

Decision time



Gary Chestnut



Kate da Costa



Gabby Greyem



Chris Holstein



Christine Keene

Pre-polling open at Woy Woy oval

Pre-polling venues for the Central Coast Council elections opened on Monday, August 28.

The only pre-polling location on the Peninsula is at the Woy Woy

stadium in Oval Ave.

It will be open from 8:30am to 5:30pm, Monday to Friday, and 9am to 5pm on Saturday.

Pre-polling will operate until 6pm on Friday, September 8.

Postal voting applications must be made to the NSW Electoral Commission by 5pm on Monday, September 4.

On election day, September 9, polling places will be open from

8am until 6pm.

The Woy Woy Peninsula is part of the Gosford West ward which is being contested by 25 candidates in nine groups.

The nine candidates

pictured (above) are either the lead candidates in one of the groups or are standing alone as independents.

SOURCE:
Media release, 27 Aug 2017
Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council



Troy Marquart



Richard Mehrtens

**Complete
election
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Carl Veugen



Skyla Wagstaff

Community plan group supports council candidates

The community group which formulated the Community Plan Central Coast (CPCC) has indicated support for some Central Coast Council candidates running for election on September 9.

The group of around 100 residents, led by two members of the Peninsula community, have

been working on the plan since November 2016.

The CPCC group has given its support to The Greens and Labor Party tickets in Gosford East and Gosford West wards.

The New Independents in both Gosford West ward, led by Mr Gary Chestnut, and in Gosford East ward by Ms Jane Smith, also have the support of CPCC.

Labor's number two candidate in the Gosford West ward, Ms Vicki Scott, and NextGen independent in the Gosford East ward, Ms Claire Braund, have both contributed to the formulation of the plan.

One of the group's founding members, Dr Van Davy of Pearl Beach, said: "If you vote for the candidates who support CPCC, you will be voting for a clean

person who will be working on your behalf.

"You will be voting for a future, for an entire idea of what your Central Coast should be."

"It is only when you get to local government that local issues are considered, so it is absolutely crucial someone somewhere has a plan that can feed in to other jurisdictions.

"The Central Coast is now the biggest council in the country, so it can feed into State and Federal jurisdictions, and especially across some of the biggest swing seats in both the State and nation."

Source:
Interview, 24 Aug 2017
Van Davy, Community
Plan Central Coast
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

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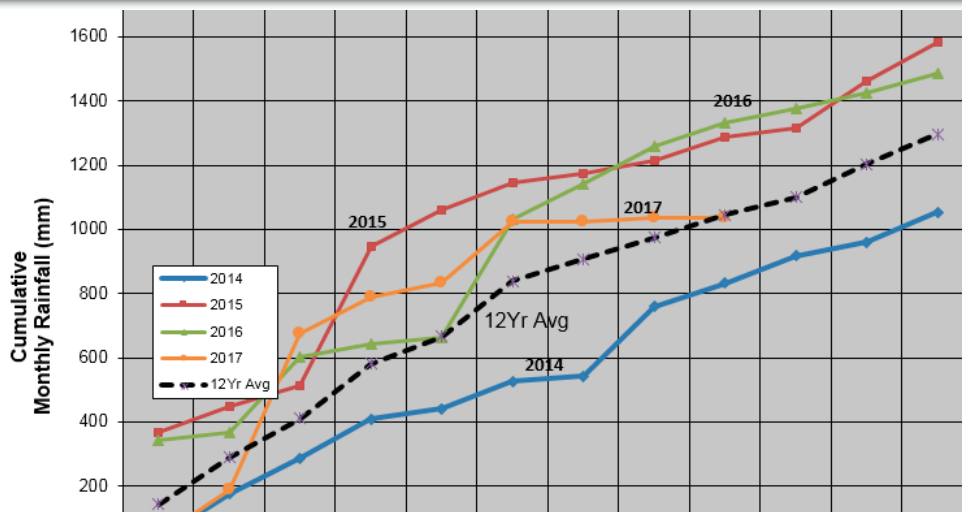
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Dry end to winter

Less than one millimetre of rain fell during the last 16 days of August, according to rainfall data collected by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

August 28 was, in fact, the only day out of those 16 when measurable rain fell on the Woy Woy Peninsula.

The other wet day, August 4,

was the only day during the entire month that saw more than 5mm.

The monthly total of 8.8mm was below the August average of 66mm, in fact, it was 87 per cent below average.

The cumulative total rainfall for the year to date, after a remarkably dry July and August, is 1033.9mm, still 6.3 per cent above the average

for all years of 973mm.

The Peninsula will need the forecast wet Spring to ensure the total 2017 rainfall doesn't slip below average.

SOURCE:
Rainfall data, 1 Sep 2017
Jim Morrison, Umina

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

Peninsula News and Lionel Midford Publicity have two double passes to give away to The Glenn Miller Orchestra at the Civic Theatre Newcastle on Sunday, September 17 at 2:30pm.

The Glenn Miller Orchestra is a concert spectacular direct from the USA with 24 musicians, singers and dancers.

The Glenn Miller Orchestra will perform all their great classic hits: Chattanooga Choo Choo, In the Mood, Tuxedo Junction, A String of Pearls, Moonlight Serenade and songs from the repertoire of

the Andrew Sisters.

The concert will also feature dance routines from the Broadway Swing Dancers, and the music of the 1940s from the Golden Era of Swing.

To be in the draw to win one of the two double passes, write your name, address and a daytime phone number on the back of an envelope and mail it to Peninsula News Glenn Miller Competition, PO Box 1056, Gosford, NSW, 2250 by 5:00pm on Thursday, September 14.

The winners of the Peninsula News Worm Farming Competition were Nea Roberts of Saratoga and Bronwyn Sandeman of Mount Elliot.



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Gosford West ward covers the Peninsula

Gosford West ward includes the suburbs and localities of Blackwall, Booker Bay, Ettalong Beach, Horsfield Bay, Koolewong, Little Wobby, Patonga, Pearl Beach, Phegans Bay, Umina, Wondabyne, Woy Woy and Woy Woy Bay.

This ward has a population listing of 66,814, with a population density of 0.84 persons per

hectare and a land area of 79,150 hectares, according to the 2016 Census data.

There are 25 candidates registered, broken up into seven groups, with two ungrouped.

Polling places are open from 8am to 6pm on Saturday, September 9.

Polling places for Gosford West are located at: Booker Bay Pre-School, Brisbane Water Secondary College-Umina and

Woy Woy Campuses, Empire Bay Public School, Ettalong Public School, Pearl Beach Community Centre, South Woy Woy Progress Association Hall, Umina Beach Public School, Umina Community Hall, Umina Uniting Church and Woy Woy South Public School.

SOURCE:
Website, 1 Sep 2017
NSW Electoral Commission

Gary Chestnut – Group A New Independents

Running with: Ferran Thornycroft, Lisa Wriley and Jean MacLeod

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Ward you would be elected to represent?

A. The lack of local jobs.

The previous Councillors gave incentives to developers to build high rise in Gosford.

The only outcome was developers made bigger profits.

I would redirect and implement incentives to existing small business and start-up companies.

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Central Coast Local Government Area?

A. The ongoing saga with Mangrove Mountain Landfill.

I would be able to inform the elected Councillors on matters that I am not able to discuss publicly.



I believe the Council can then make an informed decision on the best way forward.

The only way forward is for the Council to support a Commission of Inquiry.

A Commission of Inquiry will enable any backroom deals or confidential information to be made public.

Recommendations can be presented on what needs to happen to clean up the site and ensure mistakes that have happened in the past are not repeated in the future.

Q. How would you set about addressing that issue for (a) your ward, (b) the region?

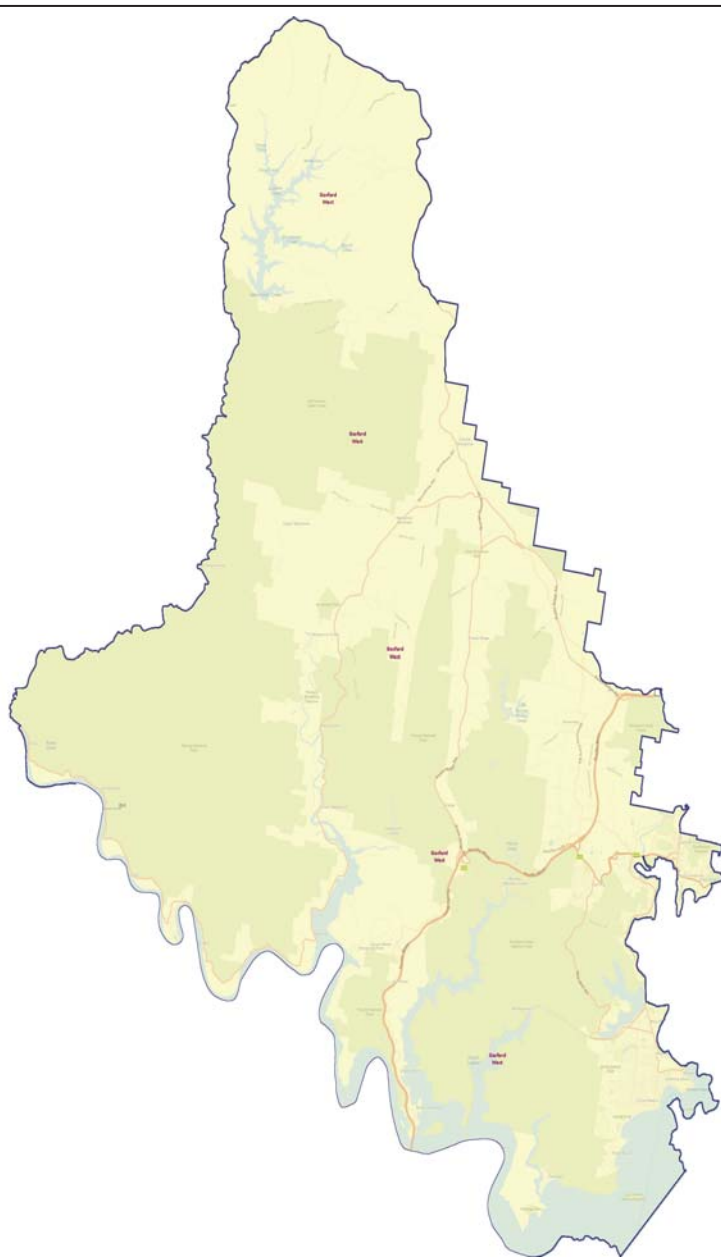
A. You need to set aside party politics and egos and work with whoever is elected for the benefit of all residents.

You need to listen to different viewpoints, probe and find out the facts.

The newly-elected Councillors need to build trust amongst themselves but more importantly trust with the Community.

Decisions need to be made in open Council for the benefit of all residents.

SOURCE:
Statement, 31 Aug 2017
Gary Chestnut, New Independents



Map of Gosford West ward

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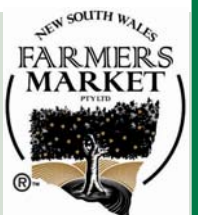


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Gosford City Farmers' Market will feature a wide range of fresh vegetables, fruits, primary produce including gourmet jams and preserves, olive oil products, pestos, macadamia nuts and fresh home made products. The market will include other food related items as well as high quality "food-to-eat" vendors. Flowers, plants and trees will also be available for sale. Additionally the market will also feature hand-made products other than food such as artists, designers and other quality artifacts.

The market will operate each Sunday from 8.00am till 1.00pm Rain, Hail or Shine.

Gosford City Farmers' Market
Gosford Racecourse,
4 Racecourse Rd, Gosford West



Gosford West



Kate da Costa – Group C The Greens

Running with: Ruth Herman and Wendy Rix

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Ward you would be elected to represent?

A. Managing such a huge area with very different needs, from Mangrove Mountain and the Hawkesbury villages to the increasingly dense residential area of the Peninsula, and the CBD of Gosford, without letting Gosford City eclipse the rest of the ward.

