Welcome to today’s community forum about the NSW Government’s $100 million Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund.

The Fund has been established to create infrastructure that drives economic growth and productivity in the Illawarra.

Feedback from the community is key to determining the region’s infrastructure priorities.

Projects have now been shortlisted for more detailed applications and we want your feedback.

Please read the information boards about these projects and fill out a feedback form.

How projects were shortlisted

On 3 June 2013, Expressions of Interest were called for the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund.

Projects needed to be located in these Local Government Areas:

- Kiama
- Shellharbour
- Shoalhaven
- Wingecarribee
- Wollongong.

Eligible projects needed to increase economic growth and productivity and improve key areas, including:

- public transport
- roads
- health facilities and services
- workplaces for frontline staff providing services to the public.

Expressions of Interest closed on 12 July, 2013.

Submissions were considered by an Assessment Panel, which includes community representatives.

Before shortlisting, feedback was sought from a Local Leaders Group representing Councils, business groups and organisations across the region.
## Locations of shortlisted projects

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Integrated aged and health care services
Kiama hospital site

**Project Description**
Kiama Council 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 would co-locate an acute care facility with community aged care services and out-patient health care.

**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 during construction
- Generate employment for ongoing operation of the facility – including qualified nurses, personal carers, domestic, kitchen and garden staff
- Industry estimates that each additional bed creates 1.33 direct new jobs, resulting in approximately 69 new ongoing jobs
- 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.

Kiama Harbour and blowhole works
New wharf and amenities

**Project Description**
This project involves the implementation of work identified in the approved Plan of Management for the Kiama Harbour & Blowhole Point Headland that was developed following extensive community consultation.

The project includes a range of activities that will improve the accessibility around Kiama Harbour and Blowhole Point Reserve.

It will include:
- A new wharf on the Western Pier Head
- Car parking
- Landscaping
- A harbourside walk
- New picnic shelters and barbecues
- Children’s playground
- Access roads
- Viewing platform overlooking Kiama Harbour.

**Anticipated Benefits**
- The project will boost the tourism industry, which is the main economic activity and employer in the Kiama LGA
- 39 direct and indirect jobs created during construction
- The project will enhance some out dated facilities and provide an improved level of service to the community
- Council estimates the project will result in a 5% increase in tourist visitation to the area
- Economic activity created by the project may create employment opportunities and further increase tourism spending in Kiama
- Increased employment in retail, hospitality and tourism will provide employment opportunities for Illawarra’s youth
- New wharf and pier head will allow the berthing of deeper hulled vessels in the Kiama harbour, creating opportunities for larger tourist and fishing vessels to access the harbour.
Warrigal Care – Construction of 100 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 100 bed aged care facility and senior community services hub – Shell Cove.

This proposal seeks $20 million for the construction of the facility. The project in total will cost $39.1 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.

**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 100 direct jobs – 20 clinical (nursing) and 80 care services
• Estimated 65 indirect jobs – eg cleaning, allied health and other suppliers
• Will generate jobs during construction
• Meeting an identified need for aged care in Shellharbour LGA – it is projected the number of people in the Illawarra aged 85+ receiving/requiring aged care services will increase by 52% by the end of this decade (2020).

New facility for Aeromedical Helicopter Services at Albion Park

Applicant: Shellharbour City Council
Local Government Area: Shellharbour

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**
Aero Medical Facility – construction of a combined operations and support/servicing facility.

Following a recent decision to keep the Aeromedical Helicopter operating from Illawarra Regional Airport, it is proposed to construct a facility to replace temporary accommodation. This will enhance the ability of the Aeromedical Helicopter operators to respond to regional needs.

**ANTICIPATED BENEFITS**
• The new facility would replace temporary accommodation currently shared with the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society (HARS) museum.
• Operations are currently some distance from the support/servicing facility. Co-locating support/servicing with the operations means greater efficiency and helps to ensure services to the community are available in the shortest possible time.
• Moving the helicopter from the HARS facility will allow HARS to expand to its maximum capacity and so improve the visitor experience.
Early intervention family support centre for children with a disability

**Applicant:**
Noah’s Shoalhaven

**Local Government Area:**
Shoalhaven

**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 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 staff working at the centre
- Creation of 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 Road Works**

**Applicant:**
Shoalhaven City Council

**Local Government Area:**
Shoalhaven

**Project Description**
Realignment of Flinders Road/Princes Highway intersection, South Nowra. Construction of a 15+ place heavy vehicle rest area. Upgrade/widening of Flinders Road.

**Anticipated Benefits**
- The South Nowra industrial precinct currently provides employment for 3,500 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
- The building of a heavy vehicle rest area will also assist with road haulage safety.

**Funding Sought**
$1.5m
**Nowra CBD Multideck car park**

**Applicant:** Shoalhaven City Council  
**Local Government Area:** Shoalhaven

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Redevelop existing ground level car park with 250 spaces. Excavate to create two levels of car park for 500 vehicles.

