



Stage two of the Rawson Rd level crossing replacement project has come to a stand still

Rail underpass under threat

Transport for NSW appears to be backing away from its commitment to complete the second stage of the Woy Woy rail underpass project.

It has increased its estimates of project completion costs from \$52 million to \$115 million.

No progress has been made on the second stage of the project since Gosford Council announced last August it had started pre-construction activities on the stage the council estimates will cost \$36 million.

Stage two of the project at Bulls Hill was to include the construction of a new vehicle underpass at Nagari Rd, reconstruction of Nagari Rd and construction of the Woy Woy Creek Bridge.

The NSW Government has so far committed \$52 million in funding to help council design and implement the Rawson Road Railway Level Crossing Replacement Project.

The deputy mayor for Gosford Cr Craig Doyle said council had written to the State Government to confirm its position in relation to the project several months ago and had not yet received a reply.

"Months ago the design and construction of the bridge was completely taken over by Transport

for NSW," he said.

Since then the costings for project completion have escalated from \$52 million to \$115 million but no explanation or information about the increase has been provided by the department to Gosford Council.

Cr Doyle said Gosford Council still had \$12 million to complete its share of the works but Transport for NSW has said that it would not have a problem if the council went ahead and spent those funds on other projects.

"Gosford Council has not slowed this project down, in fact, we are seeking to get it finished," Cr Doyle said.

"There has been no justification of why Transport for NSW has costed its completion at two times everyone else's costs.

"Any way you look at it this is not an acceptable position and it looks like Transport for NSW is shaking in its commitment to get the project done," he said.

Gosford Council chief Mr Paul Anderson confirmed that responsibility for certain parts of the project were now with Transport for NSW, including the underpass.

"They have been doing a whole range of design and costing exercises," Mr Anderson said.

"Other parts of the project are

with us including the final costing and ultimate design certification works for the road but obviously, with that sort of project, you are not going to go and do the roadworks until the rail and bridge work is done," he said.

Mr Anderson said the required rail work would include closures and, due to the fact the level crossing is on the main north-south rail line, those closures can only occur at certain times.

"Which is why the project is a long and protracted process," he said.

"The pedestrian underpass, before it was completed, required a couple of closures to allow that work to happen," he said.

Mr Anderson said he could confirm that the overall project did involve plans for the straightening of Woy Woy Rd around the Bays.

"But that was never included in the current stages or works, it was a future stage that was announced by Mr Barry O'Farrell when he was trying to become premier," he said.

Gosford Council had started acquiring land to accommodate the road straightening but Mr Anderson said those acquisitions had been put on hold.

He said he did not know the time frame for the completion of the Rawson Rd rail bridge.

"The project team meet pretty regularly to talk about it," he said.

Transport for NSW dismissed a request from Peninsula News to confirm when designs and costings would be complete, when their part of the stage two works would commence and whether they had a completion date.

"This is actually a Gosford Council project," the Transport for NSW media unit claimed.

"They have your enquiry and will be able to give you an update on the project".

However, Gosford Council's director of construction and operations Mr Stan Antczak said: "Because of technical issues to do with occupation of the railway line at some future part of the stage two construction, the bridge component went back to Transport for NSW to undertake design and construct.

"At this period of time we are waiting on formal advice from the minister about where the project is heading," Mr Antczak said.

The Rawson Road Level Crossing Replacement Project was approved by the Joint Regional Planning Panel in December 2013 and was to be completed over four stages.

The aims of the project were to address safety concerns

associated with the existing level crossing at Rawson Rd, upgrade the road and drainage infrastructure and improve traffic movement through Woy Woy.

Stage one, the Rawson Rd pedestrian underpass and Shoalhaven Dve existing rail bridge augmentation were completed in 2015.

Stage two included Shoalhaven Dve along Nagari Rd to Woy Woy Rd (north).

Stage three was the upgrade of Rawson Rd to Shoalhaven Dve including an upgrade to Waterview St.

The final stage involved works to Woy Woy Rd (north) at Bulls Hill up to Banyo Close.

The Peninsula News has asked parliamentary secretary for the Central Coast Mr Scot MacDonald, shadow minister for the Central Coast Mr David Harris and member for Gosford Ms Kathy Smith to comment on the status of the project.

Interview, 16 Mar 2016

Paul Anderson, Gosford Council

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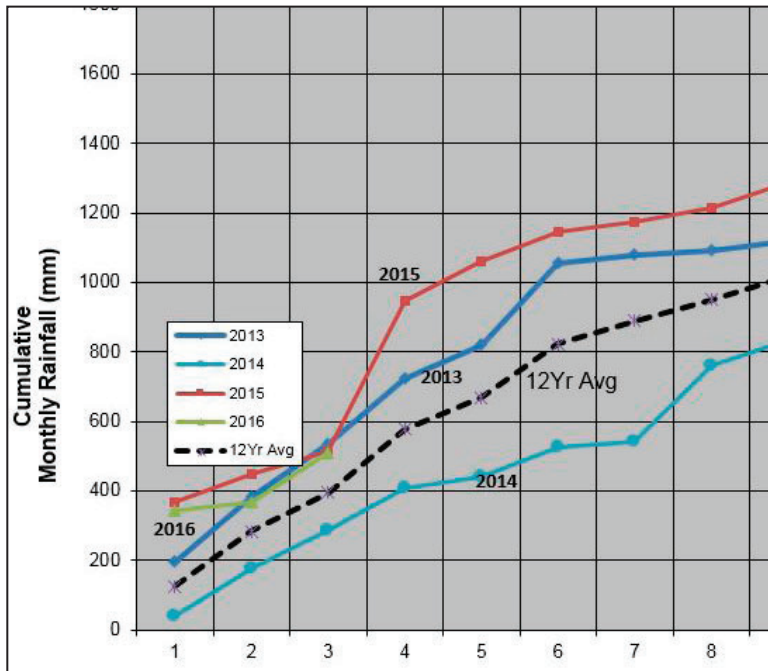
A total of 145mm has been recorded up to March 18, which is 32mm (28.3 per cent) above the March average of 113mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

Most of the rain was recorded in just two days.

A fall of 54.7mm was recorded in the 24 hours to 9am on March 15, and 80.5mm was recorded on March 16.

The rainfall brings the cumulative total for the year to 510.5mm, which 29.2 per cent higher than the year-to-date average at the end of March of 395mm.

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Jim Morrison, Woy Woy



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Reserve trees to be wrapped in yellow ribbons



The bar at Little Box Head continues to move the channel towards the shore

Channel is political football, says Doyle

The iconic trees of the Peninsula were to be wrapped in yellow ribbons to mark the International Day of the Forest and the Tree on Sunday, March 20, as part of the ongoing Save Central Coast Reserves campaign.

Campaign organise, Ms Sue Chidgey said: "Communities that are trying to protect their reserves, parks or green spaces from Gosford Council's planned reclassification and sell off have decided to place a yellow sash around some of their trees.

"This will be done in reserves on the Peninsula (as well as at East Gosford, Bensville and Wamberal) by community members as a symbolic way of showing the council that the trees within their reserves are a vital resource to the community and the environment," Ms Chidgey said.

"Bright coloured sashes will start appearing on special trees within these reserves from the afternoon of Sunday, March 20, until the morning of Tuesday, March 22," she said.

Ms Chidgey said community members had confirmed they tie sashes in reserves in Pozieres St, Umina; Brisbane Ave Reserve in Umina; and Jumbuck Cres Reserve in Woy Woy.

The other Peninsula reserves that have been listed by Council for potential reclassification and sell off were: Lot 56, 40 and 42 Albion St, Umina; and 9 to 11 Mackenzie Ave, Woy Woy.

Ms Chidgey said she was hopeful community members who use those reserves would also join the International Day of the Forest and Tree campaign.

Media release, 17 Mar 2016
Sue Chidgey, Save Central Coast Reserves

The responsibility for the Brisbane Water Channel has been a political football for years, according to Gosford's deputy mayor, Cr Craig Doyle.

"Gosford Council has no jurisdiction over the water at all. Our jurisdiction stops at shore," Cr Doyle said.

He said responsibility for ensuring the channel remains safe and functional clearly and squarely rests with the NSW Government.

"The State Government takes care of other channels including the one at Swansea so why are we getting a second-rate service?" he said.

"Gosford Council has no income to generate these works.

"The only ones who have income from the waterways are the State Government because they have control."

Cr Doyle said the Gosford Council does not get any revenue from fishing licences, oyster farming licences or anything other waterways-generated revenue.

"We came to a point of frustration about five years ago when council, on behalf of its residents contributed a quarter of a million dollars, maybe more, to open the channel but it was a very frustrating exercise.

"If you pick up sand from that channel you have to deposit it back on same water course.

"If you deposit on beach at Ettalong and get a major storm event it goes back into the channel.

"We have done the right thing in the past by spending money on the channel and now the state government is going to make us pay for it.

"The question is clear: who has jurisdiction of the waterways?"

"It is State Government.

"Who captures all the income from all the licenses?"

"It is State Government.

"What money can Gosford Council generate?"

"None."

He said that Gosford Council had not been approached by the NSW Government to enter any partnership to fund the work required to restore the channel to an acceptable width and depth.

Peninsula News has asked both the Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Mr Scot MacDonald and Shadow Minister Mr David Harris, along with the Member for Gosford, Ms Kathy Smith for an explanation of why the NSW Government will not commit to fixing the current narrowing of the channel.

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A new Neighbourhood Watch Group has been formed to help crime prevention on the Peninsula

New Neighbourhood Watch group formed

A new, official Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Group has been formed as an outcome of a meeting held between local police, community members, service providers and business owners on March 6.

Brisbane Water Local Area Command police Superintendent Danny Sullivan said the command held a meeting with the Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Alert Group on March 6.

The Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Alert Group is a local Facebook group run by local residents.

Superintendent Sullivan said the meeting, held at The Mantra in Ettalong, was attended by about 50 people but it was not widely

publicised because it was between the Local Area Command and the particular community group.

He said a number of service providers in the area were invited including Juvenile Justice, Gosford Council, Regional Youth Services and representatives from the office of the Member for Gosford Ms Kathy Smith.

Ms Smith was unable to attend because of parliamentary commitments.

Former Member for Gosford Mr Chris Holstein spoke at the meeting as a representative of Regional Youth Services.

Some other small business owners were present.

Superintendent Sullivan said he was on the panel with Ms Danielle Shacklock and Ms Lee Ann Kirby, the two administrators of the

Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Alert Group and Senior Constable Rachael Armitage, the local area command's school liaison police officer.

Other outcomes from the meeting surrounded "youth crime and communication," Superintendent Sullivan said.

"There are more community meetings planned and my team will be going to those," he said.

"We have also kicked off Operation Creed, a highly-visible policing operation focused on anti-social behaviour.

"Ms Kathy Smith and I have also met and we are working together on local crime issues," Superintendent Sullivan said.

Media statements, 16 Mar 2016
Danny Sullivan, Brisbane
Water Local Area Command
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

Report points to Services NSW failures, says Smith

The acting Auditor General of NSW has slammed Services NSW for providing incorrect information to customers and providing fewer shopfronts than promised, according to Member for Gosford Ms Kathy Smith.

Ms Smith said the latest report from the acting auditor general highlighted systemic failures and criticised the NSW Government for failing to deliver the number of service access-points that was promised earlier.

