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# Integrated aged and health care services

## Kiama hospital site

Applicant:

**Kiama Council and Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD)**

Local Government Area:

**Kiama**

# \$39.2m

Project Value

# \$8m

Funding

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Kiama Council and ISLHD proposes a new facility on the Kiama Hospital site. The Council and the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District would implement a vision for the development of integrated aged and health care services on the site.

The new model of integrated care will construct a 134 bed new residential aged care facility with community aged care services and out-patient health care.

The project includes restoration and refurbishment of Barroul House and use of the Nightingale Wing.

### ANTICIPATED BENEFITS

- Council proposes a staged development that would co-locate its Aged Care Facility with its community aged and disability services.
- Achieving co-location could allow a future partnership to be formed with the University of Wollongong, to create a centre of excellence in aged care.
- Generate employment for ongoing operation of the facility - including qualified nurses, personal carers, domestic, kitchen and garden staff.
- The project generates **69** new ongoing jobs.
- Will provide **194** jobs during construction.
- Meeting an identified need - Kiama has a significant proportion of older people, with **3.1%** of its population over 85, compared to the state average of **2%**. By 2026 the population of Kiama is expected to grow by **10%** and the above 85 years range is projected to be **4%** of the population.

# Warrigal Care - Construction of 128 bed aged care facility

## Shell Cove

Applicant:

**Warrigal Care**

Local Government Area:

**Shellharbour**

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Construction of a state-of-the-art green star rated 128 bed aged care facility and community services hub - Shell Cove.

Restart funding provides \$17 million for the construction of the facility. The project in total will cost \$37.8 million with the remainder to be funded by Warrigal Care.

The project will be located at the corner of Harbour Boulevard and Brigantine Drive, Shell Cove.

Warrigal Care is a not for profit public benevolent community-based organisation.

Warrigal Care has partnerships with University of Wollongong for dementia care including research and training, and with Medicare Local for a preventative health clinic in the facility.

### ANTICIPATED BENEFITS

- On the same site, adjacent to the proposed aged care facility, Warrigal care will soon start construction of an approved 80-unit retirement village. Restart NSW funding would allow the aged care facility to be built years ahead of schedule, creating a world-class integrated seniors living and aged care precinct.
- Estimated **128** direct jobs - 20 clinical (nursing) and 80 care services.
- Estimated **65** indirect jobs - eg cleaning, allied health and other suppliers.
- Will generate **180** estimated jobs during construction.
- Leading aged care services hub and community centre.
- Commitment to providing a higher proportion of affordable aged care beds.

# \$37.8m

Project Value

# \$17m

Funding

# Early intervention family support centre for children with a disability

Applicant:  
**Noah's Shoalhaven**

Local Government Area:  
**Shoalhaven**

**\$2.9m**  
Project Value

**\$1.43m**  
Funding

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Construct Early Intervention Family Support Centre at University of Wollongong campus - a purpose-designed 'one stop shop' for families of children with higher support needs and children with a disability.

The centre will provide accommodation for early intervention services by the children's charity Noah's Shoalhaven and an outreach program of the UOW's Early Start Program (which delivers innovative teaching programs, conducts multidisciplinary research and provides targeted family and parental engagement).

The new facility will provide targeted therapy services, family group sessions and training programs.

It will include playgroup rooms, therapy rooms, training facilities, parent meeting areas and additional disabled car parking spaces.

## ANTICIPATED BENEFITS

- A world-class centre partnering with the University of Wollongong and Shoalhaven Local Council, providing benefits across the whole region.
- Relieve constraints created by current lack of services and options to support children with a disability in Illawarra region.
- Ongoing employment for up to **50** new staff working at the centre.
- Creation of **30** jobs during construction.
- Increased opportunities for early childhood service providers to expand their services through the delivery of Noah's Shoalhaven's Kids Together program.
- Provide families of children with a disability with skills to increase self reliance.
- The collaboration between Noah's Shoalhaven and UOW will create best practice education models - producing better outcomes for disadvantaged and vulnerable families.
- This will in turn reduce the impact of family breakdown and stress. This will mean a reduction in the cost of services transferred to social welfare services, hospitals and other community resources.

# South Nowra Employment precinct - Entrance upgrade (Flinders Road)

Applicant:  
**Shoalhaven City Council**

Local Government Area:  
**Shoalhaven**

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Realignment of Flinders Road/Princes Highway intersection, South Nowra.

Upgrade/widening of Flinders Road.

## ANTICIPATED BENEFITS

- The South Nowra Industrial precinct currently provides employment for **5,500** positions, or **10%** of the Shoalhaven workforce. The precinct will have the capacity to grow to **20,000** jobs.
- These road works will enable better road access to the South Nowra industrial zone and remove some current safety issues associated with the turning movement of longer vehicles.
- The works will provide a traffic management solution which allows for future growth in employment and traffic.
- Efficient connection from factories and warehouses onto the Princes Highway is essential to maintain and grow productivity.

