer at Nowra TAFE for the first time.

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips said the new Certificate II Aeroskills course would open up learning pathways for local students looking to work in the avionics industry.

“It’s fantastic that local students are now able to access this course at Nowra TAFE where they can gain the entry-level skills needed in aviation maintenance workshops,” Mrs Phillips said.

“We’re a Navy town, home to HMAS Albatross, HMAS Creswell and the Royal Australian Naval College, so it’s really important that we have defence-related TAFE courses on offer here to give local students an entry into the industry.

“Defence and defence industry are our biggest employers, and this Aeroskills course will provide local students with an opportunity fill in-demand roles, such as aircraft maintenance engineers and aircraft line maintenance workers.”

The new course will give students an insight from industry-experienced teachers to ensure planes fly smoothly and safely through a mixture of theory and practical units.

Students will gain practical experience and develop specialist skills to give them an advantage in the job market, including working on real aircraft components on a variety of aircraft and working safely and sustainably in the industry.

The course provides students with credits towards higher level qualifications including a Diploma of Aeroskills (Avionics).

Mrs Phillips said the six-month course would equip students with job-ready skills in welding and fabrication, including repairing and overhauling aircraft electrical, hydraulic, pneumatic, electro-hydraulic, and electro-pneumatic components.

“We already have industry-leading businesses like Sikorsky Australia, QinetiQ and Global Defence Solutions employing and training young people in the Shoalhaven, and this is another opportunity for local students to take up exciting defence-related careers without having to leave home,” she added.

“People may not know that, in Nowra, we have more than 200 highly-skilled workers keeping the MH-60R Seahawk Romeo helicopter fleet in the sky, and demand for these skills will grow as the Australian Government expands the fleet from the current 23 to 36 aircraft.

“Last year, locals might be surprised to learn that the first-ever deep-level maintenance of a United States Navy MH-60R Seahawk Romeo helicopter was completed by Sikorsky Australia right here in the Shoalhaven.

“There are incredible opportunities here for those who want to jump on board.”

Head to Tafe NSW Nowra [website](#) for more information.

Photo: Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips and Defence Industry Minister Pat Conroy announced a \$124 million upgrade to HMAS Albatross last year.

Photo 2: It’s hoped the new Nowra TAFE course will help fill the shortage of aircraft maintenance engineers.

Media Contact: Katrina Condie 0437 662 967

New rubber crumb plant keeps Shoalhaven's circular economy turning

Published on 19 September 2024

Tyres once destined for landfill are being repurposed for use in road paving, artificial turf and kids' playgrounds at Australia's first rubber crumb plant located in the Shoalhaven.

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips opened the rubber crumb plant at Shoalhaven City Council's West Nowra Recycling and Waste Depot on Thursday September 19.

"I'm really pleased to open this innovative recycling project which contributes to council's circular economy and provides a very practical solution to tyre waste," Mrs Phillips said.

Council received a \$514,000 grant, co-funded by the Federal Government's Recycling Modernisation Fund (RMF) and NSW Government's Waste Less, Recycle More initiative.

"This facility is a fantastic example of the kind of innovation we need to boost recycling in Australia," Mrs Phillips said.

"Not only is this great for the environment by saving used car, truck and machinery tyres from going into landfill, we are also creating a product that is really useful.

"The plant is producing crumbed rubber and mesh powder that is ready for use in local infrastructure projects, including roads as asphalt and bitumen."

The new plant means council can increase the amount of waste rubber materials and regional tyres it recycles from 58 tonnes each year to 160 tonnes, with potential to increase to 270 tonnes per year.



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New rubber crumb plant keeps Shoalhaven's circular economy turning | Shoalhaven City Council

The crumbing technology removes 99 per cent of all contaminants and provides council with an exceptionally high purity product which is attractive to the recycled products market.

Council aims to continue to increase landfill diversion rates in accordance with the NSW Government's target of an 80 per cent average recovery rate from all waste streams by 2030.

As part of this goal, the new rubber crumb plant supplements council's other additional recycling operations including a MICROfactorie which re-manufactures recycled glass sand and textiles into green ceramics, polystyrene recycling, a baling plant for paper, cardboard and plastics and an electrical cable recycling plant which diverts copper and mixed plastic granules from landfill.

Mrs Phillips said the RMF was accelerating Australia's circular economy so that when a product is no longer useful or required for its initial purpose, it is either reused, recycled or remanufactured.

"Projects already announced are expected to increase Australia's annual processing capacity by over 1 million tonnes, and create more than 3,000 ongoing and construction jobs," she said.