"The Baird Government has broken its promise to the Peninsula

community," Ms Smith said.

"Having to travel further to find a service access-point, only to receive incorrect information, shows just how flawed the Government's Service NSW program really is," she said.

"Services NSW isn't about helping the community; it's about saving money for the NSW Government."

"The government trumpets Service NSW, but missing [service access-point] targets and giving people wrong information is hardly an achievement."

Media release, 8 Mar 2016
Kathy Smith, Member for Gosford

Wicks acknowledges work of council

Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks has responded to criticism from Gosford mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna that she had not acknowledged the work of the council in her report to parliament about the Peninsula.

Ms Wicks has gone on the record to note her appreciation for the work of Gosford mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna, Gosford Council and all other civic leaders.

Ms Wicks said her "Peninsula Growth Statement" had outlined 12 major projects and initiatives.

"We have a very strong record of working with Gosford Council and consistently acknowledge its contribution to the Coast," Ms Wicks said.

"I want to place on record my appreciation for the work that Lawrie, council and all our civic leaders do for our region."

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Woy Woy resident Mr Roden Woodhams has been awarded a Certificate of Commendation by the Royal Life Saving Society for performing First Aid under traumatic circumstances, ultimately saving the life of a young man.

Mr Woodhams was at a hotel overlooking Murphy's Bay in January 2012 when he became aware of a wake boarding accident on the waterfront.

A 23-year-old man had fallen overboard and had his legs sucked into a boat propeller causing serious lacerations to both his legs.

Mr Woodhams ran towards the wharf where Marine Rescue Central Coast's Mr Andrew McKellar was performing lifesaving medical care.

Mr Woodhams assisted by holding a blood soaked towel on the right leg of the injured man which allowed Mr McKellar to commence first aid on the left leg.

Mr Woodhams assessed whether the femoral artery had



Roden Woodhams (left) with the Hon David Hurley

been severed and continued applying first aid until paramedics arrived and the patient was airlifted to Royal North Shore Hospital.

The young man's right leg

was amputated and he sustained several fractures and soft tissue damage to the left knee.

The Royal Life Saving Society

had high commendations for Mr

McKellar and Mr Woodhams, and say there is no doubt that their actions saved the life of this young man.

A demolition foreman and

asbestos demolition expert by trade, Mr Woodhams is humble about the award.

"I'd much prefer not to be getting it."

"I'd much prefer for the young fella to have both his legs and not be getting it," said Mr Woodhams.

"I'm grateful for the recognition but it's not something we need to be recognised for," he said.

Mr Woodhams was presented his award by NSW Governor General David Hurley at Government House, Sydney, on March 16.

He said the most rewarding part of the ceremony was to hear the stories of normal, ordinary people who had done extraordinary things.

Mr Woodhams said the one message he'd like to get out is: "If you're capable of helping, do it, but if you're not capable go as quickly as you can and get somebody who can help."

"Don't just stand there," he said.

Interview, 17 Mar 2016

Roden Woodhams, Woy Woy
Media kit, Royal Life Saving Society
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Rd about 2:30pm on Friday, March 4.
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A previous Pearl Beach Book Fair in the Memorial Hall

Pearl Beach book fair in its 40th year

The annual Pearl Beach Book Fair will be held at Pearl Beach Memorial Hall on Easter Saturday by the Pearl Beach Progress Association.

The fair, now in its 40th year, is the largest single fundraising activity undertaken by the association with proceeds going towards repairs to the Memorial Hall.

Association president Mr Ross Christie said the association was delighted this long standing tradition was still going strong in 2016.

He said the fair would boast an extensive collection of books for both the serious reader and the holiday novelists.

"With nearly every book priced at \$2, the fair represents a great

opportunity to stock the shelves," he said.

Book fair co-coordinator Ms Victoria Crawford said this year's fair would introduce the new residents' recommendation table, as well as old favourites like educational, gardening, cooking, art, travel, children's and adult fiction and literature.

"We are extremely grateful for these wonderful book donations and believe that the fair is an additional attraction for Pearl Beach," Ms Crawford said.

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Council rejects two-lot subdivision proposal

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The matter was referred to a council meeting due to the receipt of 16 submissions and at the request of a councillor.

The application, originally lodged in May 2012, was for the subdivision of Lot 13 DP 8806928 Berrima Crescent into two residential allotments and a sea wall.

The NSW Coastal Panel granted consent to the construction of a beachfront revetment wall on July 18, 2014.

The proposed allotments would have areas of 1913 square metres and 1255 square metres.

Some of the land is in the E2 Environmental Conservation zone, so the minimum lot size required is 40 hectares.

The other part of the land is zoned R2 Low Density Residential.

As noted in a report prepared for council by its planning department: "The proposal relies upon the provisions of clause 4.6 of the Gosford Local Environment Plan 2014 to facilitate a reduction in the minimum lot size in the E2 Environmental Conservation zone by 99.52 per cent.

Clause 4.6 covers exceptions to development standards.

"Advice received from Gosford Council's special counsel is that under clause 4.6(6)(b) of the Gosford Local Environment



Plan 2014 'consent must not be granted' in circumstances where one lot is less than 90 per cent of the minimum specified standard.

"In this proposed subdivision one of the lots is only 0.48 percent of the standard.

"Council has no legal power to consent to this application and the only available course of action is either to refuse the application or for the applicant to withdraw," the report said.

Discussions between the applicant and Gosford Council were ongoing during 2015 regarding the impact of clause 4.6.

"This culminated in council's letter dated August 14, 2015, giving the applicant the options of either withdrawing the application or

The subject lots outlined in purple provision of additional information to further their application," the report to council said.

"On August 21, 2015, the applicant submitted detailed legal advice from their solicitors.

"The applicant's legal advice states that once a standard is breached, it is subsequently a merit assessment including application of the exception to development standard provisions of the Gosford Local Environment Plan, to achieve an outcome.

"The application included a submission under clause 4.6 of the Gosford Local Environment Plan 2014 which is designed to provide for flexibility in the application of planning controls operating by virtue of development standards,

particularly in circumstances where strict compliance with these standards would be unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances of the proposal."

However, Gosford Council's own legal advice stated that the application could not rely upon the provisions of the Local Environment Plan that provide exceptions to development standards and, as such, council could not grant consent.

"Council's assessment of the application concluded that, as the proposed allotment in the E2 Environmental Conservation Zone was less than 90 per cent of the minimum area, the operation of clause 4.6(6)(b)...was expressly excluded from the operation of

clause 4.6(2).

"This conclusion means that council has no legal power to approve the development."

State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) 19, Bushland in Urban Areas, would also have a bearing on the proposal because the site adjoins bushland zoned RE1 Public Recreation.

Gosford Council did not assess the proposal against the State Environmental Planning Policy because of the issues relating to minimum lot sizes.

The proposal was found to be consistent with the stated objectives of the R2 zone but inconsistent with the objectives of the E2 Environmental Conservation Zone and inconsistent with the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development as specified in the Local Government Act of 1993.

"Any future development on proposed Lot 131 within the E2 Environmental Conservation Zone is likely to adversely impact upon the ability to manage and restore the existing area with special ecological and aesthetic values; and is not compatible with the desired future character of the area," the report to council said.

The focus of the majority of public submissions regarding the proposal related to the potential erection of a dwelling house on the proposed lot that would be in the E2 zone.

Gosford Council agenda, GOV.13, 8 Mar 2016



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The Patonga Progress Hall will be the venue for the annual fete

Annual Easter fete at Patonga

The Patonga Progress Association's annual Easter Fete will be held at the Patonga Progress Hall on March 26.

Stalls will sell arts and crafts, homewares, antiques and collectibles, jewellery, show bags, children's toys as well as a selection of homemade cakes, preserves, plants, books, bric a brac and gifts.

The Easter Fete is one of the major fundraisers for the Patonga Progress Association whose

members host the fete for the enjoyment of locals as well as the many weekenders, campers and day trippers who pour into town for the Easter long weekend.

Sausage sizzle and morning tea will be available and the giant chocolate wheel will be spinning all morning.

A \$200 Easter hamper will also be up for grabs at the end of the fete.

Media release, 7 Mar 2016
Judy Singer, Patonga Progress Association

Peninsula residents will have the opportunity to enjoy health and wellbeing presentations, arts and crafts displays and learn how to bowl from world champion bowler, Aron Sherriff, during this year's Seniors Week celebrations.

Ettalong Bowling Club will host a variety of free activities on

Wednesday, April 6, for seniors on the Peninsula to enjoy.

A free morning tea will start at 9.30am followed by a presentation by dietician Ms Jodi Bailey from 10am.

The Physio Man, Mr Todd Williams will host an exercise and fall prevention session from 11am, with a break in activities for lunch and relaxation.

From 1pm, Ms Jasmine

Hopcraft will present a seminar on making the home safe for seniors and learn-to-bowl sessions will start from 2pm on the green with Aron Sherriff.

The Central Coast Ukulele Group will be on hand to entertain throughout the day.

Media release, 15 March 2016
Tracey Lowden, Ettalong Bowling Club

Woy Woy elderly targeted by telephone scam

Elderly Woy Woy residents have been the target of a telephone scam trying to get them to disclose personal and banking information.

The Australian Bankers' Association has confirmed that the long-running phone scam has recently focused on calling Woy Woy residents.

Their numbers are randomly selected but, according to Stephanie Arena from the Australian Bankers Association, elderly residents are particularly vulnerable because they are more likely to be home at the time the

scammers call.

"Callers are falsely using the Australian Bankers Association's name and claiming to conduct surveys about bank satisfaction," the association's chief executive officer Mr Steven Munchenberg said.

"Over the past few weeks the ABA has received numerous calls from people in Woy Woy and other areas of the Central Coast," Mr Munchenberg said.

"Elderly people are at risk because they are more likely to be home during the day," he said.

Some of the questions the scammers typically ask, according

to the Australian Bankers' Association are: who do you bank with; how long have you banked with them; and are you satisfied with your bank?"

People can be tricked into revealing their driver's licence number, credit card number or internet banking login," he said.

"In some cases people are told they are owed a refund for overcharged bank fees but they have to pay a fee for it.

"The ABA does not conduct customer satisfaction surveys or contact the public in these ways," Mr Munchenberg said.

"If you receive a phone call such as this, do not provide any information.

"If you have given any details to these callers, contact your bank as they can take action to protect and monitor your account.

"At a time when there is also a sophisticated SMS phishing scam targeting mobile banking customers, it is important to be wary of disclosing information to people you don't know."

Recipients of potentially scam calls have been encouraged to contact the Australian Bankers' Association on 02 8298 0417.

Media release, 15 Mar 2016
Stephanie Arena, Australian Bankers' Association



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New group prepares for campaign over hotel

A new group has been formed in Patonga to voice the community's concerns about the proposed redevelopment of the Patonga Hotel and fish and chip shop.

The group voted unanimously at a public meeting held on Saturday, March 5, to oppose what they described as a "massive over-development" of the hotel and fish and chip shop.

"The new owner of the Patonga Beach Hotel is hoping to double the capacity of the local village hotel and adjoining fish shop to create a 150-seat reception centre and extend hotel dining and bar areas over two levels," said Mr Ross Trembath, the new community group's spokesperson.

Mr Trembath said Gosford Council had already received over 70 submissions from members of the Patonga community expressing their concerns about the development application.

