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By email only: rhva.secretary@gmail.com

Dear Mr Hayes

Request – Various Council Projects for 2026-2027

Thank you for your letter to the mayor and CEO on 16 March 2026 outlining a number of priority projects you are looking to work on over the next 12-18 months. We have responded to each project as follows:

Project 1 – All-abilities access to Washerwomans Beach

A letter of response to your previous correspondence dated 10 February 2026 regarding this matter was emailed to you on 19 March 2026.

Project 2 – Extension of Yulunga Hall

Thank you for confirming the Association's intent to apply for funding under the Australian Government's **Disaster Ready Fund** (DRF), administered by the National Emergency Management Agency, to fund the delivery of extensions to Yulunga Community Hall. We understand Round 4 of this program will open in mid-2026. Guidelines for Round 4 are yet to be released.

Please continue to liaise directly with Council (Paul Donnelly, Community Infrastructure Planning Manager) with respect to this grant opportunity, any other grant opportunity that may become relevant, and the scope of works for proposed hall extensions. Regular updates from the Association will enable Council staff to provide timely and appropriate support to this project. It will be particularly important to ensure the project cost estimate is updated and agreed (with appropriate allowances for project management services, contingency and cost escalation) prior to the submission of any grant application(s), to ensure that funds applied for will be sufficient to deliver the project in full.

It is further noted the Association has requested support in facilitating construction of the hall extension project when funding is obtained. As with the refurbishments recently delivered by the Association at the Hall, it will be necessary to agree a model for delivery of the hall extension project (including appointment of a project manager, procurement, and work health and safety obligations) and to execute a Deed of Agreement accordingly.

Based on our coordination with the Association to date, it is understood delivery of this project will involve partial demolition of the Hall and building construction. With this risk profile in mind, it is proposed the construction phase of this project be managed directly by Council on behalf of the RHVA. It will be necessary to discuss and agree timing for the delivery phase to enable Council's Project Delivery team to schedule this activity into their annual programme of works.

To discuss this model further, it is proposed a meeting be scheduled to enable the Association's representatives to meet with Council staff (Community Infrastructure Planning and Project Delivery teams). This is one way Council can work with the Association to ensure this project is 'shovel-ready' once grant funding is obtained. Please contact Paul Donnelly directly to arrange this meeting by:

- Phone: 02 4429 3601
- Email: paul.donnelly@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au

Project 3 – Extensions of cycleway/pedestrian links

Council is currently finalising the design for a new section of shared path along Cunjurong Point Road, connecting the existing path to the Rural Fire Station. This project will help complete an important link between Manyana and Cunjurong Point and is identified as a high-priority project in Council's Active Transport Strategy. Construction of this section is expected to commence in the coming months.

With regard to additional path connections between Bendalong and North Bendalong, Council has identified potential pathways along Waratah Street, Boronia Street and Red Point Road. These routes would improve access from the village to Boat Harbour Beach. However, these projects are currently ranked as medium priority and are unlikely to be included in grant funding applications until higher-priority projects have been delivered.

The Active Transport Strategy and detailed path priority rankings are available on Council's website: [Active Transport Strategy | Shoalhaven City Council](#).

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact the Civil Infrastructure Planning Administration Team on 1300 293 111.

Project 4 – Disaster Preparedness and Community Resilience Project

I confirm that Richard Hart, Local Emergency Management Officer, has already reached out to you regarding this project.

Project 5 – Organise home composting workshops in collaboration with Council

Our Autumn program of Home Sustainability Workshops, which includes composting, growing your own Veggies and Worm Farming, is finishing up this weekend. However, our next round of workshops is scheduled for Spring in Nowra & Ulladulla.

It is noted in that RHVA are willing to seek funding. Council suggests the RHVA apply for funding through the [Veolia Mulwaree Trust Grants and Donations Program](#) which supports small projects, valued at \$1,000 and under. Applications open on Monday 11th May and close on Wednesday 3 June. Waste Services staff can assist with the Grant Application process if required and you can contact David Lindsay, Manager – Waste Services on 1300 293 111 if you require further information.

If you need further information about coordinating with Council on these matters, please contact Robyn Batman, City Services on (02) 4429 3325. Please quote Council's reference 1771E (D26/125326).

Yours faithfully



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