"The Shoalhaven rubber crumb plant is one of 43 RMF projects in NSW, with more than \$35 million in joint funding between the Australian and NSW Governments.

"On completion, these projects are expected to add 197,000 tonnes of recycling capacity each year, support over 790 ongoing and construction jobs, and see over \$122 million invested in recycling infrastructure in the state."

at the official opening of the Shoalhaven's new rubber crumb plant on Thursday. Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips; Manager Waste Services, David Lindsay; CEO, Robyn Stevens; EPA Manager Programs, Sam Lewis, EPA Project Officer, Divita Bhalla, Waste Initiatives MD, Peter Smith.

Sign up for eNotices

eNotices is an electronic accounts service that allows you to receive your water accounts through email, and then have access to them through your own personal portal.

It's easy to set up and manage and allows you to update your details at any time. Being registered also means you can:

- Register multiple properties
- Register multiple owners of a property
- Easily check and compare new and past accounts
- Be tax ready

Sign up between 1 October and 31 December and you'll have the chance to win \$500 credit towards your water account. View our [Terms & Conditions](#) for more information.

New property owners must have received an account in their name before they can register, then all accounts issued will be available to view online.



Address all correspondence to: The Chief Executive Officer,
 PO Box 42, Nowra NSW 2541 Australia
shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/contact | 1300 293 111
shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au

9 October 2024

NOTIFICATION OF INTEGRATED SUBDIVISION APPLICATION

APPLICATION NO: MA2024/1278
APPLICANT: Makereng Pty Ltd
PROPERTY: Suncrest Avenue SUSSEX INLET - Lot 22 DP 1270620
 21 Lakeshore Parade SUSSEX INLET - Lot 230 DP 253235
 North Sussex Inlet Reserve Suncrest Avenue SUSSEX INLET -
 Lot 192 DP 245378
PROPOSAL: S4.55(1A) to SF 10916 - amendment to typical road cross
 sections and location of proposed footpaths

We are writing to advise you of the above subdivision application.

The application is Integrated Development under Section 4.46 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Approval for the proposed development is required from Rural Fire Service (RFS) under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, in respect of:

- The proposed development requires authorisation under section 100B of the *Rural Fires Act 1997* in respect of bush fire safety of subdivision of land that could lawfully be used for residential or rural residential purposes and accordingly the general terms of approval are being sought in accordance with this section of the *Rural Fires Act 1997*.

The application and associated documents can be accessed on Council's website www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au by following the Track a DA link where you will need to enter MA2024/1278 in the Application Number search bar to access the application information. If you do not have access to the internet or are having difficulties accessing the documents, please contact Council for assistance.

COMMENCEMENT OF NOTIFICATION PERIOD 9 October 2024
SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 23 October 2024

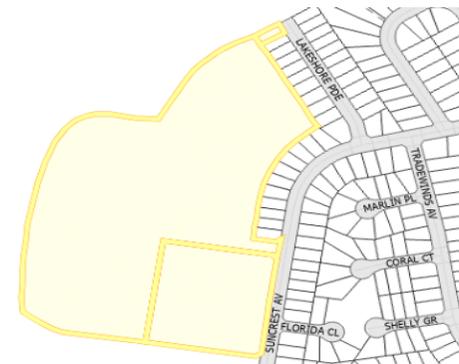
The application is on notification until **23 October 2024** and submissions must be received by us by close of business on that date. Submissions may be lodged online via the Council's e-property platform. There is information on the back of this letter to assist you if you choose to make a submission.

