



Shoalhaven Business Chamber

The Chamber has had a busy and productive year that has included participating on committees with Shoalhaven City Council and the RTA, running events to enhance and market business and provided networking functions.

The year's activities have included:

- Management Committee Members attending workshops, seminars and committee meetings for the Nowra CBD Masterplan;
- Financial contribution to the Crime Prevention Van;
- Management Committee members attended meetings, and continue to do so, with Council and the RTA in regard to the South Nowra realignment, which includes a pedestrian crossing. The Chamber is still lobbying in regards to better consultation over the South Nowra area and is pushing for better access in and out of the Flinders Estate employment area;
- Worked with and lobbied Council and the RTA to use Bolong Road as an alternative route to the Princes Highway in times of accidents;
- Continued production of the Nowra CBD Magazine. Currently the 7th edition is underway;
- Designed and produced the Banners for Princes Highway at Christmas. Erected Christmas trees and decorations in the Nowra CBD;
- Held 2 Super Dinners with Bernie Fraser and Deborah Locke (Underbelly fame) respectively as guest speakers;
- Shoalhaven on Show 3rd & 4th September at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre
- The 2010 Integral Energy Shoalhaven Business Awards

John Lamont

Home-Grown Success Stories

The 2010 Integral Energy Business Awards were hosted by the Shoalhaven Business Chamber Friday 24th September and were a fantastic celebration of business in the Shoalhaven. A true gala night was enjoyed by 390 local business people and sponsors. Top class entertainment, a quick format for the 18 presentations that ran on time kept all attending entertained and happy with the proceedings. The MC for the evening, Adam Straney local breakfast announcer with one of media partners Radio 2ST helped add the local flavour to the evening.

99 entries were received from 57 business and entries came from right across the city from Kangaroo Valley, Berry to Ulladulla.

Winners in the 2010 Integral Energy Shoalhaven Business Awards

Business of the Year

Sponsored by Integral Energy
Winner: Ulladulla Furniture One

Business Person of the Year:

Sponsored by Shoalhaven City Council
Winner: Chance Hanlon

Young Business Person of the Year:

Sponsored by Shoalhaven Business Chamber
Winner: Dane Cornish
Activated Group

Customer Service:

Sponsored by IMB
Winner: Pure: Face Body Hair

Building and Construction:

Sponsored by Beechwood Homes
Winner: Strongbuild

Retail and Personal Service:

Sponsored by Westpac Nowra
Winner: Ulladulla Furniture One

Export:

Sponsored by Novus Capital
Winner: Rambor Pty Ltd

Workplace Safety & OHS

Sponsored by Manildra
Winner: Shoalhaven Group Training

Community Sector:

Sponsored by PRIME
Winner: Nowra Youth Services Inc



Business Person of the Year, Chance Hanlon with Young Business Person of the Year, Dane Cornish.

Professional, Commercial, Property & Finance

Sponsored by Commonwealth Bank
Winner: Woodstock Financial Services Limited- Milton & District Community Bank

Information, Communication & Technology

Sponsored by University of Wollongong – Shoalhaven Campus
Winner: CPE Systems Pty Ltd

Sustainability

Sponsored by Australian Paper – Shoalhaven Mill
Winner: Silos Estate

Wholesale, Manufacturing, Mining

Sponsored by Regional Development Australia & NSW Industry & Investment
Winner: Hanlon Windows

Small Business

Sponsored by National Australia Bank
Winner: CMJ Wholesale Meat & Catering Supplies

Home Based Business:

Sponsored by Illawarra ITeC
Winner: Enhancing Community Business

Tourism & Hospitality

Sponsored by Macey Insurance Brokers
Winner: Silos Estate

Innovation:

Sponsored by Peoplecare
Winner: Activated Group



Winners in Sustainability and Tourism & Hospitality, Sophie and Raj Ray from Silos Estate.
Below, Community Sector winners, Nowra Youth Services.



Illawarra Business Awards

Following the success of this year's 2010 Integral Energy Shoalhaven Business Awards which saw record entries from right across the Shoalhaven, the Illawarra have announced their award finalists for the 2010 Illawarra Business Awards. And the Shoalhaven region's businesses are prominent finalists.

The Shoalhaven's awards were designed on the lines of the Illawarra Awards. The categories were the same and the questions the same. This allowed entrants in the Shoalhaven awards to seamlessly enter the Illawarra Awards and it is very rewarding to see this happened to such an extent and that Shoalhaven businesses and business people have been successful in become finalists.

We wish them every success when the winners are announced at a black tie gala presentation night 12th November to be held at the WIN Entertainment Centre.

Shoalhaven finalists in the 2010 Illawarra Business Awards:

Business Person of the Year:

John Lamont – Nowra Chemicals
Chris Johnston – CMJ Wholesale Meat & Catering Supplies

Building & Construction:

Strongbuild

Community Sector:

Bravehearts Shoalhaven
Nowra Youth Services
Shoalhaven Group Training
Living Care Magnolia Cottage Day Centre
Bundanon Trust

Customer Service:

Hanlon Windows
CMJ Wholesale Meat & Catering Supplies

Export:

Activated Group
Rambor Pty Ltd

Home Based Business:

Enhancing Community Business
Awesome Trike Tours
Paradise Indoor Plant Hire
Sisters Dreaming (Indigenous Resources)

Retail & Personal service

Ulladulla Furniture One

Small Business

CMJ Wholesale Meat & Catering Service
Gabbys at Berry
Nowra Wildlife Park
Ulladulla Printing Services

Sustainability

Nowra Chemicals

Tourism & Hospitality

Nowra Wildlife Park
Bundanon Trust
Gabbys at Berry
Love Me Love My Dog Tourist Accommodation

Information Communication &

Technology

CPE Systems
ICU Security Cameras

Wholesale Manufacturing & Mining

Hanlon Windows
CMJ Wholesale Meats & Catering Services
Rambor Pty Ltd

Workplace Safety & OHS

Hanlon Windows
Shoalhaven Group Training

Young Business Person of the Year

Dane Cornish – Activated Group
Jane Hird – Clayridge Farm as Shoalhaven Food & Wine Expo
Kate Cummins – Integrity Real Estate

October Jobs Drive:

The October Jobs Drive which is a project of Jane Robinson, Local Employment Coordinator with the Keep Australia Working project, is half way through. As of last Friday 114 job placements had been achieved.

Jane has spoken with many businesses about traineeships (including upgrading casual jobs to traineeships which has advantages for both employer and job seeker), Apprentice Kickstart (which expires on 12 Nov) and a range of other funding programs available for businesses recruiting, training, employing new staff.

Any business requiring information about any funding programs just needs to ring **1300 075 044** before the end of October. Alternatively, they can ring Jane direct on 0421 988 670.

Progress so far is very pleasing and the local media have provided tremendous support, as has NSW Industry and Investment, Dept of Education Employment and Workplace Relations (including all of the employment service providers based in the Shoalhaven) and RDA South Coast.