"If the proposal goes ahead, the village of just 202 permanent residents can expect an influx of more than 450 patrons and staff on any given day," he said.

"Under the terms of Gosford Council's Local Environment Plan, the development does not meet the objectives of current zoning.

"It exceeds height and floor space ratio requirements, does not adequately address noise generated by the venue and, incredibly, the



A full house at Patonga Hall for a public meeting about the hotel development application

developer has not proposed a single onsite car parking space.

"Instead the developer has sought variations of these requirements to enable the hotel expansion and reception centre to proceed.

"This proposal is clearly an over-development of the site," said another local resident, Mr Phil Doughty.

"Patonga is a small foreshore community.

"We get a great deal of visitors, especially in the summer, because of our protected beach, pristine estuary and surrounding National Park," he said.

"Everyone gets to enjoy Patonga today but if this development goes ahead, the cumulative impacts from this overdevelopment will be

overcrowding, traffic congestion, lack of parking and noise which will destroy the character of the village for residents and visitors alike."

The proposal includes a second floor extension to the hotel plus a second storey reception centre extension to the fish shop.

"This is a land use prohibited under the current B1 Neighbourhood Centre zoning," Mr Trembath said.

"This zoning of the land is to permit small-scale centres appropriate to local needs of people who live and work in the surrounding neighbourhood.

"This proposed over use of the site also raises issues of parking and congestion.

"The pub DA submission was supported by a traffic study taken on

a winter weekend in 2002, five years before the current hotel opened," said long-time resident Peter Henderson.

"It showed the maximum number of cars parked in Patonga peaks at 20, and we knew that was ridiculous, so we organised our own traffic study.

"What we found was that maximum number of vehicles parked in the tavern area was 158, and on the two days we took records, peak parking demand exceeded supply by 100% with vehicular inflow of more than 200 per hour."

The DA is currently with Gosford Council planning officers.

The village of Patonga is recognised by Gosford Council for its "high scenic quality landscapes which should be protected as a matter of priority because their significance extends beyond the Gosford region".

Patonga occupies a one-kilometre, long sandy spit protruding from the southern end of Brisbane Water National Park into Broken Bay and has 221 dwellings, home to local fishermen, oyster farmers, working families, retirees, weekenders and holidaymakers.

Mr Trembath said the current hotel manager had addressed an earlier community forum held in February about the proposed development.

"Gosford Council have indicated that they are working their way through all of the submissions and

have indicated that this will go to a full council meeting and we will have an opportunity to present the community view to the council formally and we are working for that," Mr Trembath said.

"We formed a working group who are tasked by the community to present the community's views to council.

"The community is committed to working through to the end and if it meant going to the land and environment court then that would be done," he said.

According to Mr Trembath the group has already condensed the 70 public submissions into seven key points, which have been mailed with a covering letter to each Gosford councillor.

"I received feedback from the mayor, Cr Lawrie McKinna saying thank you very much, we are hearing you and we will take your concerns on board.

"In our letter to councillors we said we are seeking an opportunity to discuss the DA in person.

"We are ready for a six- or nine-month campaign that will not fade; the community are united and committed to seeing the right outcome for Patonga," he said.

Media release, 17 Mar 2016

Interview, 17 Mar 2016

Ross Trembath, Patonga
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

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Association president steps down after 16 years

St Huberts Island Residents' Association president Mr Ron Spratt has given his final address in the lead-up to the association's committee elections.

"There has been a revived interest in committee membership and I now believe it is time for me to move on," Mr Spratt said.

Mr Spratt said among his achievements over 16 years as president was finalising guidelines for boating facilities in the canals of the island - from the St Huberts Island Drainage Task Group in 1995 to DCP 145 in 2006.

He said his role had included presenting the interests of the island community to Gosford Council and other government agencies; negotiating with Ausgrid over many issues of concern to residents, and being a pillar on which the community could lean.

"From the perspective of a president, it is necessary to work with the other members of the committee which has been very diverse over the last 16 years," Mr Spratt said.

Mr Spratt thanked the committee and his community for their ongoing support and commitment to bettering St Huberts Island.

"Congratulations must go to all of the committee members over those years for their productive and dedicated efforts on behalf of the community.

Mr Spratt concluded his address by wishing the new committee well in their endeavours and said he was looking forward to seeing the progress they make towards making St Huberts Island the premier residential address on the Central Coast.

Media release, 9 Mar 2016
Ron Spratt, St Huberts Island Residents' Association



Apprentice plumber Bryce Verheyen with Ann Charlton

Anzac service at Empire Bay cenotaph

Empire Bay Progress Association will conduct its annual Anzac Day service at the cenotaph at Empire Bay between 11am and 12pm.

Kendall Rd will be closed for the hour at the corner of Shelly Beach

Road, and Sorrento Rd will be closed on the cenotaph side of the Empire Bay Cellars for the same time.

The service will include a flag ceremony, a wreath laying, singing and several speeches.

The service regularly attracts 500 to 600 attendees and has been a tradition in Empire Bay for 20 years.

Media release, 25 Feb 2016
Geoff Melville, Empire Bay Progress Association

Apprentice speaks at Labor media conference

Woy Woy apprentice plumber Bryce Verheyen has first-hand experience of government cuts to vocational education and TAFE.

Bryce came forward to make comments during a recent media conference held by Labor's candidate for Robertson, Ms Ann Charlton.

"We risk not having the trained workforce of the future," Mr Verheyen said.

"In my class at TAFE, the numbers have dropped dramatically with over 30 starters at the beginning of my apprenticeship a couple of years ago, to under 10 still left in," he said.

"It's very difficult with all of the program cuts, like Tools for Your

Trade, it leaves us all without the support we had at the beginning of our training."

Ms Charlton said: "There are approximately 650 fewer apprentices in training in this local area since the Liberal government has come to power.

"I understand and care about the plight of TAFE students and teachers," she said.

"They have suffered through unprecedented cuts since the Abbott/Turnbull Government has been in power."

"The Liberals have deserted our local young people with their massive cuts to the TAFE and vocational education sector.

"It's worrying that (Member for Robertson) Mrs Wicks doesn't even know that the federal government supports TAFE and skills education, or that the Abbott-Turnbull Government has already cut \$2.5 billion from trades training, including \$1 billion cut from apprentice support," Ms Charlton said.

"With youth unemployment so high on the Peninsula, I would think that Ms Wicks would care more about TAFE."

Media release, 15 Mar 2016
Ann Charlton, Labor candidate for Robertson



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Expert says merger is 'unsubstantiated'

Pretty Beach local government expert Dr Hal Colebatch has described the planned merger of Gosford and Wyong Councils as based on unsubstantiated claims and not in the best interests of the local community.

"There is no attempt in the Minister's proposal to show that merging Gosford with Wyong will produce revitalization or a new agenda and a fresh start," said Dr Colebatch in a submission to the delegate currently assessing the merger proposal.

"The Minister's proposal completely ignores the structural sources of financial strain in local government, and his suggestion that these will be alleviated by boundary changes is willful self-delusion."

Dr Colebatch a political scientist, specialising in public management who has been engaged in research on local government since 1969.

He is currently a Professorial Visiting Fellow in the School of Social Science at UNSW and a Visiting Professor in the Australian Centre for Local Government Excellence at UTS.

"We used to have a Woy Woy Council.

"Then it was decided that in the interests of efficiency, it

should merge with Erina to create Gosford.

"This has evidently not produced the desired result, so it is asserted that the merged council should merge again, with Wyong," Dr Colebatch said.

Dr Colebatch's submission highlighted that the Independent Local Government Review Panel did not even recommend the Gosford-Wyong merger.

"It said options for the Central Coast were a full amalgamation or a multipurpose joint organisation.

"The panel's conclusion was perfectly clear but IPART, to which the proposal was sent for further investigation, simply refused to do it.

"IPART took it upon itself to countermand the recommendation of the independent review panel for a 'proper valuation' of options, and to substitute its own preference for amalgamation."

According to Dr Colebatch, the Minister's proposal rests entirely on the financial arguments for amalgamation but does not give evidence of how the benefits will happen or even if they will happen.

"The fact is that both Gosford and Wyong are financially well managed... and IPART found that they satisfied the financial management criteria for continued independent existence.

"However it asserted that they

could save money by merging and sacking senior staff.

"The Minister also stated that both Gosford and Wyong would need to increase their rate revenue, but if they merged they would have less need of increases.

"But the reason that these councils will need more money in future years is that the population is growing.

"The Minister's proposal does not address this problem, other than to declare that rates will be frozen for four years, that is, the merged council will have even less autonomy and strategic capacity than the present councils.

"This makes his claim that the merger will 'strengthen the role and strategic capacity of the new council' nothing more than meaningless hot air: it will leave the new councils exactly where the existing ones are now," he said.

Dr Colebatch argued that service delivery is only half the story when it comes to the role of local government.

"Local government is also a focus for identity, and a vehicle for asserting that identity...and managing the environment in a way consistent with this shared identity," he said.

"None of these aspects are addressed in the minister's proposal, which just asserts that 'these communities have similar

lifestyles', which is just nonsense.

"The assumption that local identity is unimportant and the state government can draw boundaries anywhere it finds convenient and define the entities thus created to be 'local' is one of the major weaknesses in this exercise."

Dr Colebatch also assessed statutory requirements the delegate has to address as part of a boundary review.

He concluded that the Minister's merger proposal failed to address any of the requirements for a boundary change set out in the Local Government Act.

"The Minister's proposal speaks warmly of the prospect of the different regulatory regime in the two council areas being 'harmonised'.

"It may well be that the benefits of standardising the rules in Gosford and Wyong outweighs the costs of change and any new inconsistencies, but the Minister's proposal does not even recognise the need to assess the balance between costs and benefits as part of the decision process."

Dr Colebatch also argued that the merger proposal did not respect democracy.

"Democracy stops when a state election puts a Minister into office, and local communities should be compulsorily corralled into whatever organizational form

is currently in favour with Sydney politicians and bureaucrats," his submission said.

In the case of Gosford Council, Dr Colebatch said: "The councillors were left with the clear understanding that if they failed to vote for amalgamation, the council would be dissolved and an appointed administrator would exercise their powers, leaving them unable to represent their constituents' interests."

The impact on micro communities within the region also failed to be addressed, he said.

"The document ... does not appear to have even entertained the possibility that councils may reduce staff by closing small outstations rather than sacking senior staff in the head office.

"Given that the former is one of the most common ways of effecting economies of staff (closing the RTA office in Woy Woy), this is a remarkable omission.

"The document makes no reference to the opinions of the diverse communities, and it is not evident that the consultation process has brought these into consideration."

"Only one public meeting was held in Woy Woy."

**Media release, 12 Mar 2016
Ian Bull, Wagstaffe-Killcare
Community Association**



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Peninsula does not have a surfeit of open space

Gosford Council's sale of community land is "development accounting".

Using this method, development is subsidised by the public through the sale of public assets such as heritage, community land, open space, recreational space, biodiversity, community character, education etc.

The true value of assets is never recorded accurately on the balance sheet for auditors to calculate the real cost of development to the community.

The Peninsula does not have a surfeit of open space to offset

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development (PN, Contribution Plan Supports Retention of Open Space, 8 Feb).

As stated in the article: "The analysis identified only two parcels of land, the Woy Woy landfill site and the council depot on Ocean Beach Rd that could be used for additional space".