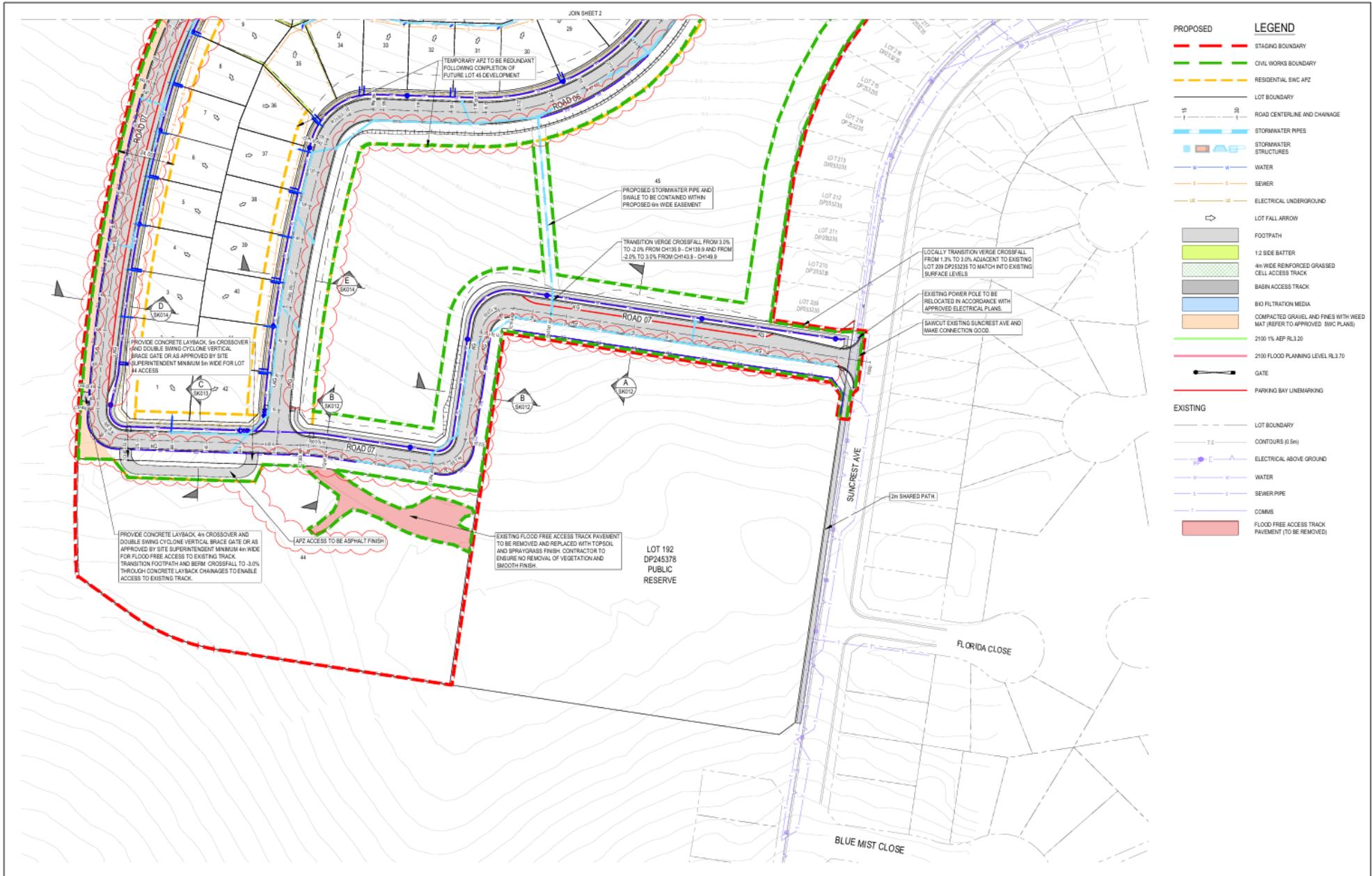
The Assessing Officer for this application is Anne McDonald, Senior Planner. If you have any questions relating to this application, please contact our Customer Experience Team on 1300 293 111.

MAKING A SUBMISSION

If you wish to comment on or object to an application, follow the below steps to have your concerns considered as part of the assessment process.

<p>Review the Application</p>	<p>The application and associated documents can be accessed on Council's website www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au by following the Track a DA where you will need to enter MA2024/1278 in the Application Number search bar.</p>
<p>Lodge a Submission</p> <div data-bbox="1276 462 1388 574" style="text-align: center;"> </div>	<p>Navigate to Lodging a DA Submission from Councils website and proceed to e-property or scan QR code.</p> <p>Submissions may be lodged online via Council's e-property platform on Councils website. Please note your submissions must be received by 23 October 2024. Submissions will be made publicly available and published on Council's website and the NSW Planning Portal. <i>Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) and Privacy Commission's Guidelines 2020</i> apply to any personal information provided. A submitters name and property address will not be redacted from submissions and will appear on Council's website, unless requested by the submitter and approved by Council.</p> <p>In accordance with the <i>Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979</i> and related regulations, all submissions received by Council will be placed on the appropriate Council file and may be disclosed to Councilors, Council staff, planning consultants engaged by Council or member of the public.</p> <p>Pursuant to the <i>Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009</i>, Council is obliged to allow inspection of its documents, including any submissions received by Council.</p>
<p>If required, complete a Disclosure Statement</p>	<p>In making a submission, the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 requires you to disclose any gifts or donations made to Shoalhaven City Councilors, their party, employees or contractors within the past two (2) years. Please review the disclosure requirements detailed on the Disclosure Form available on e-property. If applicable complete this form and upload as part of your submission.</p>
<p>We will assess the application</p>	<p>Applications are assessed by Council officers, who will carefully consider your feedback, along with a range of other matters as required under section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment Act 1979. Applications are determined by either Council officers or, in some instances, a Planning Panel. We will advise you of the outcome once the application has been determined.</p>