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Central Coast Local Government

Area?

A. Achieving truly sustainable development in the face of climate change and growing population pressures.

Q. How would you, if elected to Council, set about addressing that issue for (a) your Ward, (b) the region?

A. The solution to balancing the needs of the residents, businesses and nature across the Coast is no different to the solution for Gosford West Ward and cannot be done Ward by Ward, in isolation.

We need to acknowledge the true cost and value of clean water,

clean air and a healthy natural environment, and ensure that our planning controls in the new integrated LEP reflect those costs and values.

We will ensure that environmental impacts, particularly on water sources, are genuinely measured and transparently discussed.

We need to recognise that healthy communities need infrastructure in place, before housing and industrial estates are rolled out.

This includes planning for public transport, commuter parking, cycle

ways and pedestrians access.

We need to make sure that ordinary residents, and the natural environment, have as much say in planning the future of our region as business and developers, through mechanisms like precinct committees that are integrated into decision making.

We need to have plans, and stick to them, not change them at the whim of a new Councillor or business interest.

We need to change the culture of Council to one of genuine consultation and financial transparency.

SOURCE:

Statement, 29 Aug 2017
Kate da Costa, The Greens

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Community Environment Network

September is Biodiversity month!

September is Biodiversity Month - a great time of year to get outdoors and celebrate the biodiversity of the Central Coast.

We are fortunate to have magnificent National Parks and COSS lands (Coastal Open Space Scheme) as well as wetlands, waterways, rock platforms and marine environments - just to name a few of the diverse landscapes at our doorstep that you can explore for free!

Biodiversity is also critical to providing "ecosystem services" for us - clean water, clean air, our agriculture systems that provide food and a range of other services - some still to be fully researched.

These are just some of the reasons why we should care - and why our decision makers should make protecting biodiversity a priority.

CEN has been disappointed to learn that Transport NSW have approved the controversial Kangy Angy Intercity Fleet Rail Facility without any further exhaustive research into alternate sites. This decision shows a disregard to the threatened species on the site, the local community or for the dangers of increased flooding in the area. We will continue to work with the local residents to urge the government to find an alternate and better solution.

Threatened Species day is also on 7 September. One of the biggest threats to our biodiversity is climate change - and the predicted impacts including sea level rise, global warming, increased frequency and severity of storms and ocean acidification.

We urge you to support the work of CEN - get involved, become a member or make a donation to continue the important work that we are doing to protect the environment.

John Asquith, Chairman

Save the Date! - Central Coast BioBlitz 2017 Saturday, 18 November, 2017

A Bioblitz comprises a group of scientists, naturalists, "citizen scientists", students and community volunteers working together to discover, identify and record the diversity of living things within an area.

We will be joining together with local experts to document as many species of flora and fauna as possible within a 24 hour period.

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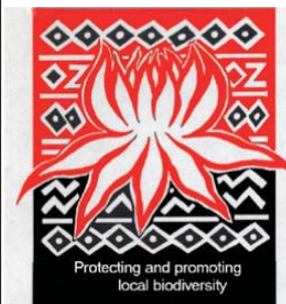
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11:00 am -12:00 noon
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Tue, 3 October
Rockpool Discovery Walk
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Gabby Greyem – Group E Independent**Running with: Helen Macnair and Sarah Rimmer**

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Ward you would be elected to represent?

represent?

A. I've been a resident, a local business woman, a mother and a community member in Gosford West Ward since 1999.

I have a deep love for our spectacular natural environment, from our beaches, to our national parks, our farm lands, to our fisheries, oyster farms and our heritage coastal seaside townships.

I'm a passionate and active local resident, a volunteer and coffee shop owner, currently employing 17 staff including three adult apprentices.

I'm an active local resident and small business operator with a strong connection to the community in Gosford West Ward.

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Central Coast Local Government

Area?

I believe in building our local economy, providing real and meaningful long-term local jobs, preserving and enhancing our local natural beauty and tourist attractions, long-term planning for infrastructure, including better public transport, better education and an international quality university on the Central Coast.

Just this year to assist struggling young kids, I have given 96 kids free cooking classes.

I have also given over 10 teenagers free barista training, to help them find jobs in the hospitality industry.

Q. How would you, if elected to Council, set about addressing that issue for (a) your Ward, (b) the region?

I promise to bring to my role as an independent councillor, open

ears, an open mind and heart, professionalism, transparency, dedication and first and foremost the best interests for our community and the future of our region.

I will ensure Central Coast Council is a customer service oriented, accountable, professional and transparent organisation, serving its residents and using our resources for the best long term outcomes for our community.

I'm hard working, diligent, honest and approachable.

I will be a true representative for your needs and I will strive to ensure Central Coast Council works for our community's best interests now and in the planning for the future.

Source:

Statement, 29 Aug 2017
Gabby Grayem, Independent

**Christine Keene – Independent**

Ungrouped

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Ward you would be elected to represent?

A. The most important issue facing Gosford West Ward, which includes Gosford City, is jobs.

People live on the Central Coast because it offers a relaxing lifestyle in a beautiful location yet they spend hours a day commuting to work, often to Sydney.

The unemployment level is very high and crime and drug use are rising.

We must provide local employment opportunities for all ages.

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Central Coast Local Government Area?

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Chris Holstein – Group B Independent

Running with: Lorraine Wilson and Bob Puffett

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Ward you would be elected to represent?

A. The issues are many, from Woy Woy rail underpass, channel access to Brisbane Water, Brisbane Water drive upgrade, cycle ways, development in general, to name a few, but down to the very localise issues of Spencer wharf for example.

If I am to define that in one issue it will be delivering the community

link to council in that elected representation to listen, liaise and act on all those matters and more.

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Central Coast Local Government Area?

A. For the region it will be for those elected in the five different wards finding common ground, acting as one to deliver for the Central Coast as a whole.

Q. How would you, if elected to Council, set about addressing that issue for (a) your Ward, (b) the region?

A. If elected I will work with all

the other councillors to highlight the needs in the West Ward, and to understand their respective Wards' needs.

To find common ground with other councillors beyond individual ideologies or political interests to move the Central Coast forward.

To commit that in my role as a councillor to be available to listen to all citizens and use the 25 years' experience in civic life to base my decisions on common sense and a full understanding of the facts.

SOURCE:

Statement, 28 Aug 2017
Chris Holstein, Independent

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Christine Keene

From page 5

A. Local jobs should be the main focus for the entire Central Coast.

We must provide all residents the opportunity to work locally and contribute directly to the Central Coast community.

We need to achieve a dramatic increase in the number of businesses operating on the Central Coast, commitment from these businesses to provide work experience programs for school leavers and all youth, police to work with businesses to understand their needs in providing a safe environment for their workers and correctional facilities to discuss with businesses opportunities they can provide for deserving individuals.

Q. How would you, if elected to Council, set about addressing that issue for (a) your Ward, (b) the region?

A. Take stock of all available commercial and retail space.

Council to work with owners to dust it off and make it presentable for renting to major businesses.

List the space through local and Sydney-based agents.

Council to directly approach major business brands in Sydney.

Council to offer incentives to businesses that relocate or establish branch offices on the Central Coast.

Council to maintain strong relationships with businesses so they feel part of the community.

SOURCE:

Statement, 25 Aug 2017

Christine Keene, Independent

Troy Marquart – Group D
Liberal Party

Running with: Sue Dengate and Jack Wilson

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Ward you would be elected to represent?

A. As a staunch Coastie, I am appalled that Labor and the Greens have publically noted their desire to tamper with Australia Day from a council level, even before the election has been held.

This attack on Australia Day is an attack on our Australian values and gives local voters a snap shot of what to expect from Labor and the Greens in Council.

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Central Coast Local Government Area?

A. Over the past 15 years, with my wife Kylie, we have built a successful local business, Shoreline Sports Floors.

It was born from hard work and dedication, positive attributes the Liberal Team is looking to bring to Council Chambers.

Using this as inspiration, my passion and goal is to ensure every dollar of the Council budget is spent to benefit Central Coast locals.

Q. How would you, if elected to Council, set about addressing that issue for (a) your Ward, (b) the region?

A. I can pledge that our united



team will protect the institution that is Australia Day and keep policy discussion on topic.

Local roads, local infrastructure and local issues need to be debated by the new Council.

A vote for our Liberal team will be a vote for Common Sense Council.

We must understand the community needs, and will work with all levels of Government to fight for our fair share of funding on the Central Coast.

Only a strong Liberal Council will protect and grow our \$9.6 billion in assets, and ensure the \$204 million Capital Works budget is spent in our Central Coast region.

SOURCE:

Statement, 25 Aug 2017

Troy Marquart, Liberal

Richard Mehrstens – Group G
Labor Party

Running with: Vicki Scott and Brad Ernst

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Ward you would be elected to represent?

A. As a local that lives and works in Gosford West Ward, I see the issues that our community faces every day.

The last 12 months without an elected Council, and in the dying days of Gosford Council, we know how vital it is that the community has a strong voice in local government to stand up for proper services, transparency in decision making, and genuine consultation with the community.

As a Labor Councillor, I will fight to bring accountability and transparency back to Council by changing procedures to ensure that we start off on the right foot and truly represent the community.

More Council meetings need to be open to the community, fewer held behind closed doors and with active outreach and consultation with residents where they live about the issues that affect them.

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Central Coast Local Government Area?

A. We need to make the amalgamation work for the community and for the region.

We need to unite and work together so we get our fair share.

Whatever people's opinion of the amalgamation, we have the



opportunity to build a strong and hardworking Council that will make the Coast an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

We have everything we need right here on the Coast to make that happen.

Q. How would you, if elected to Council, set about addressing that issue for (a) your Ward, (b) the region?

As one of the biggest employers and purchasers on the Coast, Central Coast Council should be looking here first when hiring and buying.

We have locals who want to work, and businesses that want to grow.

That's why I will be fighting for a Local Preference Policy that will mean that local workers and businesses get the first look at tenders and jobs.

SOURCE:

Statement, 31 Aug 2017

Richard Mehrstens, Labor

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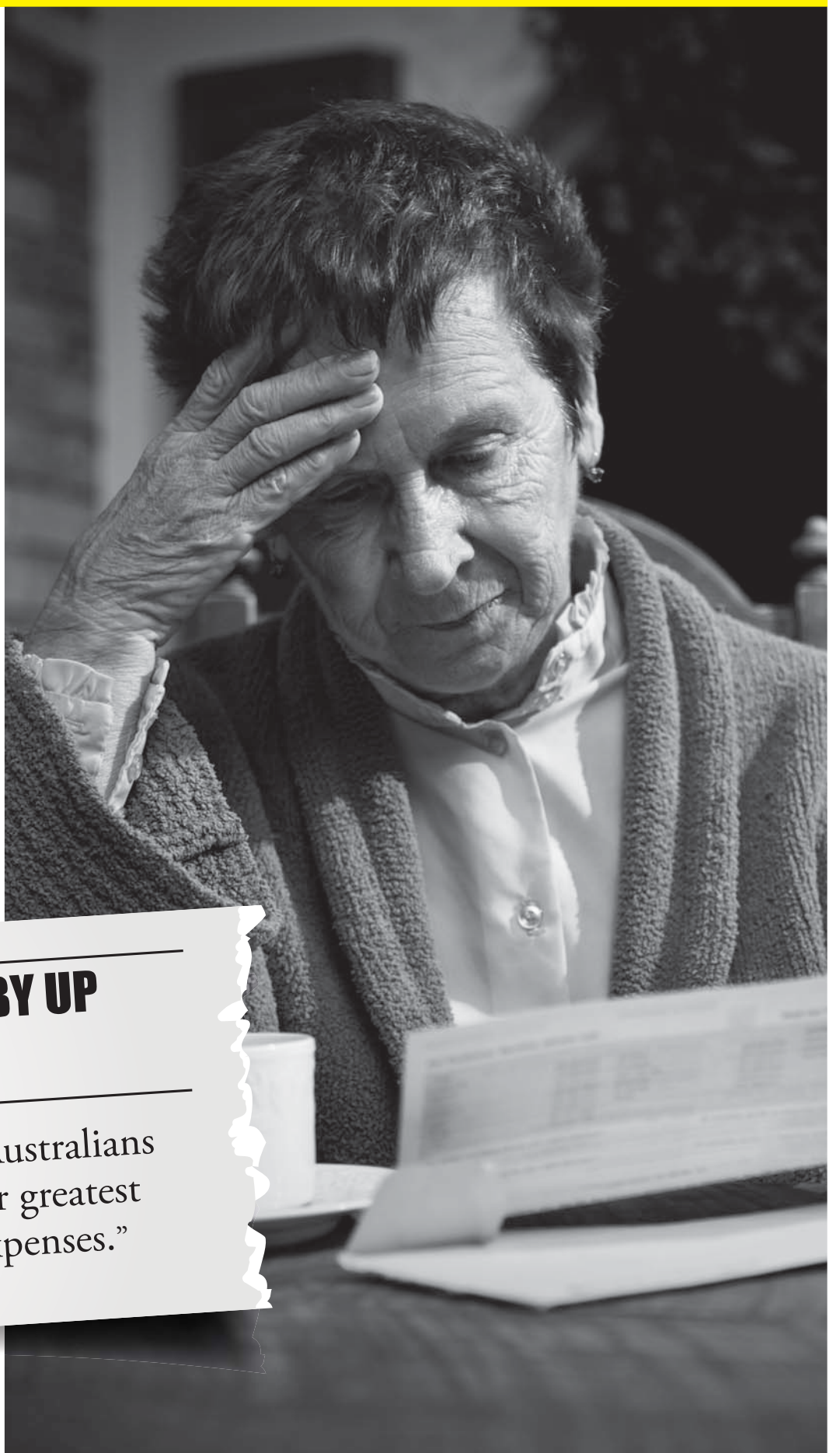
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Carl Veugen – Group F Save Tuggerah Lakes

Running with: Daniel Johnson and John Caska

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Ward you would be elected to represent?

A. Firstly there are the problems with the Mangrove Mountain Landfill and the illegal waste dumping at Spencer.

Both of these issues need independent investigations, also there is the problem with the

dangerously choked channel entrance to the Brisbane Water which needs to be fixed before lives are lost.

Our roads need to be fixed: no more patch ups.

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Central Coast Local Government Area?

A. To bring the whole community together to try to remove the us and them mentality which has existed

within the whole of the Central Coast for years due to having two councils.

The entire Central Coast is now one region and we all need to work together to make the region the best it can be.

Q. How would you, if elected to Council, set about addressing that issue for (a) your Ward, (b) the region?

A. Once elected, the first thing is to see the makeup of the new council and to establish a good working relationship with the other councillors.

Then I will fight for my ward to get its fair share of the budget spending to address the issues the community feel are of most significance and require urgent attention.



The region as a whole requires all the elected representatives to put their personal agenda's aside and focus on the region not just their wards to make it the best place it can be.

Source:
Statement, 29 Aug 2017
Carl Veugen, Save Tuggerah Lakes



CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL ELECTION Saturday, 9th September 2017

Budgewoi Ward, Gosford East Ward, Gosford West Ward, The Entrance Ward, Wyong Ward

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Voting on election day

Voting will take place on Saturday, 9th September 2017 between the hours of 8am and 6pm.

On election day you must vote at a polling place for your council, or your ward if your council is divided. There is no absent voting at local government (council) elections. To check your enrolment details visit our website or call us.

Polling Places

A list of polling places for your council or ward is available by visiting our website or calling us.

Voting before election day

Postal Voting and Pre-Poll Voting

You may be entitled to a postal or pre-poll vote. For details visit our website or call us.

Voting early in person

Pre-poll voting begins on Monday, 28th August 2017 and ends at 6pm Friday, 8th September 2017. You can vote in person at the following location(s).

Not all pre-poll venues are open for the whole pre-poll voting period. For specific operating dates and times of each pre-poll venue visit our website or call us.

Pre-Poll venues

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| Blue Haven Community Hall | 1 Apsley Court, Blue Haven NSW 2262 |
| Central Coast Returning Officer's Office | 2/1 Reliance Drive, Tuggerah NSW 2259 |
| The Erina Centre, Meeting Room 3 | The Hive, Erina Fair, North South Road, Erina NSW 2250 |
| Gosford Pre-Poll | Old Tote Rooms, Gosford Showground Showground Road, Gosford NSW 2250 |
| Terrigal 50+ Learning and Leisure Centre | Duffys Road, Terrigal NSW 2260 |
| The Entrance Pre-Poll | 26 The Entrance Road, The Entrance NSW 2261 |
| Toukley Presbyterian Church | 37 Victoria Avenue, Toukley NSW 2263 |
| Woy Woy Pre-Poll | Woy Woy Stadium, Oval Avenue, Woy Woy NSW 2256 |
| Wyong Pre-Poll | 11-13 Hely Street, Wyong NSW 2259 |

You can also vote early, and on election day, at Sydney Town Hall, 483 George Street, Marconi Room (entry from Druitt Street) from Monday, 28 August 2017. For more details visit our website or call us.

Voting by Post

You can apply online for a postal vote from www.votensw.info or by calling 1300 135 736. Your application must be completed and received by the NSW Electoral Commission no later than 5pm Monday, 4th September 2017.

Voting is compulsory

Voting is compulsory for all electors where elections are being held. The penalty for not voting is \$55.

Candidates

A full list of candidates for your council or ward is available by visiting our website or calling us.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEETS

Each candidate's information sheet is available for viewing on our website or at the Returning Officer's office.

Information: www.votensw.info or call 1300 135 736

For enquiries in languages other than English call our interpreting service 13 14 50

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Peter Swan
Returning Officer

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KEEP PARTY POLITICS OUT OF COUNCIL

NEW INDEPENDENTS

Gosford West Ward



Gary CHESTNUT
Town planner, scientist,
business manager and expert
in local government law



Ferran THORNYCROFT
Currently studying at Sydney
University majoring in chemistry,
government and science



Lisa WRILEY
Environmental educator and
active waste recycler



Jean MACLEOD
Community advocate

- Immediate closure of Mangrove Mountain waste facility pending ICAC investigation
- Defend the village character and lifestyle of the Peninsula
- Resolve flooding issues across the Peninsula
- Protect our agricultural land
- No mining in our rural and water catchment areas
- Consider the needs of the community through community consultation
- Revitalise Gosford City Centre as an active cultural and commercial hub

Gosford East Ward



Jane SMITH
Teacher, Marine Scientist,
environmental planner



Mitchell LAWLER
Electrician, volunteer
with MacMasters Beach
Rural Fire Service



Sue CHIDGEY
Retired charity fundraising
coordinator, President Brisbane
Water Historical Society

- Tackle parking and traffic congestion
- Development to enhance our quality of life, not diminish it
- Protect our scenic bushland and open space
- Involve local communities in planning for sustainable development
- Provide recreation and community facilities for families and young people
- Protect our rural valley lifestyles
- Establish a 5 year plan to reseal all roads

HOW TO VOTE!

Gosford West Ward

GROUP A



INDEPENDENT



CHESTNUT Gary
INDEPENDENT



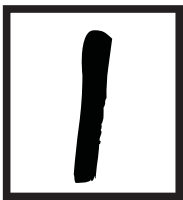
THORNYCROFT Ferran
INDEPENDENT



WRILEY Lisa
INDEPENDENT

Gosford East Ward

GROUP C



INDEPENDENT



SMITH Jane
INDEPENDENT



LAWLER Mitchell
INDEPENDENT



CHIDGEY Sue
INDEPENDENT

Gosford West

Skyla Wagstaff – Animal Justice Party

Ungrouped

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Ward you would be elected to represent?

A. No real representation of our peoples' genuine concerns with having so many unethical decisions made by some Government decision makers.

Our community are left to pay grave consequences due to their failures.

Our Coast is under ongoing serious threats to non-sustainable development.

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Central Coast Local Government Area?

A. The lack of community consultation and long term planning to protect our resources and build on our assets for our community that tis based sustainable prosperous growth.

There is a current failure to listen and advocate on the concerns of community members about developments and the threats to devaluing residents' homes, lack of action in environment and animal protection.

Q. How would you, if elected to Council, set about addressing that issue for (a) your Ward, (b) the region?

A. I will ensure Council



progresses to a forward thinking, transparent and inclusive community that benefits animals, our environment and all in our community.

One based on transparent and ethical procedures through introducing measurable performance reviews where councillors are accountable in all planning and management of the community, for the community.

All developments only proceed with full community consultation, thorough assessment of biodiversity impacts to species' habitat, animal welfare and human health and well-being.

This includes our Koala populations, all threatened species and habitats be

protected.

Propose and consult on policy to ban animal circuses from council land.

Promote and support an independent review of any prior and current developments that the community believes were unjust.

I am determined our Community Centre is finally underway offering prosperous opportunities and culture enrichment.

Building greater recognition in our people and cultures that both respects the traditional owners and indigenous places and history.

I am committed in gaining better resources for our growing numbers of families, people all ages and abilities that strengthens employment, health, education and equality.

I will advocate for regulated companion animal breeding, affordable desexing and banning animal circuses in the Coast, the majority of our community have shown ongoing objections to for years.

SOURCE:
Statement, 31 Aug 2017
Skyla Wagstaff, Animal Justice Party

Gosford East ward borders Peninsula

The southern boundary of the Gosford East Ward is the northern shore of Brisbane Water at the Rip Bridge.

In includes Bouddi, Box Head, Daleys Point, Empire Bay, Hardys Bay, Killcare, Killcare Heights, Pretty Beach, St Huberts Island and Wagstaffe.

This ward has a population of 65,779, with a population density of 6.30 persons per hectare and a land area of 10,445 hectares, according to the 2016 Census data.

There are 19 candidates registered, in six groups with one ungrouped Independent.

Polling places for Gosford East Ward include: Empire Bay Public School, Ettalong Public School, Wagstaffe Community Hall and Woy Woy South Public School.

SOURCE:
Website, 1 Sep 2017
NSW Electoral Commission



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NEXT GENERATION INDEPENDENTS

HOW TO VOTE Gosford East Ward CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL ELECTION



Claire Braund, Dr Diane Bull and Danielle Habib are professional women who have lived and worked on the Central Coast for many years. They have put themselves forward for election in Gosford East Ward.

They believe our Council needs: Fresh thinking, better governance, financial accountability, wise decision making and improved communication. They are true independents and not members of any political party.

The Central Coast needs strong advocates for us to be a smart, vibrant, connected region with quality jobs, good services, a wonderful natural environment and thriving & caring communities.

We have the experience and professionalism to deliver.

1 VOTE GROUP B

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Community Plan Central Coast

We recommend you allocate your preferences as follows

BALLOT PAPER FOR Local Government Election held 9 September 2017

Election of 3 Councillors Gosford East Ward Central Coast

| GROUP A | GROUP B | GROUP C | GROUP D | GROUP E | GROUP F |
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| LIBERAL | 1 | 2 | 3 THE GREENS | 4 LABOUR | 6 STL |
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Authorised by Claire Braund, 149 Wells St, Springfield

Braund 149 Wells Street, Springfield 2251

Pat Aiken – Group F Save Tuggerah Lakes**Running with: Gary Lindahl and Denis Whitnall**

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Ward you would be elected to represent?

A. Our water and sewage services are regularly subject to breakages as they have reached end of life.

Roads are maintained in a piecemeal manner and many suburbs are flood liable with little flood mitigation.

Brisbane Water has been neglected over many years with loss of navigation, reduced amenity and a regular overflow of sewage.

The lack of gross pollutant traps

ensures a range of pollutants enter our waterways with every storm and our waterfront reserves are not complimented by sufficient amenities.