Does this mean that the site of the Ettalong netball courts relocated due to the Fast Ferry would have been Woy Woy landfill?

There would be major opposition from Gosford Council to relinquish

the Ocean Beach Rd depot site.

I would have supported the netball courts being relocated to the Ocean Beach Rd site with the council staff being relocated to Kincumber.

Let the council wear the cost of development, not the community for a change.

Population increase is not based on a number, it is based on economical use of the lands.

Residents have had a short reprieve with the failed fast ferry development.

**Letter, 12 Feb 2016
Norman Harris, Umina**

Majority want retention of park

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are still generating new growth.

How on earth could you decimate these trees?

Visitors are in envy of our nature-strip while the majority of our town's people want the retention of the park.

And want to keep it as a park, not to be built out by future building development.

**Letter, 14 Mar 2016
Ian Turner, Umina**

Politicians are weak and media-driven

State Member for Gosford Ms Kathy Smith is only doing her job in highlighting crime on the Peninsula.

Late at night, particularly on a Friday or Saturday, it can be very scary.

The major political parties have compounded the problem with their mantra: development at any cost.

The result, overcrowding, poor roads, traffic chaos, rampant crime, terrorists, homeless people.

All that's wrong with the lucky country.

Drug lords rule crime kingdoms

with impunity, gun shoot-outs are rampant, callow teenagers ingest mystery drugs without any thought whatsoever, savage brawls erupt late at night, the list goes on.

The politicians are weak and media-driven.

In the past, Mr Jack Lang, Premier of NSW and the deputy police commissioner said that we've got to get rid of the razor gangs in Sydney.

They set about it and they got rid of these gangs, so it can be done.

**Email, 8 Mar 2016
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy**

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Another instance of petrol company rip-off

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No, it is just greed on their part and apathy on our part.

We have to show them we know they are ripping us off.

Only buy enough to get off the Peninsula, then fill up with cheaper fuel elsewhere – great idea, Member for Gosford, Ms Kathy Smith.

**Email, 17 Feb 2016
Rod Munson, Woy Woy**

I have just heard of another instance of petrol companies treating us, the people of the Peninsula with utter contempt.

An elderly Woy Woy resident recently purchased diesel in Wyong at 96.7 cents a litre at the Metro on Tuggerah straight.

On the same day, service stations on the Peninsula were charging 117.9 cents a litre.

Is there a reason?

Twenty-four strikes and you are out?

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Is safety on the Peninsula being downgraded or upgraded?

The Member for Terrigal, Mr Adam Crouch, criticised the Member for Gosford, Ms Kathy Smith, (PN, Mar 7) but does not supply or comment on crime rates for the Peninsula.

Mr Crouch stated in the Express Advocate (Mar 11) that he spent a Friday night last November on street patrol with officers from

Brisbane Water.

He said: "I came away that night with enormous respect for our local area command."

Neither the Member for Terrigal nor the Express Advocate supply any details.

Mr Crouch's purpose is to strengthen the relationship between himself and Brisbane Water police.

Could Supt Danny Sullivan explain how one youth had recently been dealt with by the police 24 times before he could be arrested and placed in custody?

And is this acceptable to the team of A Crouch, M Wales, D Wales and D Sullivan?

Twenty-four strikes and you're out.

Is this the standard in Terrigal?

**Letter, 11 Mar 2016
Norman Harris, Umina**

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This was successfully treated and I stopped taking Tamoxafen.

My niece, who had been through the full drama of breast cancer, had been given Tamoxafen which caused severe side effects, namely extreme bad temper and personality disturbance.

She had stopped taking Tamoxafen and on the advice of her naturopath had gone on to turmeric, a spice one cooks with.

I decided to adopt this therapy.

For about two months I took four tablets per day of curcumin, curcumin being the active agent in turmeric.

One day when I examined

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myself I could not find the tumour.

I went to my oncologist who examined me but could not find any trace of the tumour.

He declared me cancer free and withdrew all medication.

I have since had no sign of any breast cancer.

It has been reported on some current affairs programs that breast cancer is rare in India where turmeric is a regular part of their national diet.

Email, 12 Feb 2016

Irenie Rennie, Pearl Beach

A real eye-opener

Congratulations to the Peninsula News for publishing Mr Van Davy's letter "The morality of tax havens" (25 Jan 2016).

Peninsula News would be the only paper with the intestinal fortitude to publish such an article.

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A real eye opener and it has changed my life forever.

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Email, 11 Feb 2016

Brian Noble, Ettalong

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Liberals refuse to support call for independent inquiry

The Central Coast's two NSW Government sitting members, member for Terrigal, Mr Adam Crouch and parliamentary secretary for the Central Coast, Mr Scot ...

Minister's claims overlooked key facts and were not correct - Dr Goodwin

The Mountain Districts Association (MDA) has questioned the NSW minister for the environment's interpretation of ground water test results ...

Council is responsible for location and building Performing Arts Centre

The hunt for the best location for a performing arts centre in Gosford continues.

Qualified success over dangerous Kariong intersection

Member for Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks MP delivered an update to the 3,000 residents who signed a petition to address an accident-prone intersection in Kariong, ...

Gosford CBD now has over \$1billion worth of development applications in train

Gosford Council has achieved what many thought was impossible, attracting over \$1 billion worth of potential development to Gosford's city centre.

COSS land future classification still unresolved

The future classification of Gosford's Coastal Open Spaces System (COSS) land is still the subject of ongoing discussions between Gosford Council and the NSW Government.

Kibbleplex sale information finally unveiled

A detailed report into the sale of Kibbleplex has finally been made public by Gosford Council.

CDO losses to top \$19 million

To date, losses from investments in Collateralised Debt Obligations (CDOs) have been confirmed as totalling \$19.12 million by Gosford Council's ...

Community Strategic Plan progress report provided

A delivery program progress report was received by Gosford councillors at their ordinary meeting on March 8.

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Wyong Regional Chronicle focuses on news specifically relating to post code areas 2258, 2259, 2261, 2262, & 2263.

Doyalson RSL to develop a 139 site manufactured home estate

The Doyalson- Wyee RSL is seeking to rezone nearby vacant land so it can develop a 139-site manufactured home estate.

Proposed Halloran land rezoning to proceed for gateway approval

A local landholder, HTH Holdings, is looking to expand its operations in Halloran by seeking to rezone two hectares of land to General Industrial.

Guruwarang Waters development ready to proceed

Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) have reached an agreement with Wyong Council for the proposed Guruwarang Waters development at Macleay Dr, Halekulani.

Lake Macquarie Council submission due to local community interest

The people of Kingfisher Shores, Summerland Point, Gwandalan, Mannering Park and Chain Valley Bay would have a higher level of local government representation if they became part of the Lake Macquarie Local Government Area.

Light rail proposed

A light rail linking Gosford to The Entrance will be called for in Wyong Council's submission to the NSW Government's Central Coast Regional Plan.

Council defends its services to the north

Millions of dollars are being invested in improving service delivery to the growing population in the north of the shire, according to Wyong Council.

"The grass is not always greener..." mayor warns "forgotten north"

The northernmost residents of Wyong shire will be surveyed on their willingness to remain part of a Central Coast community.

Pre-cast concrete segments to save time and increase safety

Over 500 riders are setting off from The Entrance on Sunday, March 20 as part of Black Dog Ride's annual one-dayer to revive national conversations about depression and suicide prevention..

Catley promoted to NSW shadow cabinet and Harris given more responsibilities

Ms Yasmin Catley, the member for Swansea has been promoted to the NSW shadow cabinet and the member for Wyong, Mr David Harris has been given additional responsibilities in the latest ...

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Health



Peninsula residents shave for a cure

Hair shaved and coloured at bowling club

Members and supporters of the Woy Woy Bowling Club have shaved or coloured their hair as part of the Club's Leukaemia Foundation fundraiser on March 13.

Many chose to sport their favourite NRL teams' colours.

The Bowling Club raised \$4500

for the foundation.

Other festivities on the day included a raffle and an art auction featuring the paintings of club members Ms Anne Dixon and Ms Margaret Burns.

Shopping vouchers and cinema tickets were among the prizes.

Bowling Club Manager Ms Di

Elsom pledged 10 per cent of the day's bar takings would be donated to the Leukaemia Foundation.

Zapp Hair Studio provided hair services on the day.

The event was organised by members Ms Gayle Wise and Mr John Orme.

Media release, 14 Mar 2016

Ken Dixon, Woy Woy Bowling Club

Resident raises \$2500 online

Umina resident Ms Julie Cranefield has raised \$2500 for the Leukemia Foundation through an online campaign and a Umina fuel outlet.

Ms Cranefield said the foundation held a special place in her heart after her son Jay passed away at age three, due to neuroblastoma.

Ms Cranefield spent 12 months in Westmead Children's Hospital while Jay was receiving treatment.

She said she knew only too well the support that is needed during these times and the funding needed to find a cure for cancer and other acute illnesses.

Email, 14 Mar 2016

Ken Dixon, Woy Woy Bowling Club

Charity day raises \$750

Thirty six bowlers raised \$750 for Central Coast Kids in Need bringing our year to date total to over \$3000 at the February Sporties at Woy Woy Charity Bowls Day.

The Spider Glass was won again by Jenny Simmons.

John Halling picked up the cash for the Spider Tray and supplied the pate and biscuits.

The lucky rink draw was won by Ken Poole over Graham Kenney.

There were plenty of big winners in the raffle.

Corinne Dixon won the Wednesday Morning Bowlers Hamper while meat trays were won by Roger Townend, and Amanda.

The Fisho's carton of beer was won by Paul Dunn.

Toni Kenney won a shopping voucher and Keith Brown won cinema tickets.

Peter Milsson won a vegie box.

Floss Irvine, Alan Button, Joan Forwood, Benny King and Iris Bates were among the other winners.

The next charity day will be held on Sunday, March 20.

Central Coast Kids in Need raises money to assist families who have seriously ill children with prolonged illness.

Most of these children are cancer patients, others with organ transplants and premature babies with life threatening issues.

The funds raised are used to cover travel costs, equipment requirements and pharmacy accounts for these Central Coast Kids in Need, as well as the costs of accommodation for the families while their children are receiving their treatment.

Email, 21 Feb 2016

Ken Dixon, Woy Woy Bowling Club

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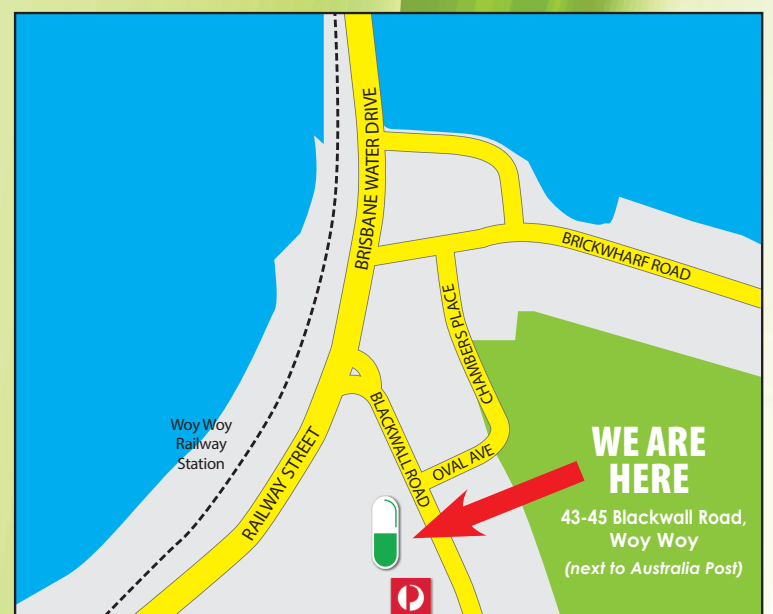
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Umina Rotary celebrates 40th birthday

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has celebrated 40 years of service with a gala evening at the Everglades

Country Club.

