



2011 has commenced with some incredible events happening across our country. Devastation, floods, ruin and lives lost in many states.

The Shoalhaven seems to have been spared and even though the Australian dollar has reached (and occasionally passed) parity with the US dollar we have seen strong numbers of visitors holidaying on the South Coast and in particular the Shoalhaven over the holiday season.

The Business Chamber is looking forward to a busy and productive year ahead and already you will have received information regarding our two February functions – Membership breakfast on 10th February and our first Super Dinner for the year with guest speaker Ross Gittens on 16th February.

*John Lamont*

## Events

The Shoalhaven Business Chamber has events happening in both the Northern Shoalhaven and the Southern Area

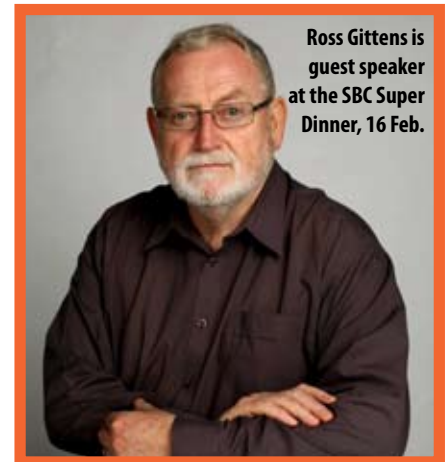
### 2011 Calendar of Events

#### Northern Area

- February – Super Dinner
- February – membership breakfast
- March – Business After Hours (BAH)
- March – meet the NSW State Election candidates breakfast
- April – dinner meeting
- May – BAH
- June – Super Dinner
- July – BAH
- August – AGM Dinner Meeting
- September - Speed networking breakfast and business conference
- September – Business Awards
- October – BAH
- November – dinner meeting
- December – Christmas BAH

#### Southern Area Events:

- Dinner meetings are held every second month
- Business after Hours is held alternate months
- Breakfast meetings are held monthly for all members that would like to attend and are held at Boardwalk Café



Ross Gittens is guest speaker at the SBC Super Dinner, 16 Feb.

## Put Your Business in the Spotlight: Be An Event Sponsor

Sponsorships for Business After Hours and Super Dinners are available:

#### Business after Hours: (northern area)

- 20 minute presentation and sales opportunity during the Business after Hours or Function you are hosting.

#### Optional to host at your premises

- Co-branding of the Event on all promotional material
- Web site: Business logo & link on SBC home page for twelve months

**Option 1:** SBC arranges food and beverage = \$3300.00

**Option 2:** Sponsor provides food and beverage = \$1100.00

#### Dinner meetings: (northern area)

- Sponsorship \$500 – includes literature on table, banner and/or advertising around meeting room, 10 minute speech to promote business.
- Dinner meetings will be held at a Chamber selected venue
- Logo will appear on the Chamber web site when function is advertised and a link to sponsors website will be provided.



Above: Christmas Banners encourage shopping locally; Above, right: Fay Lamont and Beverley Bloomfield at the Business After Hours event sponsored by Commander.

## Nowra CBD Masterplan

The Mayor Clr Paul Green is extending an invitation to chamber members to attend a breakfast for a presentation of the draft Nowra CBD Masterplan. The breakfast will be held at Shoalhaven City council Reception Room **Tuesday 22nd February commencing at 7.30am.**

**Numbers are limited to 40 people so if you are interested please reply asap to [admin@shoalhavenbusiness.com.au](mailto:admin@shoalhavenbusiness.com.au)**



## Malcolm Turnbull talks about National Broadband

February 3rd - Ulladulla & Nowra

**If you would like to join in a discussion on the national broadband program or if you have would just like to find out more information, two opportunities are available to you to meet and talk to the Federal Opposition spokesperson Malcolm Turnbull.**

- 3rd Feb, 10am at the Dunn Lewis Centre in Ulladulla
- 3rd Feb, 1pm at the office of Joanna Gash, Member for Gilmore, Berry Street Nowra

**Light refreshments will be served at both functions. If you are attending please reply via email to: [admin@shoalhavenbusiness.com.au](mailto:admin@shoalhavenbusiness.com.au)**



Courtney Flack

## Office Personnel

On 24th January the chamber welcomed **Courtney Flack** to the team.

Courtney will look after the Chamber's business development and will provide back up support for events, accounts and administration.

Courtney can be contacted on E: [admin@shoalhavenbusiness.com.au](mailto:admin@shoalhavenbusiness.com.au) or via the office on 4423 3582.

Events, including BAH, dinners, super dinners, functions, conferences, business awards, marketing and promotion is the province of **Linda Marquis**  
E: [info@shoalhavenbusiness.com.au](mailto:info@shoalhavenbusiness.com.au)

All accounting functions are the province of **Dave Mitchell** E: [accounts@shoalhavenbusiness.com.au](mailto:accounts@shoalhavenbusiness.com.au)

## Shoalhaven Business Awards:

The date for the gala presentation night for the business awards is 23rd September and they will again be staged at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre. Entry into the awards with all terms and conditions and criteria will be launched in April and details placed on the Chambers website [www.shoalhavenbusinesschamber.com.au](http://www.shoalhavenbusinesschamber.com.au).

If you are interested in sponsoring a business category contact Linda on [info@shoalhavenbusiness.com.au](mailto:info@shoalhavenbusiness.com.au)



## Boating & Fishing Survey

The NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water is a supporting partner to an exciting new project an Environmental Education Strategy for Coastal Boaters and Fishers which is being conducted jointly by all the coastal Catchment Management Authorities. NSW Boaters and Fishers – WE NEED YOUR IDEAS!!!

You may go water skiing, sailing, or cruising offshore. You might throw a line from your tinnie, fish from the shore or gamefish the open ocean. Whatever your involvement with boating and fishing in freshwater or saltwater we are seeking your opinions and ideas about a new education project.

We are asking you to complete a brief (approx. 7-min) survey so you can have your say. The valuable information collected will be used to develop an environmental education strategy to help maintain the quality of your favourite recreational

sport for you, your children and your grandchildren. You could even win a voucher for your favourite boating or fishing tackle store!

This project is being conducted jointly by all the NSW Coastal Catchment Management Authorities and the following project partners:

- Boat Owners Association of NSW
- Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW
- Boating Industry Association of NSW
- NSW Maritime
- Industry and Investment NSW (Fisheries)
- Department of Environment Climate Change and Water

**This project is supported by all the NSW Coastal Catchment Management Authorities through funding from the Australian Government's Caring For Our Country and the NSW State Government. The closing date for the survey is Wednesday 16th February 2011.**

**The link to the survey is <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MTTKMDC>**