**ANTICIPATED BENEFITS**

- Current lack of car parking capacity in the Nowra CBD (250 spaces) is limiting expansion opportunities for businesses. Expansion of the capacity to 500 parking spaces on the same footprint will enable retail and service industries redevelopment projects in the CBD to proceed.
- A multi deck car park could boost retail activity and have a positive flow-on effect on the local economy.
- An estimated 5% increase in turnover and commercial activity could create an additional 100 jobs.
- Council estimates this car park would be the catalyst for helping retailers justify a business case to locate in Nowra CBD.
- The land is owned by Council and concept plans have been developed, allowing the project to proceed without delay.
- The project could be ready for construction by April 2014 and completed by December 2014.

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**Assisted accommodation for the disabled at Mittagong**

**Applicant:** Challenge Southern Highlands  
**Local Government Area:** Wingecarribee

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Construction of supported accommodation for the disabled. Wingecarribee Shire Council has provided land for the project. Located near Welby Garden Centre, which provides employment for disabled people.

**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 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.
Pedestrian and cycleway between Mittagong and Bowral

**Project Description**

Dedicated pedestrian and cycleway between Mittagong and Bowral, following the line of the Old Hume Highway. The proposal will link to the existing shared pedestrian and cycle way between Bowral and Moss Vale.

**Anticipated Benefits**

- By providing a cycleway between Mittagong and Bowral, an alternative healthy transport link will be created which will further serve as a tourist destination.
- Council estimates an increase in outdoor recreation facilities would encourage visitors to stay longer. It estimates that facilities such as this cycleway could increase the ratio of overnight visitors from 25% to 35% – leading to a possible increase in revenue of $74.7m/year.
- Such an increase would provide an extra 650 full time jobs for the region.
- An increase in overnight visitors could also have a flow-on effect, increasing the number of privately funded accommodation facilities.
- Providing a cycleway connecting the three main towns in the region would encourage more local people to cycle as an alternative form of transport, which could reduce local traffic congestion.

*Applicant: Wingecarribee Shire Council*  
*Local Government Area: Wingecarribee*  
*Project Value: $5m*  
*Funding Sought: $3.6m*

Bowral town centre distributor road

**Project Description**

Bowral Distributor By Pass Road – Stages 1,2 and 3. Associated road works will including widening and re-aligning of associated roads and the creation of roundabouts and clearways.

**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.
- The bypass would benefit local businesses and people, as well as the important local tourism industry.
- 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.

*Applicant: Wingecarribee Shire Council*  
*Local Government Area: Wingecarribee*  
*Project Value: $12m*  
*Funding Sought: $10m*
Northern Extension Y Link
Moss Vale Enterprise Corridor

Applicant:
Wingecarribee Shire Council

Local Government Area:
Wingecarribee

Project Value
$2.5m

Funding Sought
$2.5m

Project Description
Northern Extension Y Link on the Boral Railway Spur Line to the Great Southern Rail Line.
The project will utilise the existing Boral rail siding in the Moss Vale Enterprise Zone to create a siding track with turnouts, switching and hard stand area to enable the transfer of containers from rail to road transport.

Anticipated Benefits
• Direct access to the Great Southern Rail Line in both north and south directions.
• Fast and efficient access to Port Botany.
• Future potential as a key inland port for Port Kembla.
• Would service Melbourne/Canberra/ Sydney corridor freight requirements.
• Provide regional intermodal freight siding opportunities.
• Would remove heavy freight originating from the Southern Highlands onto the M5/M7 networks and into South West Sydney and local roads.
• Local business generated for support services such as locomotive fuelling, wagon maintenance and handling.
• Creation of 20 jobs during construction and 5 for ongoing operations.

Centre of Excellence for Aged Care
Bulli Hospital

Applicant:
Shoalhaven Local Health District

Local Government Area:
Wollongong

Project Value
$14.4m

Funding Sought
$14.4m

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, inpatient ambulatory and community aged care services that will be networked across the District.
The project would include:
• Primary Health Care Centre
• Inpatient 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).

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.
• This project would help to meet the growing need for aged care services in the Illawarra, with the 65+ population projected to grow over 30% in the next ten years.
• The Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District has no capacity to develop provision of this kind on alternative sites within the Wollongong LGA.
• The proposal 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 additional local employment opportunities – including planning, construction, maintenance and service provision.
**iAccelerate**

*University of Wollongong*

**applicant:**

**University of Wollongong**

**Local Government Area:**

**Wollongong**

**Project Value:**

**$21m**

**Funding Sought:**

**$20m**

**Project Description**

iAccelerate is a raft of programs at the University of Wollongong aimed at developing ICT capability. The proposal seeks funding for the construction of a purpose-built facility to better enable delivery of these programs.

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

**Anticipated Benefits**

- Would 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 would attract $70m in additional investment to the regional and State economies.
- Programs in the centre would involve participation from the community.
- The project would further diversify the Illawarra’s industrial base, create diverse and sustainable employment opportunities and attract new resources to the Illawarra.
- In turn, this would attract and retain academics and research students to the region.

