## VOLUNTEERS PROVIDING NEW INFRASTRUCTURE



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- Halfway between Sydney and Brisbane
- The highway bypassed our town centres last year
- New hospital being constructed
- Shelly Beach placed 8<sup>th</sup> best in national beach rankings in 2016

#### Our statistics

- 20,000 residents
- 45% over 50
- 26% under 25
- 8% Gumbaynggir
- 5% unemployment
- 120 FTE staff



- Median house prices \$370,000
- Land in new beach estates from \$179,000

#### Living at its best





## Who Are These Volunteers?



- Chambers of Commerce Nambucca, Macksville and Bowraville,
- Lions Club of Valla Beach, Nambucca Heads, Bowraville and Macksville
  - Rotary Clubs of Nambucca Heads and Macksville,
- Joan's Army, Ganly's Gardeners, Micky's Mob (volunteer gardeners),
  - Nambucca River Users Group,
  - Valla Beach Community Group
    - Show Society and CWA







# The idea of a volunteer's concept is very powerful.

# Generally non-professionals who just want to get the job done,

- not interested in excuses
- not interested in red tape or approvals
- Just WANT TO get it done
- Little to no planning

# Early intervention is the key to success



# "Work what...." who cares about work health and safety—.or why can't we???





#### **SPELL IT OUT**

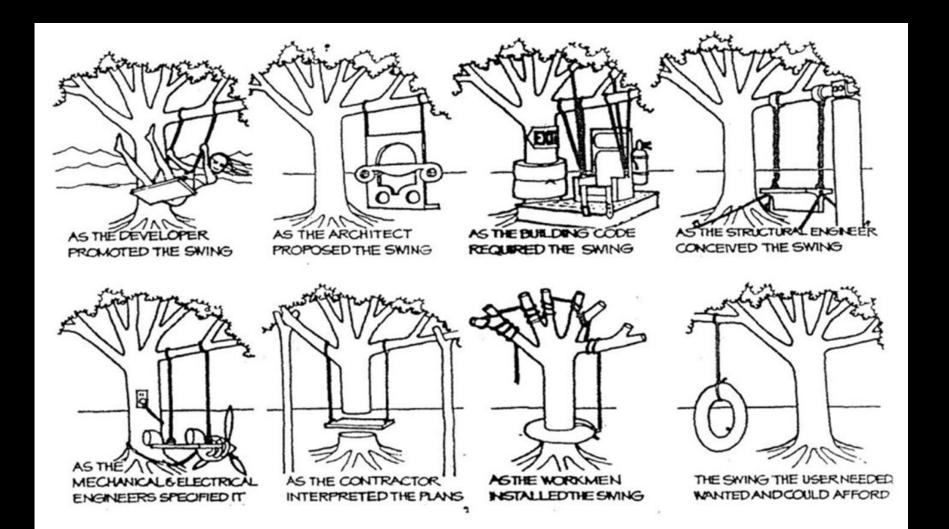








#### COMMUNICATE FROM THE VERY START



## Get in on the ground floor with the volunteers, work with them and not against them and the results are **unbelievable**



A poorly constricted asset may be cheap in the first instance but could well and truly cost the community in the future

Council will be accepting the long term management of these assets



#### Anderson Park – Valla Beach





Funded through a combination of Valla Beach Community Committee, Council's Working Funds and Environmental Levy, Sunsafe and Cancer Council grants, Sport and Recreation grants and volunteer labour

The project cost estimated to be approximately \$240,000.
The total cost of the project was \$130,000

#### ANZAC PARK JETTY - NAMBUCCA HEADS



The Nambucca Heads Lions Club

Ordinary people doing extraordinary things

supporting people with a disability,

community greening and

fundraising for worthwhile causes.

The jetty was constructed by a local contractor at a highly reduced rate basically providing in-kind labour to build the timber jetty at ANZAC Park to celebrate the 100 year anniversary.





The project cost if constructed outside the volunteer group was estimated to be approximately \$120,000

THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT WAS \$57,000

## The development of Macksville Foreshore



The project was estimated to be approximately \$500,000. The total cost of the project was with the service clubs labour was \$320,000. encompassed the construction of;

#### Concrete bleaches for sitting







Passive launch area for canoes





#### A covered jetty stage for entertainment



The project encompassed an issue....

A Telstra underwater coaxial cable

### A Telstra underwater coaxial cable is not cheap!! WHO PAYS???



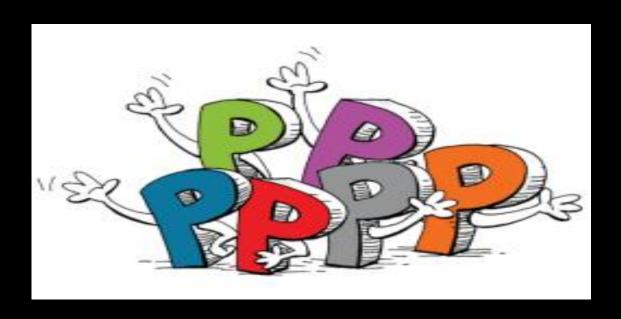


#### It's not all doom and gloom

Early intervention and communication is the key to success.

There is the six "P" saying

"Prior preparation prevents piss poor performance"





Put the pieces together
Take control and manage expectations from
the start

#### Put the pieces together





THE OUTCOMES ARE VERY POSITIVE

COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE VOLUNTEERS



#### What's next



## Proposed Nambucca Valley Connected Sporting Hub

The State Government in its recent 2019/20 budget announcement has committed \$3m towards a \$4.2m project. The Council has committed \$700,000 towards the project. The Nambucca Valley Connected Working Party (Working Party) is keen to progress the project