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Central Coast Local Government Area?

A. We have world class beaches but little has been done to improve amenity.

We need to revitalise our beaches and waterways and can do this if we introduce a long-term dredging campaign.

Dredge the channels and put the sand on our beaches.

Our unique Coastal Open

Space System is overrun with feral pests and weeds, provides little amenity in the form of walking and cycling trails and every year presents a major bush-fire hazard due to the level of hazard reduction carried out.

If properly managed these major natural assets have the potential to boost local business and local jobs.

Q. How would you, if elected to Council, set about addressing that issue for (a) your Ward, (b) the region?

Poor governance is demonstrated by a severe inability to engage our community and openly discuss the many

challenges this region faces.

The new Code of Conduct introduced by the Administrator imposes an iron fisted approach to any whistleblower councillor.

Gosford Councils \$1.4billion in missing assets and missing millions cannot just be swept under the table and ignored until the ICAC delivers it findings.

We cannot move forward financially, socially, environmentally or culturally without transparency of local government.

SOURCE:
Statement, 31 Aug 2017
Pat Aiken, Save Tuggerah Lakes

**Claire Braund – Group B Next Generation Independents****Running with: Diane Bull and Danielle Habib**

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Ward you would be elected to represent?

A. Aside from the major centre of Gosford, East Ward is comprised of many 'villages' who all have different local issues.

Many of these are specific to their waterfront / public land areas such as development versus preservation of the natural environment, maintenance of public facilities and services, and accessibility and transport.

If you take this up a level, the big issue is around how the views, expertise and knowledge

of residents and ratepayers to address the many small problems which over-time can become a giant headache, are heard, understood and acted on in Council.

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Central Coast Local Government Area?

A. The Central Coast is sandwiched between Newcastle and Sydney and lacks a clear identify both internally and externally.

We also compete for services and facilities between the north (Wyong) and south (Gosford) and lack strong advocates into the state and federal government systems.

This means we are often disadvantaged by poor planning and policy decisions.

Good examples are the rail facility at flood prone Kangy Angy (rather than Warnervale) and the ATO and NSW Finance Office on the former waterfront public school site (rather than in Gosford CBD).

Q. How would you, if elected to Council, set about addressing that issue for (a) your Ward, (b) the region?

A. Local Government is about putting people first.

Here are some ideas that combine the resources of Council and the ingenuity of local people that don't cost the earth or take years to deliver.

Establish ward or precinct committees fed by local groups; Progress Associations, sports and member clubs and cultural and arts groups to inform on multiple issues.

Invest in ICT infrastructure, smart mobile Apps and web-based systems so councillors and council staff have access to the right technologies to manage interactions with thousands of residents and ratepayers.

Advocate strongly for the Central Coast as a region in its own right.

SOURCE:
Statement, 31 Aug 2017
Claire Braund, Next Generation Independent

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**EXPERIENCE**

"Everyone welcomes new blood into the council, but it will also need an aspect of experience and I know Chris Holstein can deliver that to the new Central Coast Council"

Laurie Maher

**COMMITMENT**

"Holstein has always been committed to the greater good for all the Central Coast, and I say this having known and worked with him in the community for over 20 years"

Bob Graham

**COMMON SENSE**

"I've known Chris since the Mariners kicked off on the Central Coast, he is a man that exercises common sense in his thinking and his actions. He is what this new council needs."

Lawrie McKinna

WE ENDORSE **CHRIS HOLSTEIN**
VOTE 1 GROUP B **GOSFORD WEST WARD**



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Authorised by Lucy Wicks MP, Level 3, 69 Central Coast Highway, West Gosford NSW 2250.

Stephen Pearson – Group D The Greens**Running with: Robina Sinclair and Terry Jones**

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Ward you would be elected to represent?

A. There are many issues for this large ward. All the issues have importance but a topic continually being raised is the protection of our environment and overdevelopment.

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Central Coast Local Government Area?

A. The most critical issue is governance.

There is deep cynicism about how this Council and previous Councils have operated.

Can we achieve a Council that works for the community in an accountable, transparent and truly consultative way?

Good governance will also lead to good outcomes and getting things done.

Q. How would you, if elected to Council, set about addressing that issue for (a) your Ward, (b) the region?

A. The Liberal's mega Council is a mega mess.

Part of the mess is the huge

workload Councillors will face and the requirement to be across not just ward issues but more regional issues like the Warnervale airport debacle.

My qualifications as a Chartered Accountant and experience in senior roles in all sizes of enterprises will enable me to tackle that workload at a ward level and across the region.

We need to get Council back on track to address the critical infrastructure, planning, financial management and service underperformance issues.

The Council will demerge at some point in the future but, post

September 9, we must have a Council that performs to the highest standards of ethical behaviour in all its dealings.

The Greens take a positive set of policies to the Council.

I believe that working with other Councillors of good will we can deliver so much more for the region.

We should be an innovation powerhouse with a great quality of life, local jobs, fantastic natural environment and sustainable development.

SOURCE:

Statement, 25 Aug 2017

Stephen Pearson, The Greens

Running with Mitchell Lawler and Susan Chidgey

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Ward you would be elected to represent?

A. Gosford East ward covers a lot of coastal and nearby areas that are under pressure from population growth and development.

It is critical that we plan for population growth without destroying the things that residents and communities value.

Residents are feeling that their voices are not being heard.

Future planning should keep the mix of residential, rural and environmental areas.

We need better planning for transport and providing recreation and community facilities.

Q. What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Central Coast Local Government Area?

A. We need better governance and decision making that is open, transparent and accountable.

Too many decisions are being made behind closed doors. We have seen the wastage of ratepayer funds on projects that were not in the interests of residents and decision makers having forums with developers whilst getting rid of community Advisory Committees.

Over the next few years, Council will be preparing a new Comprehensive LEP (the key planning rules for the Central Coast) and this needs to have a high level of community involvement to make sure that we get it right.

We need a plan for the future that protects the things that we value and that make the Central Coast unique.

We need sustainable development that returns planning to the people

- rather than Councils allowing developers to determine how our local neighbourhoods change.

Planning needs to ensure that infrastructure, including roads and drainage, are provided before development proceeds.

It needs to protect our drinking water catchment and agricultural lands, our scenic bushland, open space, lagoons and waterways.

Q. How would you, if elected to Council, set about addressing that issue for (a) your Ward, (b) the region?

A. I want to see Council support local community associations and resident groups including working with these groups to bring their communities together to identify priorities for now and a future vision for their area.

It is a priority for me to make sure

that Council has better governance and is more open, transparent and accountable.

I would ensure that there is a high level of community involvement in developing the new planning rules for the Central Coast, restore Council Advisory Committees that include community representatives with skills, knowledge and expertise, invest in technology that models our transport infrastructure including traffic flows.

That way, when new development is proposed, we can truly assess the cumulative impact of increased traffic, parking and public transport needs

I would carry out a review of recreation facilities and usage, including sporting fields, to see how we meet growing demand.

Lobby for stronger protection of



our drinking water catchment and agricultural lands and encourage the growth of this industry for a sustainable future,

SOURCE:

Statement, 31 Aug 2017

Jane Smith, New Independents

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Labor for Gosford West Ward



Your Local Voice

Labor will fight to make sure Central Coast Council puts the community first and will:

- ✓ **Consult** residents on planning decisions
- ✓ **Protect** services and community land
- ✓ **Review** policies to ensure transparency
- ✓ **Preserve** our environment and unique lifestyle
- ✓ **Improve** vital local infrastructure and roads

Past management and ratepayers with a



Failed Holstien campaign core flutes were photographed with others, illegally placed outside the toilet block at Lions Park, Woy Woy, and elsewhere around Gosford Local Government Area during the last State election.

Some of the known political shonks and cheats whom I have exposed several times before, during Local and State election campaigns, benefited by campaigning outside the law in the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912.

Those being exposed here, voters are reminded, have a history of letting us down.

Back in the headlines again, the notorious Gosford City Council may have been forced to amalgamate with Wyong, but it's legacy of five wrongful deaths will haunt all those ratepayers who complained for years to council and councillors, only to have their important complaints illegally dumped or simply blocked.

So many of those woeful failed councillors, we remember, are attempting to get back on the taxpayer funded gravy train.

Will you be among those rate payers to give their votes in trust to known shonks and cheats again?

Failed Gosford Councillors being exposed here, are worse than those Federal politicians who could not be bothered to first make sure they were eligible to stand as political candidates.

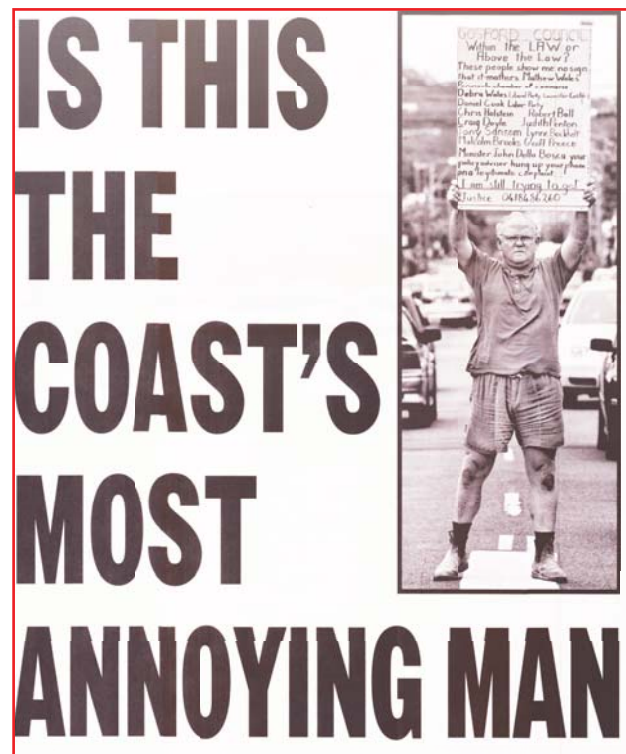
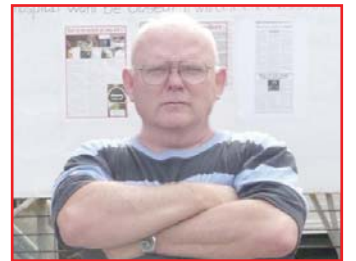
By placing their political placards in illegal places, they have demonstrated that they, and their supporters, will conduct political campaigns outside the law.

It was quite refreshing to speak with Independent Gabby Grayem about her belief in well exercised ballot papers, where every box is numbered below the line so that voters can make the important effort to direct their own preferences to good effect.

The value you put on your vote, is the value you put on yourself as a person.



councillors walked away leaving body count of five.



Politicians are a very small minority amongst us, yet we have, in the past, permitted them to do an awful lot of damage after they have conned us into giving our votes to them in trust.

I understand that fighting corrupt politicians is an expensive business.

I suspect that is why nothing much is happening, even though it is clear that Gosford Council never learnt a thing after those five wrongful deaths in the Bragg and Holt families at Piles Creek, Somersby 2007.

I am back in print because I believe that voters need to be reminded about the dodgy activities which some of those standing again got up to when they enjoyed the ratepayers' trust.

For 20 years, politicians in the Gosford local area, in fact right across Australia during Local, State and Federal elections, always used our laws as a door mat while campaigning.

I will remind you of those whom I exposed to my readers during Federal, State and Local elections.

These are people who benefited politically when core flutes with their images were fixed to power poles, railway property fences at level crossings, and erected on property of the Crown or the Crown's representative.

Not to overlook campaign material nailed to trees doing permanent damage, and other material littering the roads and road reserves where the wooden post posed a danger to cyclists and others who may, in an accident become, impaled.

How convenient that insurance and compliance would take a four-week holiday for systemic political lawbreakers and their supporters.

For this council election, I am told that candidates were warned, but they were

not, it seems, told to read the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912, particularly section 151b amongst others, which has for so long been used as a door mat, with local council accommodating the miscreants.