Past members, officials from District 9685 and Rotary Youth Exchange students made up the 120 guests, including charter members Mr Bob Dillon and Mr John Moore, who attended the gala on February 10.

The focus of the gala was a reflection on the major local and international programs carried out over the past 40 years and the announcement of the club's new international project.

The project will fit solar panels on the roof of a school on the island of Vakuta in Papua New Guinea.

It also aims to supply five houses for teachers and towers for the school perimeter.

Other features of the night included a raffle drawn by Peninsula Village CEO Mr Shane Neaves and a birthday cake for the club.

All funds raised from the raffle went to purchase a bladder scanner for the Village.

Media release, Mar 9, 2016
Geoff Melville, Umina Beach Rotary

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Information wanted about Ettalong crash

The Metropolitan Crash Investigation Unit has appealed for information following a crash at Ettalong on Thursday, March 3.

A red Nissan Navara was travelling west along Bangalow St at Ettalong at about 6:30pm when it reached the intersection of Barrenjoey Rd.

The vehicle collided with a Honda scooter a short time later that was travelling south along Barrenjoey Rd, approaching the same intersection.

The rider, a 51-year-old woman, was treated at the scene by NSW Ambulance Paramedics, before being airlifted to Royal North Shore Hospital.

She's believed to have sustained various fractures in the crash and remained in hospital in a stable condition.

The driver, a 65-year-old man, was not injured and was taken to Gosford Hospital for mandatory blood and urine tests.

Both the vehicle and scooter were towed from the area and will undergo mechanical examinations.

Specialist officers from the Metropolitan Crash Investigation Unit also attended and conducted an examination of the scene.

Inquiries into the matter continued.

Media release, 4 Mar 2016
NSW Police media

Peninsula projects noted in progress report

Several Peninsula projects were highlighted in Gosford Council's latest delivery program progress report.

Upgrades of the Closed Circuit Television systems in Woy Woy, Ettalong and Umina received a mention.

The report stated that Gosford Council teamed up with Central Coast Football and local clubs to secure funding to improve the drainage of playing fields at James Brown Oval in Woy Woy.

"The existing irrigation was inefficient and the upgrade will promote greater and stronger turf growth on the playing fields

making them more durable during the winter season.

The Cockle Bay Towns Sewerage Project continued to progress.

Property works were to commence in January and the scheme was expected to be available for connection in mid-to-late 2016.

Significant road upgrades on the Peninsula included Lone Pine Ave in Umina where 155 metres of the road were reconstructed along with kerb and gutter, footpath and new road pavement.

Gosford Council agenda, GOV.16, 8 Mar 2016

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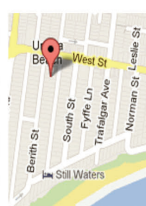
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Diggers recognised for drug education

The Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club has been recognised for its commitment to educating the community about the dangers of illicit drug use in the 2016 Clubs and Community Awards.

Ettalong Diggers was a finalist in both the Health and the Heart of the Community Awards categories.

As part of its illicit drugs campaign, the Diggers partnered

with community groups and leaders to host youth forums and extend the "barred from one, barred from all" program administered by the Brisbane Water Liquor Accord.

The Diggers also nominated Ms Megan Napier for her tireless volunteer work in the community.

Megan is often found decorating and putting the finishing touches on fundraising events for local charities and causes, the club told award organisers.

Clubs NSW CEO Mr Anthony Ball commended Ettalong Diggers, along with three other Central Coast clubs, for making it to the finals.

Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on Friday, May 6, at the Royal Hall of Industries in Sydney's Moore Park.

Media release, 2 Mar 2016

Caterina Polistina, ClubsNSW

Op shop seeks volunteers

The YouthLife Op Shop on Berith St, Umina, is looking for volunteers.

Volunteer Ms Helen Brooks said: "It is a hive of activity on most days.

"The Op Shop provides a happy environment for volunteers and for folk who wander in looking for a bargain.

"Just last week I was rostered on with Elsie from 12pm to 4pm.

"We had a busy, happy time chatting, sorting clothing to sizes, replacing stock and chatting with customers.

"On that day, we sold LPs, books, some bric-a-brac and children's clothing.

"A regular came by, looking for a money purse.

"Yes, we were able to find just what she wanted and she walked away a very happy customer.

"It was close to closing time when a lovely lady came in and we began to chat.

"She was from Nebraska, USA, and was surprised when I told her that I have been there.

"We chatted and she found a couple of special items that she bought.

"We said our goodbyes and off she went.

"What a surprise when I attended a wedding the next evening and met her again - the mother of the groom.

"What a small world we live in.

"I now have a new friend in the USA from volunteering in the YouthLife Op Shop at Umina.

"We are currently looking for more volunteers and would really love to receive your call."

To enquire about becoming a volunteer, call Trish on 0434 080 531 between Monday and Friday and 10am and 2pm.

The shop is open between 12pm and 4pm on Monday, between 9am and 4pm on Tuesday to Friday, and between 9am and 12pm on Saturday.

Media release, 16 Mar 2016

Helen Brooks, YouthLife Op Shop



First Woy Woy Sea Scouts and volunteers with rubbish collected on Clean Up Australia Day

Clean up removes 300kg of rubbish from waterways

Community groups around the Coast came together on Clean Up Australia Day, to ensure the waterways of the Peninsula got a clean-up.

The 1st Woy Woy Sea Scouts, Gosford SES, the Take3 program and residents of Woy Woy, came

together to clean-up island waterways on March 6.

More than 100 volunteers turned up at 1st Woy Woy Sea Scouts Hall and set out on a flotilla of canoes, kayaks and powerboats to clean the Woy Woy Peninsula.

They remove 300kg of rubbish

from Pelican Island, Rileys Island, Woy Woy Bay and underneath the Spike Milligan Bridge.

This was the 1st Woy Woy Sea Scouts largest Clean Up Australia Day.

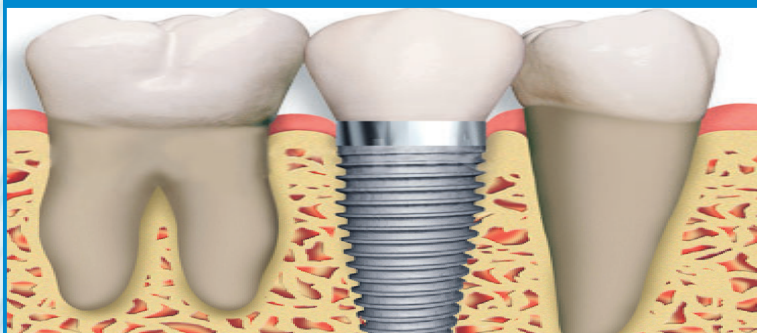
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Education

Students to take part in international assessment

Years 3 to 6 students from Umina Beach Public School have been invited to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools.

Areas of testing include science, computer skills, writing, English, spelling and mathematics.

Deputy principal Mr Andrew Kinniburgh said: "These competitions provide an opportunity

for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation.

"They are also used to monitor individual progress in a range of subject related skills and to recognise and reward achievement at all levels," he said.

All students receive a certificate and individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the

students tested.

Mr Kinniburgh said: "The tests are an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child's strengths and areas for improvement."

Notes are available from the school office, to be returned by Wednesday, March 30.

**Newsletter, 15 Mar 2016
Andrew Kinniburgh, Umina Beach Public School**

Aim to increase fruit, water and activity

Students from Ettalong Public School in Years 3 to 6 will be participating in the Central Coast Local Health District campaigns Q4H20 and How RU Travelling this week, March 21-25.

The aim of these campaigns is to increase the intake of water, fruit and to be more active.

Students will each be given a card to record their progress at school, according to relieving principal Ms Lynn Balfour.

Parents could help their children by packing fruit or vegetables and

a bottle of water each day to be consumed during Crunch and Sip in the classroom or during breaks, she said.

"The canteen has kindly agreed to support this initiative and will be selling watermelon and frozen orange segments plus other seasonal fruit during the week."

All students who buy fruit or water at the canteen will go into a draw to win a water bottle.

One will be given away each day.

**Newsletter, Mar 8, 2016
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School**

School leaders appointed

A leaders' investiture assembly was held at Woy Woy Public School on February 23 to present the 2016 leadership team members with their badges.

"We have 26 students in leadership positions," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"Eight students are our school

leaders who will represent our school in and out of the school in official capacities," she said.

"Twelve students are in positions of captains and vice captains for their sporting houses.

"Six more students are in the position of school service officers.

"All of our students undergo a leadership course at the end of Year 5 to be eligible to be voted for

as a school leader.

"On February 23, they recited their pledge to the school to be the best leaders they can be, to wear the uniform with pride, follow school rules, be credible role models and to support all other students in the school," she said.

**Newsletter, 17 Mar 2016
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School**

Electronic school sign introduced

Ettalong Public School has introduced a new electronic school sign in Karingi St.

"It is envisaged that it will be much easier to update," said relieving principal Ms Lynn Balfour.

"The old one was very heavy and had to be hand-wound each time we wanted to change the message."

**Newsletter, 23 Feb 2016
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School**

School sells hot cross buns

Hot cross buns will be sold at Ettalong Public School this March to raise money for the school.

They will be sold at \$7 a packet with \$2 per packet going to the

school.

The buns will be available for pick up from the canteen on March 24.

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School takes part in food drive

Umina Beach Public School will be participating in the Mary Mac's Food Drive during the last two weeks of March.

Mary Mac's provides over 400 freshly cooked meals or hampers a week to those in need on the Woy Woy Peninsula.

They also provide free hot showers, bathroom and laundry facilities.

Mary Mac's does not receive government funding and relies on the generosity of the community.

School principal Ms Lyn Davis encouraged everyone to get involved with the food drive.

A shopping trolley has been placed outside the school's office and will be manned by student leaders.

Donated items can be placed in the trolley each morning before school.

Items being sought include canned foods, packet soups and noodles, diabetic sweets, dried foods, long life products, biscuits, tea and coffee and toiletries.

Cooking ingredients including oils, salt and flour are wanted, as are cleaning products such as garbage bags and detergent.

**Newsletter, 11 Mar 2016
Umina Beach Public School**



Reading resource rooms revamped

Ettalong Public School is revamping its reading resource rooms to improve its reading program.

Bulky storage units will be removed from the centre of the rooms to make them more accessible.

Aside from opening up the space, this would provide more opportunities for student reading

development and help implement more reading programs, said relieving school principal Ms Lynn Balfour.

"The school is seeking a volunteer builder/carpenter/handyman to install bookshelves around the walls," she said.

**Newsletter, Mar 8, 2016
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School**

Special education students from 2-5S at Woy Woy Public School have been learning about the functions of the human body.

Teacher Ms Lea Williame said the focus had been on the healthy food pyramid, physical activities to support a healthy lifestyle and investigating their body parts.