PROPOSED		LEGEND	
	STAGING BOUNDARY		CIVIL WORKS BOUNDARY
	RESIDENTIAL SWC APZ		LOT BOUNDARY
	ROAD CENTERLINE AND CHANGE		STORMWATER PIPES
	STORMWATER STRUCTURES		WATER
	SEWER		ELECTRICAL UNDERGROUND
	LOT FALL ARROW		FOOTPATH
	1:2 SIDE BATTER		4m WIDE REINFORCED GRASSED CELL ACCESS TRACK
	BASIN ACCESS TRACK		BIO FILTRATION MEDIA
	COMPACTED GRAVEL AND FINES WITH WEED MAT (REFER TO APPROVED SWC PLANS)		2100 1% AEP RL3.20
	2100 FLOOD PLANNING LEVEL RL3.70		GATE
	PARKING BAY UNMARKING		EXISTING LOT BOUNDARY
	EXISTING LOT BOUNDARY		EXISTING CONTOURS @ 5m
	EXISTING CONTOURS @ 5m		EXISTING WATER
	EXISTING WATER		EXISTING SEWER PIPE
	EXISTING SEWER PIPE		EXISTING COMMS
	FLOOD FREE ACCESS TRACK PAVEMENT (TO BE REMOVED)		

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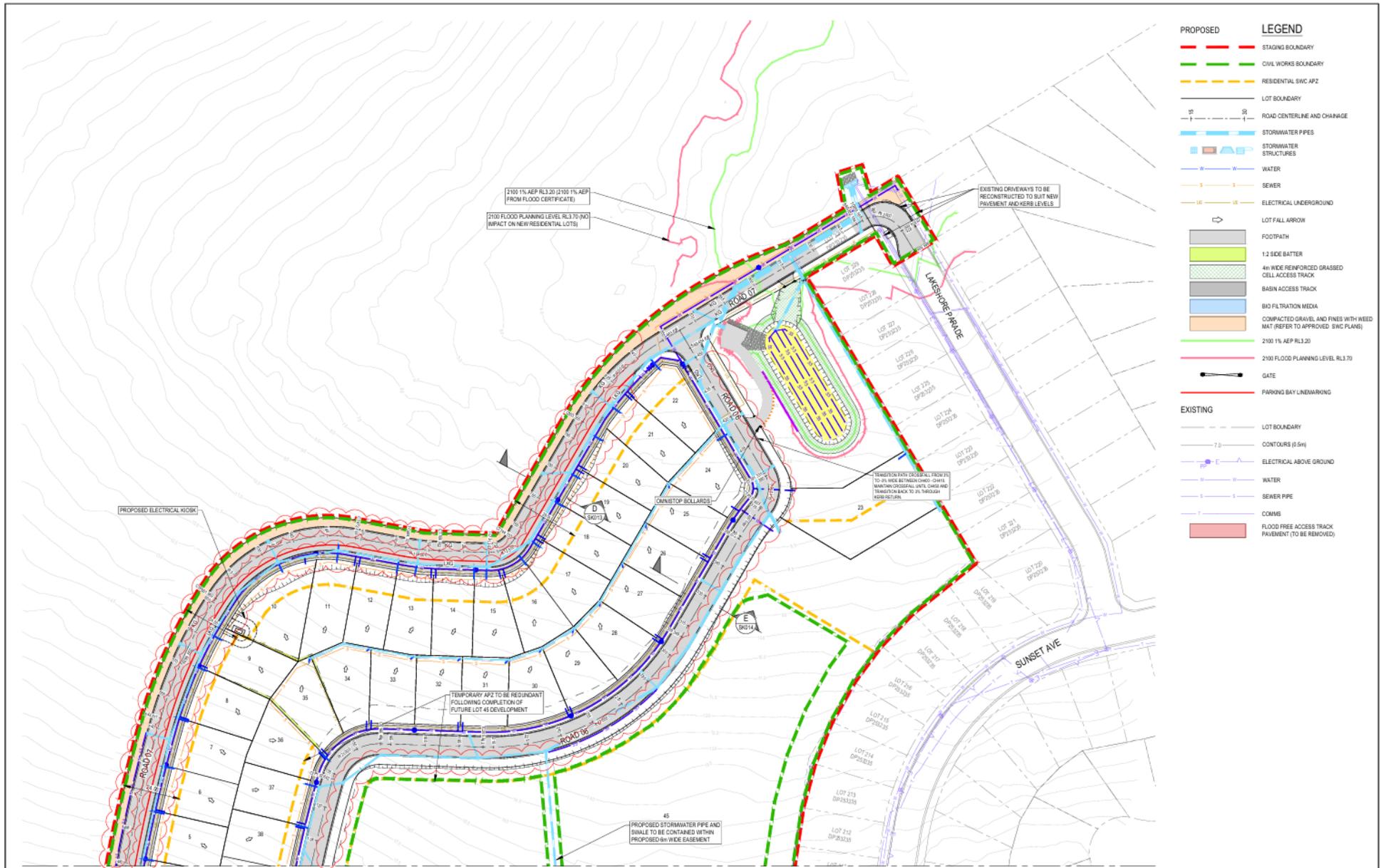
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APPROVED: M.RIGONI