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**South Cast Sporting and Football Complex**

*West Dapto*

**Applicant:**

**Football South Coast Limited**

**Local Government Area:**

**Wollongong**

**Project Value:**

**$14.4m**

**Funding Sought:**

**$7.8m**

**Project Description**

The proposal seeks to construct a sporting complex in West Dapto with an artificial playing pitch, a small grand stand (3,000 capacity), some 26 other pitches, 2 Futsal courts, administration buildings and artificial lighting. The primary sport would be football (soccer).

Located on 20ha of appropriately zoned and approved land allocated to Football South Coast by Wollongong Council in Cleveland Road, Dapto.

**Anticipated Benefits**

- West Dapto Urban Release Area expected to increase population by 50,000 – project would serve the population.
- Address growing demand for a premier sports facility.
- Provide the ability to host state, national and international events, including finals and grand finals (20,000 attendance per year).
- Could attract events such as: Masters tournaments (conducted on the Gold Coast with 10,000 attendance every two years); Indigenous tournaments; youth cups; national and international team coaching sessions.
- Provide a home ground for regional representative football teams, which currently play at local club grounds.
- Maintenance and operation of the complex would generate employment.
- Serve the local population, expected to increase by 50,000 with the West Dapto land release program.
Warrigal Care - Construction of 120 bed aged care facility
Wollongong

Applicant: Warrigal care
Local Government Area: Wollongong

$45.9m
Project Value

$20m
Funding Sought

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Construction of a state-of-the-art green star rated 120-bed aged care facility and senior community services hub – Wollongong. This proposal seeks $20 million for the construction of the facility. The project in total will cost $46 million with the remainder to be funded by Warrigal Care. A similar project from Warrigal Care seeks to construct a similar facility in Shell Cove. Warrigal Care is a not for profit public benevolent community-based organisation.

ANTICIPATED BENEFITS
• This proposal is part of a masterplan developed for the site in consultation with the Department of Planning and Wollongong City Council, which includes a ‘vertical retirement village’.
• While there is a development approval for the aged care facility, there is not currently development approval for the vertical village, which is intended to ensure the financial viability for the site’s development. Restart NSW funding would allow the aged care facility to be built and meet an identified need for aged care in Wollongong LGA.
• Estimated 140 direct jobs – 28 clinical (nursing) and 112 care services.
• Estimated 80 indirect jobs – eg cleaning, allied health and other suppliers.
• Generate jobs during construction.
• Reduce pressure on local families currently caring for older, more dependent family members.

Care and community centre for aged with intellectual disability
Kanahooka

Applicant: Illawarra Retirement Trust Ltd
Local Government Area: Wollongong

$3.8m
Project Value

$2.9m
Funding Sought

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

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 jobs during construction – for example architectural, building services and project management.
• Skill and workforce development in the aged care and disability sectors would increase, contributing to the region’s economy and future jobs growth.
State Emergency Unit Headquarters - Stage 2
Wollongong

Applicant: Wollongong City State Emergency Service

Local Government Area: Wollongong

$0.6m
Project Value

$0.6m
Funding Sought

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Stage 2 of the new State Emergency Service Unit Headquarters

The current headquarters for Wollongong City SES unit are located in a flood prone area. A 3-stage plan to relocate the Unit to a new location in Coniston has commenced with Stage 1 complete. Stage 2 is ‘shovel’ ready.

ANTICIPATED BENEFITS
• Allow the Wollongong City SES Unit to continue to expand, providing an improved service to the community. The Unit has outgrown its current headquarters and is unable to take on more volunteers.
• Ease constraints SES volunteers currently face due to their headquarters at Montague Street, North Wollongong, being located in a flood prone area – this creates access problems and potentially puts the community at risk during flooding.
• Provide jobs for local businesses during construction.

Road link
West Dapto Access

Applicant: Wollongong City Council

Local Government Area: Wollongong

$45m
Project Value

$22.5m
Funding Sought

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 up to 17,000 new dwellings over a 50+ year period. 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.
• 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.
**Bald Hills Improvement Project**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**
Bald Hills Improvement Project 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.

**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 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.

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

**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.
- The economic impact assessment also estimates that for the larger project, 113 FTEs (full time equivalent positions) will be created during construction and between 16 and 162 FTEs in a typical year of operation, depending on the extra visitation and expenditure attracted.
- 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.

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**Applicant:** Wollongong City Council

**Local Government Area:** Wollongong

**Project Value:** $5.8m

**Funding Sought:** $5.7m
Thank you for providing your feedback on the Illawarra’s infrastructure priorities.
Please leave your feedback form in the box provided. Alternatively, use one of the reply-paid envelopes or visit the NSW Government’s Have Your Say website. Visit www.insw.com for more information.

Next steps
Your input will be forwarded to Infrastructure NSW for consideration.
The Assessment Panel will consider community feedback and detailed applications against the selection criteria. Infrastructure NSW will recommend projects for funding to NSW Government. Successful projects will be announced in late 2013.