Even though Mr Vince Graham has made it clear that no one gets permission to put campaign material on his poles! Please consider these photos of past political activity which was ignored by your local council and take note of the people who were comfortable campaigning outside the law.

Ask yourself if a person who would benefit from wrongdoing is the sort of a person you would want sitting in your new super council. Remember that some of them remained insistently deaf, dumb and blind, while people complained to Gosford Council, its management and the ten councillors for decades.

We know that council destroyed over eight hundred thousand (800,000) records.

This was exposed by Mr Dick Pressons in the investigation ordered by the State Coroner to get to the bottom of the five deaths in Piles Creek.

Yet we now know that the same shonky record keeping has continued, because Wyong Council noticed that Gosford Council Record Keeping for property accounts had a discrepancy of \$1,400,000,000 (one billion four hundred million dollars), which was the value of their asset write down.

Consider those who are actively supporting failed politicians from the old council who are re-standing, like Chris Holstein and Jim Macfadyen among others, and wonder if the new super council will be a State Government plaything for developers. Then ask yourself how directing your own preferences for truly independent candidates may help you, the ratepayer, decide how your council will serve you.

If you have tried something and it made you sick, why try it again?



Central Coast NSW

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Plan

**Anti-Corruption - Transport - Culture - Development - Economy - Environment
Small Business - Housing - Youth Policy - Pensioners - Workers - Caring
Aboriginal Futures - Health and Hospitals - Education - Public Amenities**

Introduction: The Community Plan
Central Coast has a structure that is important to understand.

The CPCC is a new concept. It sketches a Big Picture of the Central Coast ... the way the community would like to see its future. It acknowledges that different parts of that Big Picture requires specific actions by all 3 levels of government: local; NSW; Federal. It then requires the Council to enact its responsibilities, and to also press, persuade, fight for, the essential support of NSW and Federal governments in THEIR areas of responsibility.

COMMUNITY PLAN – a Big Picture plan

The Community Plan Central Coast [CPCC] comes from the Central Coast community...not from the NSW Government, not from developers, not from corrupt people or organisations. Nor is it a single-issue approach to local government. This plan is a Big Picture plan which integrates policies. It is a plan...not a wish-list. The CPCC

is currently an incomplete document reflecting the incomplete consultations we have been able to complete. The Council will be asked to debate and adopt this plan.

PREFERRED FUTURE – an integrated and comprehensive plan

The CPCC contains 18 policy categories. Taken together, these integrated policies are designed to represent a “preferred future” for the Central Coast. The plan contains many matters which Council will need to take, with skill and political strength, to both the NSW Government and Federal Government

COUNCIL'S PURPOSE – see bold type in the CPCC below

Each of the 18 categories of policy begins with a statement outlining the reason our Council must be active in this policy area, including policies which are in the NSW and Federal Government jurisdictions.

COUNCIL's ACTIONS

Each of the 18 policy categories has MANY Council actions. The plan is deliberately presented in this way to avoid vague ambiguity, and to provide the new Council with clear management actions to be pursued from Day One.

ACTIONS ARRANGED UNDER APPROPRIATE JURISDICTIONS

Many of the “actions” will be implemented by Council because that is the Council’s job.

Other Council actions will be directed at NSW and Federal Governments because it is those governments that have Constitutional authority. Council will be exercising its right to represent the interests of its community, as outlined in its Community Plan’s ‘preferred future’.

**Contacts: Dr Van Davy;
Ms Marcelle Hoff;
Mr David Abrahams**



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1. Governance, Ethical Behaviour and Anti-Corruption

Council's purpose is to ensure widespread confidence in Councillors and Council employees. Good governance is at the heart of everything done at Council, covering the culture, processes, systems, policies and practices used to guide every day operations.

Good governance creates confidence in Council. It ensures Council delivers what it says it will deliver and that it acts in an ethical way. A key aspect of good local government is Ethics. Democracy depends fundamentally on public trust, and ethical behaviour must be actively pursued and nurtured. Council is committed to openness, transparency and accountability.

Corrupted political processes which hide from, or de-power the community at large, are the very processes which provide fertile ground for those who put personal ambition and private gain ahead of the Common Good and will of the People.

Elements/Actions:

1.1 Central Coast Council:

1.1.1 Council will ensure that all Councillors have undertaken Code of Conduct and other training required under the Local Government Act prior to the first meeting of a new Council.

1.1.2 Council will provide and ensure all Councillors receive all necessary ongoing training to assist Councillors' in fulfilling statutory requirements.

1.1.3 Council will provide leadership training to Councillors and staff. This training will focus on developing capacity-building for an effective democratic local government.

1.1.4 Council will seek to discover acts/processes of corruption, and prosecute, and penalise. This will include confiscation of monies and property.

1.1.5 Council will seek and act upon legal advice concerning the best way to pursue anti-corruption strategies associated with various positions: the Mayor and Deputy Mayor; Councillors; senior Council management; other Council employees; Council consultants and advisors both professional and volunteered; pre-planning and planning procedures and processes.

1.1.6 Council will ensure all Council contracts will be awarded consistent with public tender requirements.

1.1.7 Council will deliver good governance through strategic management and involvement of local community.

1.1.8 Council will ensure its business relationships are ethical, honest, fair and consistent. Council's business dealings will be transparent and open to public scrutiny.

1.1.9 Council will run an annual, full weekend marquee-style event, with associated entertainment, possibly associated with other elements of this

Plan. This event will include public and private [anonymous] forums to which Central Coast residents can go if they believe they have been treated unjustly by Council, an employer, an employee, a vendor, local government authorities, NSW Government authorities, Federal Government authorities, or that they have evidence of government corruption. These forums may be organised to cater for different topical areas anonymously or officially: pensioners; ADF veterans, homeless people; aged persons' housing contracts; public housing; Indigenous Australian issues; multicultural issues...

1.1.10 Council will have a written plan for continuous improvement.

1.2 NSW Government:

1.2.1 Council will seek to enlist the NSW Government's support for advocacy for the establishment of a National and Independent Commission Against Corruption.

1.3 Federal Government:

1.3.1 Council will advocate, in public and government forums, for the establishment of a National and Independent Commission Against Corruption.



2. Commitment to Consultation

Council's purpose is to ensure that honest, genuine and transparent consultation with constituents, workers, stakeholders and project partners is a core value of Council. Consultation precedes a decision and provides the opportunity to influence the decision. Consultation does not mean joint decision making. Effective consultation is about building trust between all persons involved in an activity to facilitate outcomes for the mutual benefit of all participants.

The following principles guide our approach to engaging the community in decision-making.

Integrity: Engagement should be clear in scope and purpose.

Inclusiveness: Engagement should be accessible and capture/involve consideration of a full range of values and perspectives.

Dialogue: Engagement should promote dialogue and open up genuine discussion.

Influence: The community should be able to see and understand the impact of their involvement in consultations that Council conducts.

Elements/Actions:

2.1 Central Coast Council:

Council will offer a range of

opportunities for residents, workers, community groups, business, government and industry stakeholders to share ideas, insight and feedback on our projects and policies to help inform Council decisions. Opportunities for participation are available via: workshops and community meetings; stakeholder meetings and roundtables; online consultations on Council's website; community reference groups; advisory panels; drop-in sessions; and surveys.

2.1.1 Council will share information and base its decisions on the consideration of all available evidence for the benefit of all.

2.1.2 In conducting consultations Council shall ensure: relevant information about the matter is shared with the identified participants [including in draft form], and reasonable opportunity is given to the participants so that they can express their views; raise questions in relation to the matter; contribute to the decision-making process relating to the matter; have the views of the participants recognised and recorded; and have the participant advised of the outcome of the consultation in a timely manner.

2.1.3 Council will provide training for all directors and workers in effective consultation processes and techniques.

2.1.4 Council will meet all its statutory consultation requirements in an expert and timely manner.



3. Environment

Council's purpose is to protect and conserve our environment from the ravages of climate change and sea rise, ocean acidification, various pollutants, feral animals, unsustainable human usage and to make provision for sustainable public use of public spaces, support a range of different pursuits and lifestyles, and value our Central Coast heritages both Indigenous Australian and non-Indigenous Australian.

Elements/Actions:

3.1 Local Community Governance:

3.1.1 Council will support community action aimed at ensuring public land remains in public hands.

3.1.2 Council will support community action aimed at ensuring Crown Lands reserved for public use will remain Crown Lands.

3.1.3 Council will encourage and support local communities leading the development of Public Land Management Plans.

3.1.4 All open space in each locality will have community members as part of the management team.

3.2 Central Coast Council:

3.2.1 Council will act in all matters to maintain or increase the amount of open space, bushland, farmland, unspoilt waterways and beaches, recognising that the relatively clean environment of the Central Coast is a valuable asset and essential for sustainable communities.

3.2.2 Council will engage with the community in genuine consultation on identifying areas where increased housing density can be allowed, to reduce the urban sprawl of existing settlements.

3.2.3 Council will research and identify extreme, medium and lower importance, Indigenous Australian and non-Indigenous Australian heritage areas, events, artefacts and histories and formulate a graduated and costed Heritage Plan for protection and enhancement.

3.2.4 Council will no longer allow the removal of heritage items from the LEP unless that removal is supported by the state Heritage Office.

3.2.5 Council will adopt new zoning controls which reflect the Heritage Plan.

3.2.6 Council will research the relevant acts and identify public lands and waterways which support Central Coast lifestyles. Formulate a costed and integrated Public Spaces and Lifestyles Plan involving protection and enhancement of bushlands, catchment areas, aquifers, National Parks, State Forests, Reserves, Coastal Open Spaces, public reserves and lands, waterways and access to waterways.

3.2.7 Council will adopt new zoning controls to reflect the Public Spaces and Lifestyles Plan.

3.2.8 Council will prepare, in collaboration with the university sector, a Council Green Paper on Environmental Risk which identifies significant risks to the Central Coast environment and the NSW and Federal Government action required to reduce and eliminate the risks.

3.2.9 Council will adopt a zero waste policy for Council activities.

3.2.10 Council will set targets to move to a carbon-neutral footprint for overall Council activities.

3.2.11 Council will, as far as state planning laws allow, insist that any new housing developments have street and lot alignments that allow passive solar housing, community space, storm-water harvesting, local power generation, utility bike paths, mixed zonings allowing a range of work places alongside housing and other innovations to reduce waste and improve healthy community living.

3.2.12 Council will develop a plan for an integrated utility bike path system across the Coast.

3.2.13 Council will establish electric car charging points at all public places.

3.2.14 Council will move rapidly to upgrade storm-water systems across the Coast, to prevent leakage of pollutants into waterways.

3.2.15 Council will develop a policy

of increasing urban vegetation and tree cover and police unauthorised tree removal.

3.2.16 Council will, evaluate and consider adopting the European Green Capital indicators as the criteria for all future development: local contribution to global climate change, transport, green urban areas, noise, waste production and management, nature and biodiversity, air, water consumption, waste water treatment, eco-innovation and sustainable employment, environmental management of the local authority, and energy performance.

3.2.17 Council will establish an air-quality monitoring system across the Region.

3.3 NSW Government:

3.3.1 Council will press the NSW Government to endorse the Council's Heritage Plan, to provide legislation to act, and to assist with funding from NSW and Commonwealth sources.

3.3.2 Council will press the NSW Government to endorse the Council's Public Spaces and Lifestyles Plan, to provide legislation to act, and to assist with funding from NSW and Commonwealth sources.

3.3.3 Council will seek an appropriate response, from the NSW Government, to Council's Green Paper on Environmental Risk.

3.3.4 Council will continue to lobby for E5 zoning for the Coastal Open Space Scheme.

3.3.5 Council will call on the State Government to prioritise food security over resource extraction west of the freeway and will refuse consent for resource extraction DAs west of the freeway.

3.3.6 Council will urge the state government to draw up plans with funding to commence a process of managed retreat in coastal areas vulnerable to sea level rises.