SUNCREST AVENUE SUSSEX INLET
CIVIL WORKS LAYOUT PLAN

DRAWING NUMBER	SHEET NO.	ORIG. SIZE	REVISION
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PROPOSED		LEGEND	
	STAGING BOUNDARY		STAGING BOUNDARY
	CIVIL WORKS BOUNDARY		CIVIL WORKS BOUNDARY
	RESIDENTIAL SWC AP2		RESIDENTIAL SWC AP2
	LOT BOUNDARY		LOT BOUNDARY
	ROAD CENTERLINE AND CHANGING		ROAD CENTERLINE AND CHANGING
	STORMWATER PIPES		STORMWATER PIPES
	STORMWATER STRUCTURES		STORMWATER STRUCTURES
	WATER		WATER
	SEWER		SEWER
	ELECTRICAL UNDERGROUND		ELECTRICAL UNDERGROUND
	LOT FALL ARROW		LOT FALL ARROW
	FOOTPATH		FOOTPATH
	1:2 SIDE BATTER		1:2 SIDE BATTER
	4m WIDE REINFORCED GRASS CELL ACCESS TRACK		4m WIDE REINFORCED GRASS CELL ACCESS TRACK
	BASIN ACCESS TRACK		BASIN ACCESS TRACK
	BIO FILTRATION MEDIA		BIO FILTRATION MEDIA
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	2100 FLOOD PLANNING LEVEL RL3.70		2100 FLOOD PLANNING LEVEL RL3.70
	GATE		GATE
	PARKING BAY LINES MARKING		PARKING BAY LINES MARKING
EXISTING			
	LOT BOUNDARY		LOT BOUNDARY
	7.0m CONTOURS (0.5m)		7.0m CONTOURS (0.5m)
	ELECTRICAL ABOVE GROUND		ELECTRICAL ABOVE GROUND
	WATER		WATER
	SEWER PIPE		SEWER PIPE
	COMMS		COMMS
	FLOOD FREE ACCESS TRACK PAVEMENT (TO BE REMOVED)		FLOOD FREE ACCESS TRACK PAVEMENT (TO BE REMOVED)

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 DESIGN CHECK: M.RIGONI
 APPROVED: M.RIGONI

SUNCREST AVENUE SUSSEX INLET
 CIVIL WORKS LAYOUT PLAN

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From: Matthew Rose <Matthew.Rose@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 18 October 2024 4:58 PM
To: Matthew Rose <Matthew.Rose@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Publication of Shoalhaven Affordable Housing Strategy

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are receiving this email because you provided feedback on the draft Affordable Housing Strategy Council exhibited in June-July 2024. Thank you for your feedback and continued interest in the preparation of this document.

I can confirm a new Affordable Housing Strategy has now been published. The strategy will guide Council's contributions to address the region's affordable housing challenge. It outlines strategies for Council to increase housing supply and improve affordability more generally through planning controls, development contributions, use of public land, and advocacy efforts.

Council considered the draft Strategy, community and stakeholder feedback, and a range of recommendations to respond to the feedback during its 12 August 2024 Ordinary Meeting. Council then adopted an adjusted Affordable Housing Strategy.

A copy of the final Strategy and a *Summary and Consideration of Submissions and Council Response* is now available on Council's Get Involved Page: <https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/draft-affordable-housing-strategy>.