**\$1.45m**  
Project Value

**\$1.05m**  
Funding

# Assisted accommodation for the disabled at Mittagong

Applicant:  
**Challenge Southern Highlands**

Local Government Area:  
**Wingecarribee**

## \$1.3m

Project Value

## \$0.9m

Funding

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Construction of supported accommodation for the disabled.

This project is supported by a partnership agreement with Wingecarribee Shire Council.

Wingecarribee Shire Council has provided land for the project.

Located near Welby Garden Centre, an Australian Disability enterprise which provides employment for people with disabilities.

The four new units will provide transitional accommodation for workers able to move to independent living.

### ANTICIPATED BENEFITS

- Provide accommodation for people living with disabilities who do not presently qualify for public housing.
- This accommodation would help individuals with disabilities who are currently living with a primary care to transition to assisted accommodation and then to independent living.
- Jobs created during construction and also up to **4** new jobs for the ongoing operation of the facility.
- The project would address a shortage in the region of affordable assisted accommodation.
- Would enable early intervention to prevent the worsening of problems faced by people in already tough situations.

# Bowral town centre distributor road

Applicant:  
**Wingecarribee Shire Council**

Local Government Area:  
**Wingecarribee**

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Bowral Distributor By Pass Road - Stages 1, 2 and 3.

Associated road works will including widening (4 lanes) and re-aligning of associated roads and the creation of roundabouts and services roads (incorporating parking).

The project was adopted by Council following extensive community consultation.

### ANTICIPATED BENEFITS

- Council says traffic congestion in Bowral has reached critical levels. This proposal would reduce traffic congestion in Bowral through construction of a by-pass road and associated traffic management.
- The bypass would strengthen mobility through the Town Centre to ensure it remains functional, productive and a desirable place to visit.
- Ongoing employment benefits of **30** jobs in the Town Centre.
- The bypass would benefit local businesses and people, as well as the important local tourism industry.
- Creation of **105** jobs during construction.
- Better access to a wider part of the road network would make future development in Bowral more viable.
- Connections to public transport would be improved.

## \$12.5m

Project Value

## \$7.5m

Funding

# Centre of Excellence for Aged Care Bulli Hospital

Applicant:  
**Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District**

Local Government Area:  
**Wollongong**

**\$16.8m**  
Project Value

**\$14.4m**  
Funding

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Centre of Excellence for Aged Care – Bulli Hospital

The project will see the refurbishment of the facilities at Bulli Hospital to transform the site into a modern, fully functional, innovative and integrated best practice environment for the provision of primary health care, in-patient ambulatory and community aged care services that will be networked across the District.

The project would include:

- Primary Health Care Centre
- In-patient and aged care facilities (approx 60 beds)
- Development of onsite clinical support services (including medical imaging, pathology and pharmacy)
- Provision of a range of non clinical support services (including food and nutrition, cleaning, asset maintenance)
- Privately funded co-located 60 bed high care residential aged care facility (an additional \$10.8m).

## ANTICIPATED BENEFITS

- The current infrastructure at Bulli Hospital, primarily for acute medical/surgical services, is beyond its useful life and no longer fit for purpose. The role of Bulli Hospital has been redefined to continue meeting the needs of its catchment communities.
- The 60 beds and transitional care facility would address the gap between general practice and emergency service models of care.
- It would lead to the improvement of aged care services and the growth of the skills base in geriatric care for the district as a whole.
- It would also reduce pressure on the Wollongong Hospital Emergency department.
- The proposal would provide an additional **40 to 60** new jobs in the operation of the new facility.
- Will also generate jobs during construction and jobs in the private co-located residential facility.

# iAccelerate University of Wollongong

Applicant:  
**University of Wollongong**

Local Government Area:  
**Wollongong**

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

iAccelerate is a raft of programs at the University of Wollongong aimed at developing new technology-based business capability. The proposal seeks funding for the construction of a purpose-built facility to better enable delivery of these programs and house “start up” business.

The building would provide a space for 25+ fast-growth, start-up companies, mentorship, entrepreneurship training and investor matching.

## ANTICIPATED BENEFITS

- Rapidly develop and deliver technology focused businesses into the Illawarra community.
- A 3D printing café would be included for use by the community.
- In its first five years it is anticipated iAccelerate would create **500** direct jobs and more than **1,000** within the wider economy.
- This will attract \$70m in additional investment to the regional and State economies.
- Will generate **75** jobs during construction.
- Programs in the centre will involve participation from the community.
- The project will further diversify the Illawarra’s industrial base, create diverse and sustainable employment opportunities and attract new resources to the Illawarra.
- In turn, this will attract and retain academics and research students to the region.

**\$20m**  
Construction

**\$20m**  
Operation by UOW

**\$16.5m**  
Funding

# Care and community centre for aged with intellectual disability

## Kanahooka

Applicant:  
**Illawarra Retirement Trust Ltd**

Local Government Area:  
**Wollongong**

**\$3.9m**  
Project Value

**\$2.9m**  
Funding

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A new purpose built community of 12 homes and on site community centre, site respite centre for the ageing community with intellectual disability. This community will be developed in Kanahooka in Wollongong.

This project is a partnership between IRT and Greenacres Disability Services, Community Options Illawarra and Interchange Illawarra.