3.3.7 Council will urge the state and federal governments to change electricity regulations so that decentralised power grids can be rolled out across the Coast.

3.3.8 Council will work with all NSW State agencies to prioritise utility bike riding, including the provision of free bike lockers where free car parking is provided and equivalent funding for separate bike paths whenever road works are undertaken.

3.4 Federal Government:

3.4.1 Press the Federal Government's departments for bureaucratic and funding support for Council's Heritage Plan.

3.4.2 Press the Federal Government to provide funding for elements of the Public Spaces and Lifestyles Plan, and especially to fund Council's responsibility for ameliorating the effects of sea rise, various pollutants that affect wildlife and bees, devastation of wildlife by feral animals.

3.4.3 Seek an appropriate response, from the Federal Government, to Council's Green Paper on Environmental Risk.

3.4.4 Council will urge the Federal Government to set world best standard targets to reduce greenhouse gases and support a transition to a zero carbon economy.



4. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Futures

Central Coast Council acknowledges and pays respect to the Traditional Owners and custodians of country throughout Australia. We honour and respect the diverse cultural heritage, customs and beliefs of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The Central Coast Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are a wide-ranging group who come from many communities and language groups from all over Australia. Thus cultural views are diverse. Many Aboriginal people on the Central Coast identify as being Darkinjung or Guringai. Council acknowledges the land claims of the Darkinjung and Guringai people and notes the application by Guringai to the National Native Titles Tribunal for recognition of their native title in areas of the Central Coast Council. Council acknowledges some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the local government area belong to Stolen Generations or have been affected by child removal policies. Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples Australia-wide, including those in the Central Coast LGA, have been affected to varying degrees by assimilationist policies or ongoing discrimination which negatively impacts people's social and emotional wellbeing and access to culture. Council also acknowledges the impacts of intergenerational trauma as well as the inherent strength and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in contemporary Australia.

Council acknowledges the necessity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to have access to the power and resources necessary for a self-determined future.

Council will encourage and support a progressive move towards equitable outcomes between Central Coast Aboriginal people and the wider community. Council will encourage and support opportunities which enable Central Coast Aboriginal people to move towards financial independence.

Elements/Actions:

4.1 Central Coast Council:

4.1.1 Council will maintain a determined process of consultation and negotiation with individual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and, specifically, the Guringai and Darkinjung.

4.1.2 Council will establish a permanent standing committee to advise and recommend actions for Council. This committee will be

served by a Council officer and comprise: the Mayor or deputy, the CEO or deputy, two Councillors elected by Council, and representatives nominated by Central Coast Aboriginal communities. This Committee will be co-chaired by an Aboriginal person and a Councillor.

4.1.3 Council will prepare an Aboriginal Futures report which will provide up-to-date data on: Aboriginal activity in the local Government area; overall population and centres of concentration; employment by category, gender, age, unemployment, under-employment, vocational interests and aspirations; education by interest and motivation, perceived intrinsic value, education level, gender, age, vocational aspirations; housing by gender, age, marital/partnered status, number of children, housing aspirations; safety and well-being by perceptions of safety, purposefulness, satisfaction, pride, belonging, violence, intimidation, racism, discrimination; prospective and desired interests and lifestyle by age, gender, sports, arts, cultural events.

4.1.4 Council will undertake an audit of Council jobs with a view to identifying a proportion of jobs at different levels, requiring different skill-sets, for designated Aboriginal study and work traineeships for Central Coast Aboriginal people. This audit will review other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment programs to identify methods by which Council plans to provide jobs, education pathways and career development for new and existing Indigenous employees. When undertaking this audit, Council researchers will consider organisations which will partner with Council eg National Parks and Wildlife, Rural Fire Service, State Emergency Services, Marine Rescue, NSW Ambulance, NSW Fire Service etc. Council will document all major measures of social and economic participation and success.

4.1.5 Council will seek advice from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander standing committee on future plans of action concerning: employment generation; integration of vocational education with modern and potential employment opportunities; housing for Aboriginal families, single people, victims of violence, homeless people and people with mental illness or 'dual diagnosis'.

4.1.6 Council will, for events such as National Reconciliation Week and/or NAIDOC Week 2018, schedule and run with the assistance of NGOs, a variety of events designed to attract different audiences: films; public displays of Aboriginal culture and ceremony; readings of authored Aboriginal experiences and/or Aboriginal traditional stories; public discussion[s] involving Aboriginal elders/spokespersons and the wider community; public debate; tours of special Aboriginal sites, dance and other performing arts; exhibits of artefacts in line with existing cultural protocols.

4.1.7 Council will support the creation of a unique Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tourist experience.

4.1.8 Council will consider options

prepared for it by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Standing Committee concerning a regular, high profile, Central Coast specific, Aboriginal-based event eg a month-long Australian Aboriginal Youth AI and Smarts Generator, week-long Aboriginal Performing Arts event designed to generate cutting-edge thinking from Aboriginal innovators while giving the Central Coast national image and presence.

4.1.9 Council will ensure that every tender for all Council-funded or managed events, requires employment opportunities for Aboriginal people.

4.1.10 Council will prepare a procurement policy that requires supplier diversity including opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses.

4.2 NSW Government:

Council will seek NSW Government funds to assist with programs, which enable partnering in opportunities to achieve a progressive future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

4.3 Federal Government:

Council will seek Federal Government funds to assist with programs, which enable partnering in opportunities to achieve a progressive future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



5. Workers and Families

Council's purpose is to understand the realities of work-place wages and conditions for its population, and will therefore research, monitor and record throughout the Central Coast, in partnership with relevant other authorities (eg Fair Work Commission; Human Rights Commission; NSW Anti-discrimination Board), the provision of: Award, and above-Award wages and conditions of employment; workplace policies which are non-discriminatory and free of sexual harassment, nepotism and/or bullying.

Elements/Actions:

5.1 Central Coast Council:

5.1.1 Every quarter, Council will sample a different category of worker to collect data and, with the university sector, analyse the data for: unviable businesses running only because they pay under-Award wages; incidence of illegal below-Award wages; incidence of over-Award hours; incidence of unpaid hours; incidence of perceived workplace intimidation, discrimination, nepotism.

5.1.2 At least annually, possibly

in collaboration with local media, Council will organise a public forum aimed at listening to issues from workers, their families, pensioners and small business with a view to providing Council and the media with insights into common barriers and difficulties experienced by the community.

5.1.3 Council will review its employment protocols with a view to becoming a 'best practice' employer in this region, exhibiting high levels of efficiency and output, employee satisfaction, and employee loyalty. Employees will have high expectations of the employer, Council, just as Council will have high expectations of its employees.

5.1.4 Council will ensure that any tenders for providing Council services [eg waste collection] contain Council requirements which acknowledge relevant pre-existing Enterprise Agreements and reasonable opportunity for flexible staffing [such as an 80-20 split between full-time and casual jobs].

5.2 NSW Government:

5.2.1 Each quarter, Council will provide NSW Government and the mass media with data and analysis based on its research.

5.3 Federal Government:

5.3.1 Each quarter, Council will provide Federal Government and the mass media with data and analysis based on its research.



6. Youth

Council's purpose is to take responsibility for: understanding the needs and aspirations of adolescents and their preferred lifestyles; as best as possible, meeting the needs and aspirations of adolescents and their preferred lifestyles; overseeing, monitoring, and advocating for appropriate education and training to prepare young people for both vocation and lifestyle; seeking NSW and Federal Government support for aspects of Council's Youth Plan which falls into State and Federal jurisdictions; regularly reviewing inputs and outcomes concerning youth participation in lifestyle and vocation.

Elements/Actions:

6.1 Local Community Engagement:

6.1.1 Council will, in collaboration with NGOs associated with youth policy and experiences, hold a well-publicised Youth Forum to consider Central Coast provisions of youth employment, health, and education amongst other matters.

6.2 Central Coast Council:

6.2.1 Council will, in its first year, and in collaboration with Central Coast youth organisations, community and industry, prepare a comprehensive Youth Plan concerning the needs and aspirations of Central Coast youth. The plan will, amongst other matters, include considerations of:

- Creating a locally-based and managed tertiary institution with a specific focus on the needs and aspirations of the people and industries of the Central Coast;
- Relevant schooling, TAFE and university provision; traineeships and apprenticeships attached to newly-created jobs in sustainable industries such as tourism, Indigenous Australian culture, music, performing arts, wind/wave/solar energy production, start-ups etc;
- Establishing a Start-up innovation capacity building on the opportunities of gigabit speed internet services in Gosford and Bateau Bay areas;
- Provision of a new health and wellbeing focus to youth involvement in cultural and sporting activities, with intention to boost youth participation and achievement, partnering with health and associated entities to achieve this.

6.2.2 Council will, in collaboration with the university sector, research the likely level and content of education that will be essential to successfully support Central Coast commercial activity and Central Coast lifestyles over the next generation: pre-schooling; infant schooling; primary schooling; junior secondary schooling; senior secondary schooling; vocational and lifestyle education at TAFE; vocational and lifestyle education at local campuses.

6.2.3 Council will, in collaboration with the NBN/Telcos for very fast internet, and the university sector for research methodology oversight, support, plan and/or fund an information technology Start-up Innovation Centre in each of the Southern and Northern Corridors with the goal of creating a raft of new sustainable small businesses with a range of new jobs for younger people in areas such as: music; Indigenous Australian and non-indigenous Australian cultures and history; performing arts; painting and sculpting; sport; health; and fitness.

6.2.4 Council will commission a Central Coast Future Sustainable Jobs Study, a joint research project involving the Council, the university sector, climate scientists, environmental economists, Central Coast youth and journalists in a study of:

6.2.4.1 Future jobs likely to be required on the Central Coast;

6.2.4.2 Recommendations comprising a 20-year plan to support the creation of sustainable, Zero Pollution Jobs.

6.2.5 Council will commission a review of the importance of sport and cultural pursuits for the wellbeing of young people with a view to reframing and elevating these activities as positive ways to promote the physical

and mental health of our youth.

6.3 NSW Government:

6.3.1 Council will make publicly announced policy demands of the NSW Government designed to provide sufficient, affordable, and effectively targeted, education on the Central Coast: child care; Out of School Hours Care; pre-schools; schools; TAFE; and university.

6.3.2 Council will seek funding and bureaucratic support from the NSW Government for two Start-up Innovation Centres in the designated growth corridors.

6.3.3 Council will negotiate with NSW Government for the necessary funding, legislation and political support required for implementation of recommendations from the Central Coast Future Sustainable Jobs Report.

6.3.4 Council will, following the review in 6.2.4, seek partnerships and funding opportunities for both sporting and cultural pursuits.

6.4 Federal Government:

6.4.1 Council will make publicly announced and reinforced policy demands of the Federal Government designed to provide sufficient, affordable, and effectively targeted education on the Central Coast: child care; Out of School Hours Care; pre-schools; schools; TAFE, University.

6.4.2 Council will seek funding and bureaucratic support from the Federal Government for two Start-up Innovation Centres.

6.4.3 Council will negotiate with Federal Government for the necessary funding, legislation and political support required for implementation of recommendations from the Central Coast Future Sustainable Jobs Report.

6.4.4 Council will, following the review in 6.2.4, seek partnerships and funding opportunities for both sporting and cultural pursuits.



7. Culture, Arts and Recreation

Arts and culture will be key pillars to enhancing the creative life of our region. Fostering a thriving and creative culture will involve many departments of Council that have not historically been associated with a cultural agenda – departments such as economic development, planning, community, sport, youth and tourism. This will enable Council to more easily adopt an agenda of transformational change in the way it addresses and manages issues arising across its areas of responsibility.

Elements/Actions:

7.1 Central Coast Council:

In considering its arts and culture strategy:

7.1.1 Council will take an integrated, whole-of-Council approach to fostering a creative culture that listens to and acts on the aspirations of our community.