You're invited to review the *Summary and Consideration of Submissions and Council Response* to understand how your feedback has been considered. For information, 38 submissions were received from community members, Community Consultative Bodies, planning consultancies, licensed builders, and a variety of organisations including Shelter NSW and Southern Cross Housing. Most of the submissions supported the preparation of the draft Strategy, the identified actions, and Council's continued work to help deliver affordable housing. Several organisations offered to collaborate with Council on proposed advocacy, education, and feasibility testing activities. Several submissions raised concerns about Council's role in delivering or facilitating the supply of affordable housing, or objected to attempts to increase the amount of affordable housing locally.

Regards,



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MM24.33 Mayoral Minute - Shoalhaven Development Control Plan 2014, Chapter G4 Tree and Vegetation Management - 45 Degree Rule

HPERM Ref: D24/431925

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Take the necessary steps to formally amend Chapter G4 Tree and Vegetation Management in the Shoalhaven Development Control Plan (DCP) 2014 to revert it back to the 45 Degree Rule Exemption version that was in place prior to 16 August 2023.
2. Reference the current name "45-degree rule" as "The Gordon Timbs 45 Degree Rule" in all Council documents.

Details

Over the last 12 months there has been many discussions, changes and recommendations to Council regarding Chapter G4 Tree and Vegetation Management in the DCP. Major changes were made to the Exemption Section for the 45-degree rule requiring Arborists to undertake new processes which has seen the industry tied up in "red tape" to remove a tree that was within 45 degrees of a house or infrastructure.

This recommendation will allow Council to proceed to amend the DCP to restore the original conditions for removal of a tree under the 45-degree rule which were introduced in early 2004, following the death of Gordon Timbs and a High Court judgement.

For more than 20 years the policy worked within the Shoalhaven and over this time many lives, houses and infrastructure has been protected from fallen trees. Recent windstorms in the Shoalhaven and across NSW & Victoria have seen many trees (especially large trees) fall damaging cars, houses, infrastructure and has also seen the loss of several life's directly from fall trees.

Additionally, undertaking research of the 45-degree rule, when it was developed by Council over 20 years ago, consideration was also given to bush fires and the degree in which a tree hangs over a house and the impact of a bush fire.

The reference name change is formal recognition for Gordon Timbs and to assist people to better understand the history of the 45-degree rule.

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MM24.33 Mayoral Minute - Shoalhaven Development Control Plan 2014, Chapter G4 Tree and Vegetation Management - 45 Degree Rule	HPERM Ref: D24/431925
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Note: A deputation was received on this item.

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RESOLVED (Clr White / Clr Proudfoot)

MIN24.498

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2. Reference the current name "45-degree rule" as "The Gordon Timbs 45 Degree Rule" in all Council documents.
3. Integrate a native tree species list into the 45 Degree Rule.

FOR: Clr White, Clr Casmiri, Clr Dunn, Clr Cox, Clr Wilkins, Clr Proudfoot, Clr Tribe and Clr Clancy

AGAINST: Clr Norris, Clr Boyd, Clr Johnston and Clr Krikstolaitis

CARRIED

Illawarra South Coast Local Jobs Program-September 2024 Newsletter

-Recent Highlights-

Transport Projects: Launch of Driver Mentor Program in the Bega Valley and Shoalhaven

A major achievement for 2024 has been the launch of Bega Valley and Shoalhaven Ls to Ps services after two years of constant advocacy and innovative project management.

Workforce Australia- Local Jobs and their Transport Working Group have been providing advocacy to Transport NSW as well as working with local organisations to pilot and implement innovative transport solutions for our community

The Ls to Ps initiative is a great example of the Australian Government and local community organisations working together to make a difference.

Getting a driver's licence is a huge milestone for most young people. In regional areas like the Bega Valley and Shoalhaven as access to jobs, training, social and sporting activities typically depends on being able to drive.

For some young people, attaining their driver's licence can be challenging. For many, having access to a licensed adult willing and able to provide support, or accessing a vehicle to achieve the required 120 supervised logbook hours needed is difficult. This will change with the introduction of the "Bega Valley L2P and Shoalhaven Driver Mentoring Program" that officially launched earlier this year.

Learners will have professional driving lessons with a qualified driving instructor before being matched with a volunteer driver mentor. They will then attend the Safer Drivers course once 50 logbook hours have been achieved. This program is not just about getting young people licensed - it's also about supporting young people to be safe drivers.

Eden Community Access Centre will coordinate the Bega Valley program with the first Bega Valley car purchased thanks to generous donations from Bega, Pambula & Merimbula Rotary Clubs, Pambula Merimbula Lions and Bega Valley Motors managing the servicing requirements.