"For their cooking program the students discuss the selection of a

healthy food recipe, the ingredients required and write a shopping list," Ms Williame said.

"Each week the class walks to the local supermarket to purchase products for their healthy foods cooking class, held each Friday.

"This is an important part of the students' life skills program.

"Each week one student is the money manager.

"They are learning about the

use of money, giving and receiving the correct change."

Ms Williame said apart from the health advantages, the students are also gaining opportunities for valuable social skills training.

"They are developing skills in team work and being patient and are developing confidence and community awareness," she said.

**Newsletter, 17 Mar 2016
Lea Williame, Woy Woy Public School**

Men's Shed offers student experience

The Men's Shed at Ettalong has offered to allow a number of Stage Three students from Ettalong Public School to visit their premises once a week to learn basic woodworking skills.

"I am thrilled with this offer and I am sure the children will be too when they complete their woodwork projects which are already being prepared by the volunteers at the Men's Shed," said acting principal, Ms Lynn Balfour.

"Working with community volunteers helps to develop social skills and an understanding of those around us," she said.

**Newsletter, 23 Feb 2016
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School**

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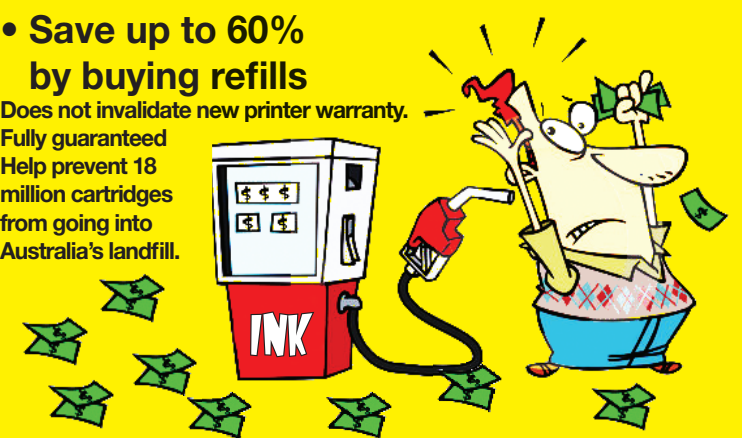


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The grandstand getting the finishing touches

Woy Woy oval officially opened

The transformation of Woy Woy Oval is now complete with a new 600 seat grandstand featuring state-of-the-art facilities officially opened on Saturday, March 19.

Federal Minister for Regional Development Ms Fiona Nash said the Australian Government invested \$3.5 million towards the redevelopment under the Community Development Grants Programme.

"This is an excellent new facility for community sport and is a great example of the Australian Government's commitment to building productive infrastructure for local communities, and delivers on our positive Growth Plan for the Central Coast," Ms Nash said.

Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks, who attended the official opening, said the new facilities were expected to attract rugby union and league championships and deliver clear economic benefits to the region.

"This is a fantastic day for the Peninsula and our region, and I'd like to thank the thousands of local residents, businesses and sports clubs who worked so hard to help make this project a reality," Ms Wicks said.

"Works involved construction and fit out of the 600 seat grandstand, which included player change rooms, amenities, community rooms, referees room, a medical room, clubhouse, ticket booth and kiosk.

"The redevelopment will be a civic centrepiece, with new car parking, scoreboard, café, external dining area, fencing and landscaping, while also boosting local job creation," she said.

NSW deputy Premier Mr Troy Grant said the NSW Government was committed to enhancing local

facilities to meet the needs of thriving regional communities.

"This transformation is a terrific result for the community, will be the envy of the wider region and is a fantastic example of all levels of government working together," Mr Grant said.

"I look forward to the community flourishing with this first-class sporting precinct that will be home to the region's sporting stars now and well into the future."

Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Mr Scot MacDonald said he was proud to represent the NSW Government at the official opening of the redevelopment.

"Woy Woy Oval is a wonderful community facility and this redevelopment will be a well-loved asset for both locals and visitors to the region for generations to come," Mr MacDonald said.

"The NSW Government is proud to have invested in this transformation through the ClubGRANTS Category 3 Fund that was established to support healthy lifestyles, through increased participation in sport, recreation, arts and cultural

activities."

Mayor for Gosford Council Cr Lawrie McKinna said the redeveloped Woy Woy Oval was a modern, regional sporting complex that the community deserved.

"I'm very proud that Council not only devoted \$2.75 million towards this project, but also developed the site's master plan, secured \$5.54 million in federal and state funding and built it," Cr McKinna said.

"There is no doubt that without much needed funding from the Australian and NSW governments we might not have been able to get this new sporting facility off the ground.

"The redeveloped oval's integration with the nearby Woy Woy CBD has created a vibrant and accessible community hub that will deliver plenty of fantastic flow on benefits to the region."

The Woy Woy Oval redevelopment project was jointly funded with the Australian Government investing \$3.5 million, NSW Government \$2 million and the Gosford Council \$2.75 million.

Media release, 19 Mar 2016
Tim Sowden, Office of Lucy Wicks

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Council defends decision not to require footpaths

Gosford Council has defended its decision not to require footpaths and gutters as part of a development consent for a manufactured home park on council land in Ettalong.

"There was no nexus to warrant upgrading the roadway," according to a statement issued by the council.

A Peninsula resident with an elderly mother living in the redeveloped Active Lifestyle Estate village in Fassifern St Ettalong, has questioned why there had been no provision for kerb, cutting and footpaths as part of the development application.

The Lifestyle Village manager, Mr Paul Greentree said Ingenia, the village owners, took pride in the village and ensured that the road verge outside its boundaries was kept mown and cleaned but said puddles often formed after rain that the management could not address.

He said Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks had taken note of the absence of kerb and guttering and footpaths and said it was a concern for the whole Ettalong area.

Gosford Council responded to

questions about the absence of sealed gutters and footpaths near the village in a written statement.

"The land at 1-3 Fassifern St in Ettalong Beach is owned by Council, but the site is leased to a private operator," said Gosford Council chief Mr Paul Anderson.

"Council did not require kerb, gutter and footpath as part of the development consent (DA45331/2014).

"The approved development was not significantly different from the previous development and as such there was no nexus to warrant upgrading the roadway with kerb, gutter and a footpath.

"There are requirements that are followed when a development application is being assessed and in this case these upgrades were not required as part of the approval.

"Generally speaking, kerb, gutter and footpath are usually only required with new developments," the Gosford Council statement said.

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Record number of scripts for short play festival

A record number of scripts have been received for the Woy Woy Little Theatres Flash 2016 Festival.

Flash co-ordinator Ms Fran Armstrong said more than 35 scripts had been sent including five from the United States of America.

"Unfortunately the international scripts can't be accepted as our Flash Festival is designed for local writers," said Ms Armstrong.

"What is really impressive is more than 70 per cent of the scripts submitted are from authors who have been mentored at Woy Woy Little Theatre Writers' Workshops over the past three years," she said.

"Now we are looking for 10 directors to give their visions for the final 10 short plays that make it through the final judging," said Little Theatre president Ms Christine Vale.

Ms Vale said potential directors must nominate by April 4.



Christine Vale (left) and Fran Armstrong examining scripts for Flash 2016

Then Central Coast actors audition for parts in the festival on May 2 and 4 at the Peninsula Theatre.

"There will also be a Flash Directors' Workshop on May 1,"

she said.

"Like the Writers' Workshop, there will be an introductory session with all the directors and then each director will have one-to-one mentoring time with Arne

Neeme," said Ms Vale.

Anyone interested in directing or acting should contact Woy Woy Little Theatre by emailing info@ccflashfestival.com.

Meanwhile, there's been a

high interest from people working with young people wondering if they could participate in Flash.

The theatre company has decided to expand its support of the Central Coast Theatre Community by holding a Flash Junior Festival, Ms Vale said.

"This is intended to give younger people the opportunity to become involved in a theatre festival.

"It also gives Woy Woy Little Theatre the opportunity to broaden its contact with younger people interested in theatre on the Coast.

"We're in the early stages of planning the Flash Junior Festival, but like the adult Flash Festival, it will present short plays of five to 15 minutes," said Ms Vale.

"We're currently planning it to be held during the September school holidays," she said.

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CEN criticises coastal management reforms

The Community Environment Network has criticised stage two of the NSW Government's Coastal Management Reforms for not providing coastal communities with adequate requirements and guidance for climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Community Environment Network CEO Ms Jane Smith said she noted that key aspects of the reform package had not yet been released, especially mapping to support the State Environmental Planning Policy, the draft State Environmental Planning Policy instrument, and the final draft of a new Coastal Management Manual.

"We wish to re-iterate the importance of the public exhibition and consultation process on these documents being completed prior to finalisation of the draft Bill and associated materials," she said.

"The draft Bill failed to identify sea level rise and increased storm activity as coastal hazards," Ms Smith said.

The NSW Government had not included state-wide sea level rise benchmarks in the Stage 2 reform package, she said.

"The Community Environment Network calls on the NSW Government to show leadership by re-introducing state-wide benchmarks for sea level rise, in order to provide a consistent approach to coastal planning and hazard mitigation."

Key elements of the coastal management package must be mandatory and enforceable," Ms Smith said.

"The compliance and enforcement provisions of the Bill are inadequate," she said.

For example, she said there are no direct offences for breaches of the Bill and gaps in relation to how certain provisions of the draft Bill will be enforced.

"The proposal to separate the 'coastal zone' into four different 'coastal management areas' appears as a more complicated and less transparent mechanism for managing the coast," she said.

According to Ms Smith, the functions and membership of the proposed NSW Coastal Council should be expanded to provide



Revetments such as the Ettalong sandbag wall may not be possible under the draft laws

advice on an integrated approach to coastal management, including policy, strategic functions in the new Act, and community engagement.

It is unclear how the new Coastal Management Act will interact with other legislation and agencies including the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, Marine Estate Management Act 2014 and proposed new biodiversity conservation laws, she said.

"The coastal reform package does not indicate what is to become of the Coastal Lands Protection Scheme," she added.

Ms Smith said the Community Environment Network recommended that the coastal reform package provided for an acquisition scheme for coastal lands of high environmental, social and cultural significance.

She said the network was concerned with the change in terminology from 'Coastal Protection Act' to 'Coastal Management Act'.

"We believe that this downgrades the importance of coastal protection including protection of flora and fauna, ecosystems and coastal processes."

She said the network generally

supported the overall objective of the new Act however requested that the objectives be modified to include "to protect and manage the coastal environment of NSW consistent with the principles of ecologically sustainable development for the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of the people of the State".

She said the network was also supportive of a recommendation to add "to support the social and cultural values of the coast and maintain the public's right of access, sustainable amenity and use".

The definition of 'coastal hazard' does not adequately capture anticipated impacts of climate change, including sea level rise and increased and more intense storm activity, Ms Smith said.

"The definition of foreshore seems much narrower than the definition of foreshore in the Local Government Act," she said.

According to Ms Smith, the Community Environment Network also supported requirements for consultation between adjoining councils within the same sediment compartment.

"We note that there is currently no mechanism to

resolve inconsistencies in coastal management approaches," she said.

The network's submission also highlighted other omissions in the proposed reform package.

"The issues of funding, restoration and maintenance are a key consideration when granting development consent for coastal protection works, and should be included in the Bill," Ms Smith said.