### ANTICIPATED BENEFITS

- Ageing people with an intellectual disability represent a growing group in the community and there is currently a lack of suitable environments where they can live with a parent or carer. This proposal addresses that challenge.
- The purpose-built community would enable the person with a disability and their ageing parents/ carers to remain together in the family home for longer.
- If a parent needed to transition to residential aged care, the person with a disability could remain living in the community, avoiding the need for crisis relocation.
- This more efficient use of aged care and disability services would save public money currently directed to high-cost interventions and home modification programs.
- Creation of **5** jobs during construction.
- Skill and workforce development in the aged care and disability sectors would increase, contributing to the region's economy and future jobs growth.
- Additional **3** jobs during operation.
- Will accommodate 1368 visits to the respite care facility per year.

# Road link

## West Dapto Access

Applicant:  
**Wollongong City Council**

Local Government Area:  
**Wollongong**

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

West Dapto Access - provision of a flood reliable route from West Dapto to the F6 Freeway, including a grade separated crossing over the Illawarra Railway line and elevated bridges over the Mullet Creek floodplain.

The West Dapto Urban Release Area will provide up to 17,000 new dwellings. The current road network around the West Dapto area is already highly congested. The urban release will put additional pressure on existing roads and road capacity.

The West Dapto Access will provide a key additional access route to West Dapto with a direct connection to the F6 freeway providing a regional link as well as significantly decreasing traffic volumes on Bong Bong Road.

### ANTICIPATED BENEFITS

- The West Dapto Urban Release Area will provide 16,773 new dwellings as well as supporting commercial and retail centres. The current road network around the West Dapto area is already highly congested. The urban release will put additional pressure on existing roads and road capacity.
- Will provide estimated **51** new ongoing jobs in the construction industries.
- Will provide **44** jobs during the construction of the roadworks.
- The West Dapto Access will provide a key additional access route to West Dapto with a direct connection to the F6 freeway providing a regional link as well as significantly decreasing traffic volumes on Bong Bong Road.
- Further rezoning of the release area is currently constrained by a lack of adequate transport links. This project would make further housing construction more viable, assisting the contribution made to the local economy by the construction industry.
- This project would provide a flood reliable route - an improvement on the current situation where roads into West Dapto are frequently cut during flood events.

**\$45.4m**  
Project Value

**\$22.5m**  
Funding

# Bald Hills improvement project

Applicant:  
**Wollongong City Council**

Local Government Area:  
**Wollongong**

**\$5.8m**  
Project Value

**\$2.9m**  
Funding

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Bald Hills Improvement Project provides renewal and improvement of the iconic Bald Hill reserve in Stanwell Tops and includes provision of new amenities, traffic and safety improvements, provision of safe tour bus parking, increased car parking, public art and interpretative signage, pedestrian linkages to the Royal National Park, provision of food and beverage services for visitors.

The proposal is based on protecting and enhancing the Bald Hill Reserve and the sites importance to local residents.

The Council has studied the likely increase in tourism and length-of-stay for the combined Bald Hills project and The Grand Pacific Walk projects.

## ANTICIPATED BENEFITS

- The site is currently faced with constraints associated with ageing infrastructure, unsafe pedestrian access, limited vehicular movement and lack of facilities such as toilets and car parking. The project would address these constraints and open new economic opportunities by improving the site's profile and access as a key tourism destination.
- A total of **94** new jobs are estimated for both this project and the Grand Pacific Walk.
- A more diverse demographic would have access to the site – improved amenities will cater for the aged and people with disabilities, while turning areas and bus parking will allow tourism operators to bring interstate and international visitors to the site.
- Employment will be generated through the design and construction phases.
- Ongoing employment would be generated by proposed food and beverage offerings and potential increased demand in recreational opportunities and overnight stays.
- Will provide **7** jobs during construction.

# Grand Pacific Walk Stage 1 Royal National Park to Lake Illawarra

Applicant:  
**Wollongong City Council**

Local Government Area:  
**Wollongong**

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Grand Pacific Walk – proposed share-way (pedestrians/cyclists) from Royal National Park to Lake Illawarra following some 60 km of coastline from Wollongong's northern to southern boundaries.

This submission is for the funding of Stage One – from Sea Cliff Bridge Coalcliff to Stanwell Park Village (approximately 3 km).

## ANTICIPATED BENEFITS

- The project has the potential to create a new tourism sector in Wollongong, with the opportunity to visit the area and cycle along 60km of coastline when the larger project is finished.
- Stage One is an important part of this larger project as it will provide a safe share way and link where none currently exists, between the tourist draw card of Sea Cliff Bridge and popular Stanwell Park Village.
- An economic impact assessment by the University of Wollongong indicates the larger project would produce a combined benefit to the local economy of around **\$45.3m** over the construction phase and modelled annual use.
- A total of **94** new jobs are estimated for both this project and the Bald Hills improvement project.
- The project would also create a sense of connected communities and provide an incentive for a modal shift away from cars towards walking and cycling.
- Will provide **7** jobs during construction.

**\$5.75m**  
Project Value

**\$5.0m**  
Funding