The Shoalhaven L's P's driver mentoring program is managed by BCR Communities, who also donated the first vehicle. They also obtained funding from the Kari Foundation and a Local Clubs Grant to support the program.

In July, a second car was added to the fleet in both Bega Valley and Shoalhaven thanks to a successful grant from Dr Holland MP and Liz Butler MP via the Building Community Partnership program. This enables a L's to P's car to be located permanently in Bega, Eden, Bay and Basin and Nowra. Workforce Australia Local Jobs has provided Local Initiative funding of \$24,000 to support the initial operational costs for both Bega Valley and Shoalhaven Ls to Ps programs.

In April, Eden Community Access Centre was awarded a contract by Transport NSW to the Driver Licence Access Program (DLAP) from 1st July 2024. BCR Communities will also be tendering for the DLAP program later in 2024.

Local Jobs was invited to present on our L's to P's Driver Mentor Program as a successful Local Recovery Fund Initiative at the National Employment Facilitators and Support Officers Conference in Sydney, hosted by DEWR in August. Feedback on the project was positive with many other regions across the country contacting us to discuss the program further.

<https://www.eden.nsw.au/l2p-learner-driver-mentor-program/>

<https://www.bcrcommunities.com/>

LRF Project: Industry Tours with Get a Job South Coast

Industry tours are a great way to highlight employment opportunities for job seekers and school leavers. Get a Jobs South Coast are running Industry tours, Look and Learn sessions and Career development days. They are working collaboratively with the Local Jobs team, Workforce Australia and employers. This project will run until Q2, 2025.

A summary of tours completed:

Eurobodalla Community Services Industry tour in partnership with the Eurobodalla Jobs Shop

- This event showcased the diverse range of career opportunities in the care sector but also reinforced our commitment to bridging the gap between jobseekers and potential employers in our community
- 19 Jobseekers and their supporters attended to learn about current employment opportunities, career pathways and training opportunities in the care sector.
- Transport was provided with participants picked up from Batemans Bay, Mogo and Moruya.
- Employers that participated were YUMARO (Disability Employment) in Moruya, The Glen Residential Care and Eurobodalla Councils after-school care service in Batemans Bay
- Study options with South Coast Community Colleges and TAFE NSW were also highlighted
- The workplace tours and talks from team members sharing their personal experiences and ‘what it’s really like ‘to work in the care sector was a highlight. The enthusiasm and engagement between our participants and employers were inspiring.
- Most participants advised they applied for one or more positions available on the day. Several participants were successful in obtaining employment and others enrolled in training.
- This event not only showcased the diverse range of career opportunities in the care sector but also reinforced our commitment to bridging the gap between jobseekers and potential employers in our community.

Nowra Manufacturing Tour in partnership with One Training

- 18 job seekers attended the tour which visited Global Defence, Now Chem and Farmgate Café to view the different job roles and experience the workplaces.
- Di Laver from the Shoalhaven Food Network also provided an industry update on the career pathways in the hospitality industry working with the Shoalhaven Food Network members and opportunities to join the next Gaining Through Training program.

Wollongong Manufacturing Tour in Partnership with One Training

- 16 Job seekers attended the tour which visited the Wollongong Botanic Gardens to see Council Parks and Garden roles and the DBC Group which provide specialist ropes training and services for the manufacturing and construction industry.

LRF Project: “Skills for Life” - One Training / Gadhungal Marring

This 3 week pre-employment program for First Nations focuses on cultural revitalisation, digital literacy and targeted industry specific skills training and linkages to industry. The cultural component is delivered by Gadhungal Marring.

- The first Skills for Life program was delivered in Nowra in August with 20 participants completing this training.
- The Wollongong program commenced at the end of August with 23 participants commenced.
- The final program is scheduled or Nowra in March 2025.

LRF Project: “SET-UP” Pre-employment Program for Young People 15-24, delivered by Southern Youth and Family Services.

SET-UP is a 4-week pre-employment program focusing on personal development, practical hospitality skills training and individual participant post program support to assist with employment and training opportunities.

SYFS are mid-way through delivering the second SET-UP program with the final course commencing in October.

Outcomes to date:

- 51 participants were referred and attended an information Day
- 31 were accepted and have completed the training component and continue with post program support.
- 5 participants have gained employment
- 15 have commence further training
- 11 have accessed other services for support or personal development

LRF Project: Indigenous Career Days - Yilabara

The career days aim to promote career opportunities and support Aboriginal community members to progress to sustainable employment in the Mining, Manufacturing and Community Services Industries.