7.1.2 Council will recognise that fostering a thriving and creative culture is not only the responsibility of those working directly in the arts and culture field.

7.1.3 Council will ask the community what its aspirations are for a creative Central Coast.

7.1.4 Council will engage performing and visual arts and culture groups across the coast to develop an Arts and Culture Plan that celebrates diversity and difference and allows each group to flourish in their own space and place.

7.1.5 Council will engage across multiple media platforms and multiple groups, such as schools, sporting groups, youth groups and the aged, for the development and delivery of arts and cultural facilities and events.

7.1.6 Council will host major region-specific events that give an identity to the Central Coast Region and attract visitors and longer-term residents.

7.1.7 Council will make available affordable venues and support for local cultural, sports and arts activities and groups.

7.1.8 Council will coordinate the development of a 1,000+ seat Performing Arts Centre on the Gosford Waterfront that will comprise:

7.1.8.1 A large concert style hall to attract international and national artists to the Coast.

7.1.8.2 A smaller theatre for local bands and choral concerts.

7.1.8.3 A sense of 'place' in which regional artists feel a sense of ownership and belonging.

7.1.8.4 An outdoor space capable of varying crowd capacities, for concerts, displays, exhibitions.

7.1.8.5 A conference and exhibition centre.

7.1.8.6 Workshop spaces to cater for artists such as sculptors, potters, painters, writers and craft workers.

7.1.8.7 Café and dining facilities.

7.1.9 Council will work with the arts community to develop a culture of collaboration rather than competition for funds and audiences.

7.1.10 Council will reactivate international sister city connections with a view to much greater cross-cultural collaboration.

7.2 NSW Government:

7.2.1 Council will advocate for the planning and funding provisions of the above plan.

7.3 Federal Government:

7.3.1 Council will advocate for the planning and funding provisions of the above plan.



8. Health and Hospitals

Council's purpose is to have a full understanding of the Health and Hospital requirements of the Central Coast community and thus, to prepare, by September 2019, and in collaboration with Central Coast civil society, a well-researched plan for the provision and retention of sufficient general practitioner (GP) services, specialist services, dental services and public hospital facilities.

Elements/Actions:

8.1 Central Coast Council:

8.1.1 GP services: Council will complete, publish, distribute, and consider the recommendations of a commissioned research study of Central Coast doctors, workers and pensioners concerning GP service provision on the Central Coast.

8.1.2 Specialist services: Council will complete, publish, distribute, and consider the recommendations of, a commissioned research study of Central Coast specialists, doctors, workers and pensioners concerning specialist medical services provision on the Central Coast.

8.1.3 Dental services: Council will complete, publish, distribute, and consider the recommendations of, a commissioned research study of Central Coast dentists, academics, workers and pensioners concerning dental services provision on the Central Coast.

8.1.4 Hospital facilities: Council will complete, publish, distribute, and consider the recommendations of, a commissioned research study of hospital workers, doctors, specialists, patients and families concerning hospital, especially public hospital facilities and related services on the Central Coast.

8.2 NSW Government:

8.2.1 Standing Committee: Council will negotiate with NSW Government to establish an oversight Board comprising Council-nominated medical and community personnel, academics and NSW Government Departments.

8.2.2 Council will negotiate with NSW Government for the legislation, funding and political support to provide for the recommendations in the reports concerning: GP provision; specialist; dental; and hospital services.

8.2.3 If required, Council will campaign publicly to persuade Federal and NSW Governments to provide legislation, funding and political support for the adequate provision of GP, specialist, dental and hospital services.

8.3 Federal Government:

8.3.1 Council will negotiate directly

with the Federal Government to modify policy and funding such that the needs of the Central Coast are met.

8.3.2 Council will campaign to persuade the Federal Government to modify policy and funding such that the needs of the Central Coast are met.



9. Roads and Transport

Council's purpose is to attain a comprehensive understanding of emergency, urgent, current, and future roads and transport needs for the Central Coast, to take direct action where it can, and to press NSW and Federal Governments where required to have those needs met in an efficient and timely manner.

In its first year, the new Council, in collaboration with Central Coast civil society, will prepare a 10-year integrated roads, rail and traffic plan (2020-2030) designed to: understand evolving transport needs and facilitate the smooth movement of traffic; increase the effectiveness and usage of public transport, shared transport, bicycles and motorcycles; improve drainage; increase the use of trains for bulk transport.

Council will acknowledge the authority of the NSW and Federal Governments while insisting on its right to comprehensively plan for the Central Coast, and to represent the wishes of Central Coast people into the NSW and Federal jurisdictions.

Therefore Council will be conscious of its responsibility to persistently make representations to, negotiate with and, if necessary, to campaign for the funds and enabling legislation required for the implementation of the Central Coast Roads and Transport Plan 20202030.

Elements/Actions:

9.1 Local Community Engagement:

Individuals, community groups, business and stakeholders will be encouraged to bring forward their concerns to Council as partners in any plans to deliver road construction, upgrades, safety and maintenance, commuter transport (both public and private) timetable integration, and upgrading catchment and tidal drainage 'hot spots' that meet the needs of their communities. Council will encourage the use of new and emerging technologies to engage with residents and rate-payers.

9.2 Central Coast Council:

9.2.1 Public transport – Trains: Council will commission a 2018 independent analysis of: the necessary tracks, signalling, other

upgrades and expansions essential to efficient rapid transit for increased population and freight; current usage of the dedicated freight line from the Central Coast to Sydney and Newcastle with the view to lobby for the completion and optimised use of same; timetabling in order to improve linkages with other modes of commuter transport. Council will produce a Central Coast Trains Plan that will be integrated with the Central Coast Buses Plan and the Central Coast Shared Transport Plan.

9.2.2 Public transport – Buses: Council will commission a 2018 independent analysis of: current usage and cost of commuter buses; safety and security; effectiveness of the public bus system; integration and linkages between private and public bus services and other modes of commuter transport; the range of options open to government to enable alternative and cheap means of providing better service tailored to each local community's needs. Produce Central Coast Buses Plan that will be integrated with the Central Coast Trains Plan and the Central Coast Shared Transport Plan.

9.2.3 Public transport – Shared Transport: Council will commission a report on: current usage of all modes of shared transport including taxis, Uber and private vehicles; current policies and infrastructure that support shared transport; options to develop the provision of economic incentives for the adoption of shared transport; integration; safety and security and linkages between shared transport and other modes of commuter transport. Produce a Central Coast Shared Transport Plan. This plan will be integrated with the Central Coast Trains Plan and the Central Coast Buses Plan.

9.2.4 Freight and Goods - Council will plan for the smooth and efficient flow of freight and goods.

9.2.5 Public roads – Kerbing, Guttering and Drainage. Council will: complete the assessment and mapping of areas that are subject to flash flooding from both storm surge (tidal) and catchment inundation, and propose costed alternatives to optimise kerbing, guttering and drainage; consult fully with affected precinct communities and produce, in 2018, a priority plan of the scope of new works and schedule of maintenance of roads and drains as advised by Council's departments and their consultants.

9.2.6 Public roads – Ease of Movement: Council will take immediate action to relieve congestion at identified 'bottlenecks' through investigation of a 'smart roads' concept that utilises technology to improve road use efficiency such as 'on demand' driverless cars/buses using mobile phone interconnectivity and applications.

9.2.7 Council will produce a Central Coast Emergency Roads Plan in consultation with the State Emergency Service, Rural Fire Service, Fire and Rescue NSW and the Ambulance Service of NSW.

9.2.8 Council will investigate implementing a 'reward system' for commuter transport, in appropriate precincts, along the lines of Stanford

University's Parking and Transport Services innovation, to reduce the number of vehicles on the road and increase commuter movement efficiency.

9.2.9 Parking – Council will research and develop a plan for projected parking in the growth corridors and shopping centres.

9.2.10 Pedestrian accessibility plan - Council will account for age and disability in the planning of roads and transport by collaborating with service providers and stakeholders. Roads are more than arteries. They can also be barriers to those without easy mobility. Therefore, compassionate appraisal of the needs of the aged and disable, in accessing and safely negotiating our roads, is imperative.

9.2.11 Cyclist plan – Council will revisit the Gosford Bike Plan 2014, the Wyong On-Road Bicycle and Shared Pathway Strategy Adopted December 2010, and the NSW Bike Plan 2010 to develop, with the consultation of stakeholders, a timeline of priorities to bring about the establishment of a bicycle pathway network that meets the need of our communities.

9.2.12 Council will commission an independent assessment, based on a population increase of 100,000 to the Central Coast Region by 2036, that will include extensive interviews with all road users including commercial, commuter and private vehicle owners/drivers/users/cyclists/bicyclists, as well pedestrians, regarding prescient and regional road needs, and associated essential funding levels. Using the concepts of Traffic Flow Theory', Council will produce a Central Coast 10 Year Roads Plan and Transport Plan 2020-2030.

9.3 NSW Government:

9.3.1 Public transport – trains, buses and shared transport: Council will use the three plans for trains, buses and taxis to make representations to, and negotiate with, the NSW Government for required legislation and funding support. If necessary, Council will also campaign for these three plans politically, including within the NSW elections in Central Coast seats.

9.3.2 Public roads – kerbing and guttering: Council will make representations to the NSW Government to seek the funds necessary to build the priorities as identified in 9.2.4.

9.3.3 Public roads – ease of movement: Council will seek the support, both legislatively and financially from the NSW government, for the Central Coast 10 Year Roads and Transport Plan 2020-2030.

9.3.4 Pedestrian access and Cycle plans - Council will make representations to the NSW Government to seek the funds necessary to build the priorities as identified in 9.2.7 and 9.2.8.

9.4 Federal Government:

9.4.1 Public transport – trains, buses and shared transport: Council will use the three plans for trains, buses and shared transport to make representations to, and negotiate with, the Federal Government for required legislation and funding support. If necessary, Council will also campaign for these three plans

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9.4.4 Pedestrian access and Cycle plans - Council will make representations to the Federal Government to seek the funds necessary to build the priorities as identified in 9.2.7 and 9.2.8.



10. Education

In its first four-year term, Council's purpose is to:

- Initiate action to remedy immediately obvious and urgent gaps in Central Coast education provision;
- Develop a comprehensive plan of educational needs across the Central Coast as the basis of representations to NSW and Federal Governments for adequate planning and provision in pre-school child care, infant education, primary education, secondary education; vocational education, TAFE and university;
- Investigate and report on educational structures and/or provision which strengthens social cohesion and Central Coast identity.

Elements/Actions:

10.1 Central Coast Council:

10.1.1 Gaps in child care provision: Council will assess the need for affordable child-care in the growth corridors, and investigate the feasibility of providing, or commissioning, child-care for workers, and Out-Of-School-Hours Care.

10.1.2 Gaps in TAFE provision: Council will commission a review with recommendations concerning the extent and nature of vocational education on the Central Coast. Until this is completed, Council will seek a guarantee from NSW Government and Federal Government, that TAFE will be protected and strengthened as a public provider. Council will encourage and support centres which match young people with jobs while providing the job-specific training required.

10.1.3 Gaps in tertiary provision: Council will seek to establish a separate Central Coast tertiary institution.

10.1.4 Council will seek to commission an independent assessment of Central Coast student

motivation, interest in and boredom with, current status quo. The review will seek to illuminate the role schools play in developing social cohesion and the level of success schools have in developing good and participative citizenship.

10.1.5 Council will seek to establish, with the NSW Department of Education, and assuming a potential 100,000 increase in population by 2036, the size and placement of student needs throughout the Central Coast:

- Pre-school;
- Infants schools;
- Primary schools;
- Junior high schools;
- Senior high schools;
- TAFE and vocational education/apprenticeship/trainee providers;
- Emerging future job and entrepreneurial opportunities;
- University.

10.2 NSW Government:

10.2.1 Council will immediately enter discussions with the NSW and Federal Governments to seek adequate funding for immediate needs in child-care, TAFE and a new tertiary institution.