In conclusion, Ms Smith said the network was concerned that consolidation of the three State Environmental Planning Policies would lead to weakening of environmental protections.

"There is concern that existing protections are not being carried through into the new system, and will be weakened.

"We are concerned that allowing Councils significant freedom and scope to change maps may lead to 're-categorisation' and undermine the evidence base of maps.

"We support the suggestion that all changes must be underpinned by substantial, scientific evidence, and ground-truthed with on-ground surveys.

"Proposals to reduce the boundaries of coastal wetland and littoral rainforest areas and coastal

environment areas should not be permitted.

"Any future Planning Proposals for changes to maps and boundaries must have the concurrence of the Office of Environment and Heritage prior to consideration by the Department of Planning and Environment.

"Proposed changes must also go through a process of public consultation.

"The proposed controls for vulnerable areas could be strengthened by: prohibiting further development in coastal vulnerability areas; specifying that development consent is required for any damage or removal of coastal dunes, foreshores, vegetation and wetlands that such consent must also require that any damage be rehabilitated and restored; and ensuring development controls reflect management objective

"We also submit that a consent authority must not approve a development proposal unless it meets the development controls for this area, rather than simply 'consider' the controls.

In terms of mapping: "The existing coastal zone boundary would be the most appropriate, given that no case for change has been made.

"The current boundary should be used to retain current protection measures, and be fixed.

"If councils wish to expand the development footprint, this should be done via a transparent review of coastal management area boundaries involving community consultation.

"We strongly oppose allowing exempt and complying development in coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests or in the catchments of sensitive coastal lakes and lagoons.

"No provisions should be retained for emergency coastal protection works in emergency situations.

"With proper strategic planning, based on robust science, the new coastal management framework should reduce emergency situations.

**Submission, 29 Feb 2016
Jane Smith, Community
Environment Network
Reporter: Jackie Pearson**



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Peninsula unlikely to be faced with managed retreat

The Peninsula is unlikely to be faced with "managed retreat" in the face of climate change and sea level rise, according to Mr Pat Aiken from the Coastal Alliance.

"The Peninsula, especially Woy Woy, is more developed than other areas and Council and the State Government are now looking at redevelopment.

"The area's major beach, Umina and Ocean Beach, is growing and not likely to be subject to huge erosion," he said.

However, he said the area still deserved a strong community engagement strategy along with multiple tactics to defend the community from the impact of sea level rise.

"The NSW Government should be far more positive and focused on how we can do this so there is no damage to our local communities," Mr Aiken said.

"I think solutions like building sea walls are too black and white because there may be a case where you can't put sea walls in or where managed retreat may be the only choice at the end of the day but people need to understand what that means," he said.

Beach scraping to combat erosion, the building of revetments, and man-made offshore reefs are all solutions being explored and applied in other countries that the NSW Government appears to have turned its back on, according to Mr Aiken.

"Under the new laws if councils or private individuals wanted to use sand to bolster dunes after a severe weather event, they could not shift it from one area of the beach to another, they would have to truck it in from another location," he said.

Adaptation plans appear to have been abandoned by the NSW Government in favour of planned retreat, according to Mr Aiken.

Mr Aiken said St Hubert's Island is an example of a man-made

environment that could be used as a model for future adaptation plans to combat sea level rise on the Peninsula.

"All houses on St Hubert's Island are above the flood line," he said.

"It takes about \$25,000 to raise a residential property above the flood line."

He said Gosford Council had committed to exploring adaptation plans that involved land raising but has since withdrawn support for such strategies.

"Lake Macquarie has now become the lead council in NSW in terms of being the liaison council for the national climate change authority and Gosford Council had that opportunity and dropped out," he said.

"What would be wrong with improving the amenity of our beaches with works like the recently-completed boardwalk at Ettalong yet an engineer said that work would not have been approved if attempted under the proposed reforms," he said.

He said raising the land level of the Woy Woy CBD as part of any redevelopment plan would not only combat sea level rise but would create employment and economic growth for the area.

The alternative, single solution of managed retreat from areas impacted by sea level rise, which seems to now be the State Government's preferred approach for the future, won't only affect the private land owner but "ultimately it will filter back down to the local LGA" in the form of lower property values, reduced rates and land taxes.

He said the Coastal Alliance doesn't support strategies such as relocating residents impacted by sea level rise to new subdivisions located well above sea level.

"That is just a complete nonsense because with that you lose community, infrastructure, it has all got to be rebuilt," he said.

He said the establishment of

a new Coastal Council under the reforms meant a shift of power from local to state government.

The current NSW coastal zone is based on up to 1000 metres landward from the high water mark.

According to Mr Aiken that means the new rules will apply to all the Peninsula foreshore areas and the suburbs behind them – virtually the whole Peninsula.

"That is how it is at the present time anyway but what is different is they plan to introduce 70 new development controls that can be applied in that area.

The new coastal zone will have four management areas but local communities will not have access to the NSW Government's maps that show where those areas lie until the reforms become law.

He said that Zone Four was Coastal Usage and basically covered all the developed areas of the Peninsula.

Developments in that zone would have to comply with 15 new controls orientated towards stronger environmental protection.

Zone Three was called Coastal Vulnerability and was the next highest management area and would include any of the areas currently affected by flooding.

Zone Two was Coastal Environment and any development would have to comply with new

controls covering zones four, three and two.

Zone One was Littoral Forest and Wetlands which includes land located within a 100 metre buffer that may affect some developments.

Under the draft law, residential properties in Zone One will be excluded from the State Environment Protection Plan that will set out the new development controls but local councils may be able to apply local plans to those developments.

"Zone Two would include property within 100 metres of the high tide mark.

"So that could be the whole of The Esplanade in Umina or many properties in Booker Bay and not only waterfront houses but those across the road that may not even have water access," Mr Aiken said.

"In Zone Two council is going

to have to tick a box that you have included arrangements in your development application to maintain the existing beach," he said.

Mr Aiken concedes that property owners in some Peninsula locations may benefit from the reforms.

Pearl Beach, for example, already had a building line that effectively consumed 50 per cent of some residential properties and zoning in that location may even be pushed seaward.

The difficulty was that coastal communities will not know which zone they fall into until after the law is passed, Mr Aiken said.

**Interview, 2 Mar 2016
Pat Aiken, Coastal Alliance
Reporter: Jackie Pearson**



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If you would like your Community Organisation listed here, call us on 4325 7369 or see www.centralcoastnewspapers.com

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However, we require each organisation to subscribe to each newspaper to ensure that someone from that organisation keeps their entry up to date.

Australia Post is about to increase their postage rates by over 42% and we can no longer continue to absorb these increases.

Subscription rates have therefore needed to be increased from \$50 to \$75 for 25 editions.

Bunnies lose players after losing place in competition

The Umina Bunnies Rugby League Club has been refused entry to the 2016 Central Coast Rugby League competition and most players have signed with other clubs.

President Shannon Sharpe said the club still had a women's league tag side playing in the Lower Hunter competition.

"A month ago, the club had 66 registered players and we had a chance to put a first-grade team and a girls' team in the Lower Hunter competition but we could not get 25 players with the will to travel," he said.

"Even if we were let back into the Central Coast competition today, all our players have left and signed with other clubs."

Mr Sharpe said the other clubs in the Central Coast Rugby League voted that the Umina Bunnies could remain in the competition at the annual general meeting in November 2015.

Days before Christmas, the Umina Bunnies received a letter from Central Coast Rugby League that gave the club seven days to

conduct a full audit of its accounts.

"Everything was closing for business and the league closed down too so we sent a letter back saying that under the circumstances we couldn't do it," he said.

"Then in January the league held a meeting on their first day back and said because we missed the deadline for the audit they made a decision to kick us out of the competition.

"We went to the Country Rugby League and they were all on our side all the way through.

"The league said we had to pay \$500 for an appeal so we paid that to Country Rugby League.

"At first Country said they did not have enough evidence to grant an appeal and told us we needed to complete a full audit, a plan on our player numbers, sponsorship and a plan for paying off our debts."

According to Shannon Sharpe, the Bunnies have debts of between \$35,000 and \$40,000.

"We did it all and then went back to Country and they said 'we don't do the appeal, you will have to go back to Central Coast Rugby

League'."

Mr Sharpe said instead of granting the Peninsula club a full appeal, the local league called another meeting of its member clubs and they reversed the vote, voting by 22 to three to remove the Bunnies from the 2016 competition.

"If we had been voted back into the competition, we would have had \$35,000 guaranteed sponsorship from Ettalong Diggers and we had another \$15,000 signed commitments from other sponsors so we would have been able to pay our debts."

The club's new management committee continues to meet on the first Monday of each month.

Their next meeting will brainstorm ways to raise funds to pay off the club's debts.

The ladies league tag side will play its home games at Umina oval and the competition starts in mid-to-late April.

The Umina Bunnies are still exploring their legal options in terms of re-entry to the local competition in future seasons.

Interview, 17 Mar 2016

Shannon Sharpe, Umina Bunnies Reporter: Jackie Pearson

Photographer exhibits in Paddington

Umina photographer Mr Brad Page will present his exhibition **Dare to be Bare** from April 8 to April 17.

The collection of fine art nude photographs will be displayed at William St Gallery, Paddington.

Mr Page draws inspiration from such photographers such as Helmut Newton who was innovative in his photography.

Mr Page said he enjoyed

pushing boundaries and challenging people's perception of art, working with clients to expand their boundaries in a safe and enjoyable setting.

The opening night on Friday, April 8, will commence from 6pm to 9pm with the exhibition running 10am to 5pm for the duration of the exhibit.

Media release, 7 Mar 2016

Brad Page, Brad Page Photography

Peninsula directory of services, contacts and support groups

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The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Monday, Mar 21

Easter Bunny Easter Raffle, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club, tickets on sale from 5:30pm for draw at 7:30pm

Thursday, Mar 24

Jitterbugs Easter Show Disco Fun, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Clubm 6pm and 8:30pm

Saturday, Mar 26

The Martin and Lewis Tribute Show, Ettalong Diggers memorial Club, doors open 8pm

Trash N Treasure market, Wagstaffe Community Hall

Pearl Beach Easter Saturday Monster Book Fair, Memorial Hall, 9 Diamond Rd Pearl Beach, 9am to 5pm

Patonga Progress Association Annual Easter Saturday Fete, Progress Hall, Brisk St, 9am to 1pm

Sunday, Mar 27

Easter Umina Beach Markets, 9am to 3pm, Peninsula Recreational Precinct, Umina

Thursday, Mar 31

Getting the most out of reading aloud, Woy Woy Library, 10am to 11am

Friday, Apr 1

Angela K Dennis and Dawn Luttrell art display, Gnostic Mana Café, 31 The Boulevard Woy Woy, 8am to 4pm until April 30

Big Brothers Big Sisters information Session for people interested in becoming a Big Futures Mentor to Year 10 students call Christine on 0413624529

Sunday, Apr 3

Seniors Week Band Stand, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club, doors open 2pm

Wednesday, Apr 6

Managing stress and increasing resilience for carers by Uniting Care Mental Health Family and Carer services, Peninsula Community Centre, 9:45am registration, course from 10am to 12:30pm

A full day of free activities for Seniors as a part of Seniors Week at Ettalong Bowling Club: morning tea, dietician, physio, making home safe for seniors, learn to bowl sessions, from 9:30am