The First career day was held on Tuesday 22nd July with Illawarra Metallurgical Coal (South 32). 24 community members attended the event to learn about and apply for current apprenticeship opportunities. Participants had the opportunity to participate in a speed job interview on the day with many progressing through the recruitment phase which is underway.

OTHER PROJECT UPDATES

Youth Project Spotlight – Grow the Future

Grow the Future is a youth-based social enterprise farm located in Bega. They offer school-based programs, accredited training and paid employment opportunities for young people (12-24).

Young people gain ‘hands on’ outdoor, project-based experiences in an inspiring and supportive environment. They learn about horticulture, ecosystem management, business and Work skills whilst growing food for our community and regenerating the land where they work.

The progression over the past year from a vacant piece of land to a thriving workspace and the positive feedback and growth from participants is truly inspiring.

In August, Local Jobs partnered with Grow the Future to host a provider morning tea and information session. Approximately 40 people from Youth and Employment Service Providers attended. All stakeholders had the opportunity to learn more about opportunities at Grow the Future. It also allowed individual services to connect and network. The tour of the farm and outdoor classroom was a highlight with providers seeing the hands-on learning environment and benefits of referral participants to this program.

The third intake of participants commenced in early September.



Youth Project Spotlight -Shoalhaven Food Network “Gaining Through Training”

The Shoalhaven Food Network has been working closely with the Local Jobs team for the past 2 years with amazing outcomes achieved. The Gaining Through Training – Schools program is supported by the NSW Government through the REIP team Coordinators Paul Goodwin and Neil Bessant.

- The Food Network supported and promoted over 91 food events as part of the Autumn Celebration of Food from May to mid-June with a total of 8120 plates served.
- 7 schools collaborated in the program with 37 young people participating in the Gaining Through Training program and working at the Autumn Celebration events.
- 50% of the students have gained an apprenticeship or traineeship outcome and others are working casually or in part time roles while completing school

A trial Gaining through Training – Jobseeker program was developed in 2024 and 3 participants commencing in the trial. 2 participants successfully gained employment with one participant also enrolled in the Cert III Hospitality course at TAFE while working casually with the Growers at Worrigeer.

Collaborative Projects that have completed in 2024

The following programs have been significant contributors to the Local Jobs Program initiatives and working groups. We thank the dedication and input to all team members involved in creating and promoting, employment and training opportunities across the Illawarra South Coast.

South Coast Centre of Excellence

The Centre of Excellence project wrapped up in March after 2 years and has made a considerable impact on the Hospitality and Tourism industry in the South Coast.

Significant outcomes include:

- 1100 people have attended 34 programs across the Shoalhaven, Eurobodalla and Bega Valley
- Programs include industry local knowledge fails, professional development and short skills courses
- 100 people have attended level 1 Wine and Spirit Education courses
- 10 people have attended level 3 Wine and Spirit Education courses
- 50 people are participating in the industry mentor program
- 302 high school students have attended 5 Tourism and Hospitality Days

- **18 Scholarships awarded for the Cert III Hospitality RPL project**

Tourism Local Navigator Pilot

The Tourism Local Navigator Pilot project completed in June. The 12 months pilot ran successfully across the Illawarra South Coast. This program was delivered by The Disability Trust.

The local navigators worked closely with small to medium tourism businesses to support capability disability confidence and workplace accessibility, and sustainable job creation for people with a disability. The team also managed job vacancies, referrals and provided ongoing support and on the job training to participants and their employer who gained employment from this program.

Achievements include:

- 97 vacancies for people with disability were filled via volunteer work, work experience, paid work trials and paid employment
- More than 800 businesses were contacted with 178 participating
- Attended 66 events such as career expos, interagency meetings and community group meetings.

The collaboration between Employment Service Providers and the Local Navigators was high, helping many customers transition into meaningful employment.

Home Care Workforce Support Program (HCWSP)

SSI's Home Care Workforce program focused on attracting, recruiting and supporting new workers suited to the industry, building capacity, and enhancing the skills of existing workers.

Some key program highlights include:

- 5142 participants referred to providers for employment
- 2364 placements with eligible providers
- 207 community engagement events including career expos, Training workshops & Industry events in Bega Wollongong, Berkley Merimbula & Shoalhaven
- Implementing the Culturally responsive e-module
- Developing a Care Career roadmap
- Running a Home Care Experience Centre for in person training & support
- SSI delivered the program though NSW & ACT from 2022-2024.

