

TOP 10 PRIORITIES

The following priorities were identified by the Chamber Executive as having a serious impact on the creation of sustainable economic growth in the Shoalhaven.

The list is intended to assist in progress and direction, not to limit the issues addressed by the Chamber. These issues are in the purview of Shoalhaven City Council. Executive members attend regular meetings with the Mayor of the Shoalhaven and relevant council staff in order to assist in the implementation of actions on these matters.

SHOALHAVEN RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT

- GATEWAY TO NOWRA AND THE SHOALHAVEN
- STRATEGIC REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
- CONFIDENCE BUILDING IMAGE OF A SUCCESSFUL REGIONAL CENTRE

NOWRA CBD DEVELOPMENT

- COMPLETE PLAN REQUIRED TO REVITALIZE THE COMMERCIAL HEART OF NOWRA
- ADMINISTRATION AND COMMERCIAL HUB OF REGION SHOULD REFLECT THAT STATUS
- CONSIDERATION OF EFFECT OF STOCKLAND'S EXPANSION AND DELAY
- WHAT ALTERNATIVES ARE THERE?
- WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN TO JUNCTION COURT?
- REQUIREMENTS FOR MULTI STOREY PARKING AND OTHER PARKING?

ULLADULLA REVITALIZATION AND PROMOTION

- THE TOWN CENTRE OF ULLADULLA NEEDS REVITALIZATION
- THE AREA NEEDS TO BE PROMOTED AS NOT ONLY A TOURIST DESTINATION BUT ALSO A DESTINATION FOR BUSINESS AND APPROPRIATE INDUSTRY

INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PLAN

- THE REGION NEEDS AN INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PLAN TO GUIDE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NEXT 25 YEARS
- NEEDS TO COVER ROADS AND RAIL AT LEAST AND BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL – THE COMPLETE TRANSPORT SYSTEM
- TRANSPORT, OR LACK OF IT IS A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN THE SHOALHAVEN!

PARKING FACILITIES

- NEED BETTER PARKING FACILITIES TO CATER FOR THE VEHICLES PASSING THROUGH THE REGION AND TOWNS
- NEED APPROPRIATE CARAVAN/TRAILER PARKING TO ATTRACT TRAVELLERS TO STOP AND COME INTO TOWNS - NOWRA

COORDINATED ATTACK ON UNEMPLOYMENT

- NEED TO FOCUS ON UNDERSTANDING THIS PROBLEM
- ONE OF, IF NOT THE MOST COMPLEX LABOUR MARKET IN AUSTRALIA
- NEEDS COORDINATED APPROACH TO UNDERSTAND AND THEN ADDRESS SPECIFIC LOCAL FACTORS

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- OPPORTUNITIES IN SPECIFIC INDUSTRY SECTORS FOR SIGNIFICANT GROWTH – AGED CARE, HEALTH, DEFENCE AND MARINE
- GROWTH WILL BE CONSTRAINED WITHOUT A SUITABLE WORKFORCE
- DETAILED PLANNING REQUIRED OF SKILLS REQUIRED BY INDUSTRY AND PROJECTS ON THE HORIZON
- AVAILABILITY OF A WORKFORCE ABLE TO “GO” WHEN REQUIRED WILL BE THE SINGLE BIGGEST IMPEDIMENT TO GROWTH OF EXISTING OR LOCATION OF NEW BUSINESSES TO THE SHOALHAVEN

SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL TENDERING POLICIES

- PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF “VALUE FOR MONEY”
- SBC BELIEVES THE PRINCIPLE OF “BEST VALUE FOR MONEY” SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE A WEIGHTING FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES AND WORKER PARTICIPATION
- VALUE TO THE REGION SHOULD INCLUDE INCREASED GROWTH OF BUSINESSES, INCREASED VIABILITY & INCREASED OPPORTUNITY TO GROW; TO TAKE ON WORK OUTSIDE THE REGION, RESULTING IN MORE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS

SHAOLIN TEMPLE

- PROPOSES TO OFFER SIGNIFICANT BOOST TO THE SHOALHAVEN ECONOMY, IT IS A MAJOR STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
- EXTENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS TO BE COMPLETED
- SHOULD PROVIDE WHATEVER SUPPORT IS POSSIBLE TO SEE THIS PROJECT COMES TO FRUITION

MARINA

- A FIRST CLASS MARINA WILL ATTRACT MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE BOATING INDUSTRY TO THE SHOALHAVEN
- HAVE 1000 Km OF COASTLINE AND WATERWAYS, SOME OF WHICH ARE THE BEST IN THE WORLD, BUT NO REAL MARINA FACILITIES
- NO FACILITIES FOR THE BOATIES TO MOOR OR TIE UP AND STAY AND SPEND!

PRIORITY ITEMS RELEVANT TO STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS AND OTHERS

- MAJOR TRANSPORT
 - PRINCES HIGHWAY UPGRADE
 - MAIN ROAD 92
 - FASTER AND BETTER RAIL LINKS TO SYDNEY
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- SOCIAL
 - BETTER POLICING OF THE ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN THE TOWNS AND VILLAGES OF THE SHOALHAVEN
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- WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
 - INCREASE IN AGED CARE TRAINING CAPACITY
 - MORE SKILLS TRAINING FOR TRADES AND OTHER INDUSTRY REQUIREMENTS
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- IMAGE BUILDING
 - ACTIVE MARKETING OF THE REGION AS A DESTINATION TO LIVE AND WORK NOT JUST TO VISIT