Friday, Apr 8

Dare to be Bare exhibition by

Brad Page at William St Gallery, 14 William St Paddington, until April 17

Saturday, Apr 9

NAB Central Coast Italian Festival, Ettalong Beach Tourist Resort, 189 Ocean View Rd Ettalong, all weather event

Friday, Apr 15

Legendary Voices of Rock Featuring Steve Augeri from Journey and Robby Steinhardt from Kansas, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club

Sunday, Apr 17

Umina Beach Markets, 9am to 3pm, Peninsula Recreational Precinct, Umina

Monday, Apr 25

Anzac Day ceremony, Empire Bay War Memorial from 11am

Sunday, May 15

Umina Beach Markets, 9am to 3pm, Peninsula Recreational Precinct, Umina

If you've got something happening on the Peninsula over the next few weeks, let us know about it and we'll list it here for you, for free. Contact details are on page 2. See the Coast Community News for events in post code areas 2250, 2251 & 2260 and the Wyong Regional Chronicle for events in post code areas 2258, 2259, 2261, 2262 & 2263

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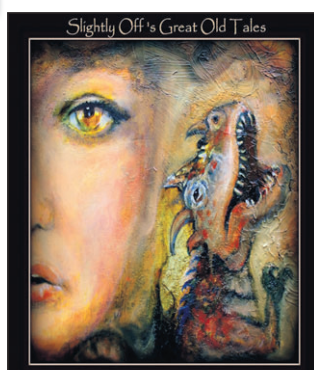
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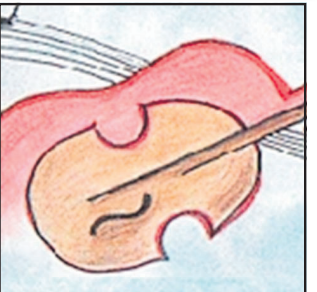
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Sport



Deakin prepares for second national boxing title

PCYC Umina boxer Thomas Deakin is on his way to his second national title after his performance at the recent NSW Boxing Titles held at Umina PCYC in February.

"Deakin will be keen to win his second Australian title on the Gold Coast in May, and looks to be in scintillating touch after a convincing win against his highly-touted opponent," said Umina PCYC trainer Joel Keegan.

"Unable to find a match for the state titles, a bout was secured with Ryan Nash from WA.

Nash is older and bigger, but this didn't deter the PCYC Umina boxer from being the dominant

fighter.

"Deakin's combination of skill and work rate, had the crowd screaming for more, but had his opponent in plenty of trouble.

"Deakin landed left hooks and right hands from long range, but didn't relent when the action got close, revealing a great set of body punching combinations.

"This followed a very successful tournament for the NSW PCYC Boxing Academy, based out of Umina PCYC."

A total of 12 PCYC boxers qualified for the upcoming Junior and Youth Nationals.

"Highlights over the weekend of boxing included Jake Williamson

having his first bout in front of plenty of faithful gym friends.

"Jake is doing very positive things in the community and its obvious the impact he is having with the crowd that followed him.

"Local prospect Reece White was unlucky to go down to Travis Druce, the king of the 69kg division.

"Reece had little right to trouble Druce, national champion and 2015 world junior competitor, but was every bit the match.

"White finished much the stronger and had plenty of people's votes on the night."

The event was run by PCYC Umina and Boxing NSW.

Submission, 17 Mar 2016
Joel Keegan, Umina PCYC

Junior touch fields nine teams in State Cup

Peninsula Junior Touch fielded nine teams at the NSW Junior State Cup in Port Macquarie in February.

The teams were the 10 Girls, 10 Boys, 12 Girls, 12 Boys, 14 Girls, 14 Boys, 16 Girls, 16 Boys and 18 Boys, accompanied by 10 referees.

The 14 Boys made it all the way to the grand final, claiming second in their division for NSW.

The 18 Boys and 12 Girls teams made it to their semi-finals respectively, before being knocked out and ultimately claiming third in their divisions for NSW.

The 16 Boys made it to their quarter final and placed fifth in the state.

All PJT teams played outstandingly and displayed their sportsmanship and club spirit on and off the field.

Upon returning from Port Macquarie, the club held its club presentation on March 3.

Mason Colwell received the Club Person of the Year Award and the Best and Fairest Player Award went to Tory Nelson.

Media release, 11 Mar 2016
Nicole Steed, Peninsula Junior Touch

Businesswoman takes out major award

A Woy Woy businesswoman has taken out major awards at the Business Professional Women Central Coast's Woman of the Year 2016 awards night.

Ms Patricia Hardcastle from Crystal Clear Pools won the Entrepreneur Award.

The 120 BPW Central Coast members and guests attending the dinner heard that the Crystal Clear Pool Shop was founded in 1979.

"Trish has been involved in the business since 2002," said awards organiser Ms Chris Levis.

"Trish has a daughter and five step children to her late husband who died in 2009.

"Her husband's death brought about a huge upheaval in Trish's life as such events always do.

"But Trish says she was brought up to be resilient, stand on her own two feet and not give up.

"So Trish took over the running of the business and has given it 110% ever since.

"She decided the best way to understand every aspect of the

business was to train up as a pool technician herself.

"In the early days, she said she often stood in front of equipment looking at all of the pipework, trying to work out what led where and often sought divine intervention from her late husband.

"However, she said patience and a determination helped her through.

"Trish is a great believer in innovation to maintain her competitive edge and superior service."

Some of innovations Ms Hardcastle introduced included a pool school to empower women to troubleshoot pool problems themselves, text reminders, accurate photometer pool analysis, and over-the-phone troubleshooting.

"It has all paid off.
"She has tripled the service vehicles in operation and recently won the award for the Focus 2015 National Pool Shop of the Year."

Email, 29 Feb 2016
Chris Levis, Business and Professional Women Central Coast Reporter: Jackie Pearson



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Members of the under-14 Umina Nippers Swim team won gold in their age group at the state championships

Umina under-14 Nippers take out swimming gold

Members of the under-14 Umina Nippers swim team finished their junior careers with gold medals at the recent state championships held on their home beach.

The U14 swim team consisting of Lachlan Braddish, Kai Darwin, Lachlan McLeod and Charlie Polson have been together since the under-nines and have remained close friends throughout their time in Nippers.

After winning a bronze medal in the under-10 swim team event at Kingscliff they have spent the last four years trying to replicate that success.

They have gone close a couple of times, finishing fourth and fifth in recent seasons, but in 2016 it all came together and now they have a state gold medal to add to their collection.

The foursome did enough to hold off a fast-finishing Manly and North Cronulla in what was a highly-competitive final.

"It's been really good being able to compete at home over the last couple of years, we've really enjoyed it as we're familiar with the conditions and been able to stay at home," said Lachlan McLeod.

"I'm so happy that we were finally able to get that gold medal," Kai Darwin said.

"We knew we got a medal when we looked across the line and saw there were only three of us, but we weren't sure of the colour.

"It is a great way to finish," Kai said.

"We've been together since we were nine and have become good friends so it's good to win together," said Charlie Polson.

"I think what we can be really happy about is doing it as a team," said Lachlan Braddish.

"We've stuck together and it's a great achievement," Lachlan said.

Media release, 11 Mar 2016
Donna Wishart, Surf Life
Saving NSW media



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Sport



Umina's Lachlan Braddish was among a host of Central Coast athletes who competed in the state titles

Teams from one end of the NSW coast to the other competed at the state championships at Umina and Ocean Beaches

Photo Marissa Clohesy

Photo - Stephen Chu

Surf championships attract 2500

More than 2500 beach and water athletes competed in the three-day 2016 Surf Life Saving NSW Open Championships held at Umina and Ocean Beach on March 12 and 13.

The open championships were the last events in the NSW championships hosted by Umina

and Ocean Beaches from March 4 to 13.

Umina Surf Life Saving Club made it into the top 10 in the open championships, at sixth place with 134 points and ahead of rival Central Coast club Avoca.

Competitors ranged from Olympians, to professional surf stars, through to rising under 14s competing in opens for the first

time.

During the course of the championship, competitor numbers were whittled down to the finalists, and then the ultimate gold, silver and bronze medallists.

For the third year, powerhouse club Newport won the state carnival on overall points, this time by a huge margin from rivals Manly.

the championships.

"The 2016 NSW Championships has been an outstanding success thanks to Ocean Beach and Umina Surf Life Saving Clubs and it's a fitting end to four years of hosting the event," Pidgeon said.

"I would also like to thank Gosford Council for their support of this great event."

represented in the age championships that were staged in the first week of the state event.

From Friday, March 4, almost 3000 competitors aged between nine and 14 from all around NSW hit the waves to compete in events including beach sprint, swimming, ski paddling, board Racing and ironman.

A large crowd gathered early on the afternoon of Sunday, March 13 to cheer on their favourite in the blue-ribbon Ironwoman and Ironman events.

Both finals produced a thrilling display of power and technique in mostly flat seas and light sea breezes.

Surf Life Saving NSW sport manager Rob Pidgeon said he was thankful for the efforts of the dedicated team of volunteers over

Surf clubs from as far north as Cudgen Headland (Kingscliff) and as far south as Narooma enjoyed superb conditions as the Peninsula's long hot summer continued well into autumn.

Spectators and competitors made the most of the fine weather, declared the best of the fourth and final carnival to be held at Umina and Ocean Beaches before the event moves to Swansea-Belmont in 2017.

Local clubs were well-

The state's best young lifesavers vied for medals and the chance to write their names into the history of the largest surf carnival of its type in Australia.

Surf Life Saving NSW claimed the event has generated almost \$10 million in stimulus for the local economy each year it has been held.

Umina entered a strong team, fielding 87 competitors.

Media release, 13 Mar 2016
Rob Pidgeon, Surf Life Saving NSW

Tide Chart

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Boxer hopes for world championship selection

PCYC Umina Beach boxer Anja Stridsman has returned from a competition to prepare for the World Championships.

This follows the disappointment of cruelly being denied a shot at the Olympics.

Stridsman, recently trained and competed in Sofia, Bulgaria, as a lead-up to the World Championship selections.

Boxing in the prestigious Stanja Tournament, which attracts competitors from around the world, the Umina girl hoped to see where she stood.

After two weeks of intense training with the Bulgarian National squad, Stridsman moved into the competition proper against the best talent she had faced to date.

Her first bout was against the

Uzbekistan champion, from a country with a real pedigree in boxing.

"It didn't deter the Umina girl, who racked up a very convincing win, with the score very lopsided by the end," said Umina trainer Joel Keegan.

The second round saw Stridsman draw a Swedish boxer who had won the Youth World Championships in 2013, once again in Sofia.

"In a very tough bout, Stridsman shocked everyone coming away with an unlikely win against such a seasoned and credentialed opponent.

"Stridsman was too strong and determined for the slick Swede, who had no answer for her strength in close quarters.

"Her next bout was to be her

last, as she fell to the Chinese champion in the quarter finals in another very close bout.

"The Chinese boxer was rated number two in the world, and again Stridsman was given little hope of competing at that level, but impressed all watching with a performance that had the Chinese team worried.

"The Chinese girl went on to win the competition in great style, with most good judges coming to the opinion Stridsman had been her toughest test."

Stridsman now waits for notification about her inclusion in the Australian team that competes in Astana, in May.

**Submission, 17 Mar 2016
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Anja Stridsman from Umina on right



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