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- Infants schools;
- Primary schools;
- Out Of School Hours Care;
- Junior high schools;
- Senior high schools;
- TAFE and vocational education/apprenticeship/trainee providers;
- Emerging future job and entrepreneurial opportunities;
- University.

10.3 Federal Government:

10.3.1 Council will immediately enter discussions with the NSW and Federal governments to seek adequate funding for immediate needs in child-care, TAFE and a new university

10.3.2 Council will seek funds from the Federal Government and its agencies to undertake the studies for the Central Coast outlined here.



11. Small Business

Council's purpose is to provide, as best as possible, a business-friendly approach to small business start-ups and continuing small business success. Council will partner

with other government organisations with existing expertise and programs (eg ATO and NSW Fair Trading) together with the local government area's business and community organisations in delivering tailored programs and opportunities.

Elements/Actions:

11.1 Local Community Engagement:

11.1.1 Council will adopt guiding principles for Small Business similar to:

- Council, NSW and Federal Governments should be concerned with the overall small business welfare of the region rather than merely with service provision.
- Council should encourage the empowerment of small business communities within the region and the citizens who constitute them, and will recognise the contribution of local small business organisations and enable, rather than control, that contribution.
- Council will ensure that the whole range of the small business resources in the community is used to the full for the good of the Region.
- Council will review and publish an annual plan on how needs are best met.

11.1.2 Council will maintain a joint register of active small business groups and organisations in the region and encourage them to prepare an annual "issues and action" list that will provide the basis of bi-annual liaison forums involving these groups with Council.

11.2 Central Coast Council:

11.2.1 Council will develop, with help from academics, workers, pensioners and small business-people, a working definition of a viable business

11.2.2 Council will, in its first year, commission a small business study in concert with the university sector, to identify the best method(s) the Council, NSW and Federal Governments can use to encourage, and strengthen the longevity of, viable small businesses

11.2.3 Council will run an annual "Happy Workers, Happy Business" competition to highlight good wages, conditions and business practices and their association with satisfied and committed workers.

11.2.4 Council will encourage, in partnership with agencies and organisations, compliance with employment laws such as: payment of Award and over-Award wages; unpaid hours of work; use of 457 visas to undercut payment of wages; unpaid superannuation entitlements.

11.2.5 Council will produce a small booklet to assist potential small business owners (Assistance for Potential Small Business Owners), which:

- Outlines the steps to a successful viable business;
- Provides a check-list, in organisational order, of planning steps to be undertaken when establishing a viable small

business;

- Identifies and lists: common pitfalls to be avoided; legislative and regulatory for viable small businesses; contact names and numbers of voluntary mentors and professional advisors.

11.2.6 Council will run annual workshops, in concert with TAFE/agencies, to assist people considering establishing a viable small business.

11.2.7 Council will appoint a Small Business Manager.

11.2.8 Council will resource an entrepreneur coordinator who will assist start up business and small businesses who are endeavouring to grow.

11.2.9 Council will hold bi-annual liaison forums with small businesses in each ward.

11.2.10 Council will recognise and include in Council-organised forums, "commuter small businesses" that are resident in the region but operate substantially out of the region.

11.2.11 Council will include small business development in the Sister City program.

11.2.12 Council will set up one or more Sister City programs with another Australian city that has a complementary economy to that of the Central Coast. This program will offer small business in both cities opportunities to network, trade and collaborate with each other through joint Council-arranged processes.

11.2.13 Council will maintain a current database of small business "health" statistics for the region. Data will be made freely available.

11.2.14 Council will liaise with community and small business to advise on local traffic and parking planning.

11.3 NSW Government:

11.3.1 Council will make representations to, negotiate with, and if necessary campaign for, the NSW Government to seek legislative and regulatory support for matters identified as priorities in the Encouraging and Supporting Viable Small Businesses Study [see 11.1.2]

11.4 Federal Government:

11.4.1 Council to make representations to the Federal Government to seek legislative and funding support for matters identified as priorities in the Encouraging and Supporting Viable Small Businesses Study [see 11.1.2].



12. Pensioners

Council's purpose is to fully comprehend, address, and advocate for Central Coast pensioner needs. Council's responsibility is despite the many categories

of 'pensioner', and the provision of pensions lying outside the jurisdiction of Council. Pensioners are an important part of the Central Coast community and, as such, comprise an important part of the Central Coast social landscape. Council responsibility for pensioners includes: understanding the size and essential elements of each category of pensioner; understanding trends in pensioner population size, location, and their essential requirements and additional aspirations; in consultation with Central Coast pensioner communities and organisations, to assess the adequacy of provision to each category of pensioner; make representations to the appropriate government for necessary funding for each category of pensioner; encouragement and support for pensioner-support organisations within the Central Coast; providing, as much as possible, for the needs of pensioners in areas such as:

- Advocacy;
- Residential zone requirements;
- Oversight and inspection of residential contracts and experience;
- Aged-friendly environments.

Elements/Actions:

12.1 Local Community Governance:

12.1.1 Council will provide support to pensioner volunteers, service clubs, community organisations, senior citizens centres, neighbourhood houses, churches and commercial enterprises.

12.1.2 Council will investigate the advisability of developing a greater network of affordable accommodation options for pensioners.

12.1.3 Council will encourage the expansion of community gardens on public lands with special emphasis on pensioner participation.

12.1.4 Council will develop programs in collaboration with community organisations such as neighbourhood centres, surf and sporting clubs to facilitate skills and knowledge transfer from community elders.

12.1.5 Council will encourage participation in cultural activities targeted to older people such as Seniors' Week and History events.

12.1.6 Council will investigate the feasibility of expanding community transport options (eg ride sharing).

12.1.7 Council will investigate the feasibility of co-locating child-care and aged-care facilities.

12.2 Central Coast Council:

12.2.1 Council will seek to establish a Centre of Excellence for Retirement and Aged Care.

12.2.2 Council will, as a preliminary to further actions, research the size and essential elements of each category of pensioner, will

research any trends in pensioner population size, location, and their essential requirements and additional aspirations, and will, in consultation with Central Coast pensioner communities and organisations, assess the adequacy of provision to each category of pensioner.

12.2.3 Council will consult, in concert with the university sector, separately with pensioners and their representative organisations, in several different categories:

- 12.2.3.1** Aged;
- 12.2.3.2** Carers;
- 12.2.3.3** Unemployed;
- 12.2.3.4** Disability;
- 12.2.3.5** Veterans

with a view to identifying continuing barriers/facilitators to successful:

- Vocational training;
- Full-time employment;
- Safe and permanent housing;
- Adequate medical support;
- Safe emergency haven from violence and intimidation.

Council will produce a Report on a Central Coast Centre of Excellence for Retirement and Aged Care with recommendations for appropriate action at different government levels.

12.2.4 Council will retain rate and water rate concessions for aged pensioners who are home owners.

12.2.5 Council will regard public libraries as a vital resource for older people. Council will encourage libraries to play an active role in meeting pensioner needs for self development and self actualisation.

12.2.6 Council will ensure that community facilities such as Surf Clubs, Progress Associations premises, community halls built on Crown Land but under Council control, remain assets of those organisations and villages.

12.2.7 Council will, if possible in conjunction with state and federal authorities such as My Aged Care and Centrelink, undertake a survey of costs of living and needs experienced by aged pensioners living in Council's area including those from rural locations.

12.2.8 Council will commission, in concert with University of Newcastle, a report on Aged Care Housing: Public and Private Provision) which will:

12.2.8.1 Identify the full range of housing accessible by the aging, both public and private along with deficiencies in provision;

12.2.8.2 The contractual basis for each of these types of housing with emphasis on the rights of the aging residents along with deficiencies or dishonest or unjustly tricky loopholes in these contracts inconsistent with pensioners' expectations;

12.2.8.3 Recommend changes to NSW legislation, regulation, or inspection behaviours.

12.2.9 Council will appoint a Pensioners' Advocate with three objectives:

12.2.9.1 To consult with local pensioners, ACOSS and Australian pensioner organisations using, Pensioner Forums over a weekend at least twice/year, open to all Central

Coast pensioners to help Council identify problem areas, problem events, problem rules and regulations, problem organisations and to prioritise actions and campaigning;

12.2.9.2 To service a Pensioners' Advisory Committee comprising a senior Council Officer, two Councillors and representatives of pensioners with the responsibility of prioritising matters to be brought before the Council for determination.

12.3 NSW Government:

12.3.1 Council will make representations to the NSW Government, informed by the recommendations from Aged Care Housing: Public and Private Provision on the Central Coast.

12.3.2 Council to make representations to the NSW Government to provide free tuition at local TAFE or community colleges for internet/social media skills for pensioners.

12.3.3 Council will persistently explain to the NSW Government the community's strong desire to:

- Retain public hospitals, schools, reserves and facilities accessible to pensioners;
- Retain motor vehicle registration concessions;
- Maintain subsidies for gas and electricity consumption;
- Continue Public Transport Concessions such as Opal Gold Card for rail, buses and ferries;
- Provide more social housing directed to meet pensioner needs on the Central Coast. A waiting time of 15 years is quite unacceptable;
- Amend regulations affecting private retirement villages, nursing homes and hostels to ensure availability of Registered Nurses to support the health needs of pensioners and aged residents.

12.3.4 Council will lobby NSW Government to provide more services to combat elder abuse and neglect.

12.3.5 Council will seek NSW Government support to ask the Law Reform Commission to be tasked to investigate simplification of Power of Attorney and Enduring Guardianship provisions to allow for more realistic treatment of dementia sufferers within the community.

12.4 Federal Government:

12.4.1 ADF veterans: Council will make representations to, negotiate with, and campaign for a Department of Veteran Affairs Office to be opened at Gosford and to be staffed, at least in good part, with ex-ADF field personnel.

12.4.2 Online government services such as Centrelink: Council to seek human assistance for pensioners who are now required to access online services and financial assistance.

12.4.3 Council to make persistent representations to, and campaign for, the aged pension to be set at \$440 per week, 10 per cent above the poverty line with all other pensions adjusted accordingly, and for a longer term plan for the progressive increase of pensions to 30 per cent above the poverty line by 2030.

Council needs to support Pensioners in lobbying the Federal Government

to retain the Aged Pension for persons with limited assets and superannuation support. It should continue to be indexed to average weekly earnings.

12.4.4 Council will support continuation of the Rent Assistance Supplement for pensioners in the private rental market. This should be indexed to cover the lowest quartile of rental housing costs on a suburb by suburb basis.

12.4.5 Council will lobby the Federal Government to increase reimbursements to doctors for consultation fees to ensure the continuation of bulk billing under Medicare.

12.4.6 Council will support continuation of PBS and Pensioner health card concessions.

12.4.7 Council will support Federal Government assistance to guarantee affordable access for pensioners to aged care facilities.



13. Housing

Council's purpose is to comprehensively understand the various housing needs of the Central Coast population and to assist with satisfying those needs:

- with a study of the different housing demands, and a public report of existing and projected demands 2018-2036;
- with Council's regulatory and zoning policies;
- with Council's requirements of developers;
- with well-researched and public-supported representations to NSW and Federal governments for funding, legislative, and bureaucratic assistance to implement Council's report, Central Coast Housing: Projected Demand.

Elements/Actions:

13.1 Local Community Engagement:

13.1.1 Individuals, community groups and stakeholders who have experience of, and work with, families, single persons, people who are homeless, people with disabilities, war veterans, emergency and essential workers in need of affordable housing, will be encouraged to bring forward their concerns to Council as partners in any plans to deliver housing solutions that meet the needs of these broad categories of people.

13.2 Central Coast Council:

13.2.1 Council will, before the end of 2017, establish an Emergency Task Force comprising Council's CEO, elected Councillors, and representatives from organisations with long-term experience providing

accommodation for the wide range of different categories of homelessness.

13.2.2 Council will, with the assistance of its Emergency Task Force, produce a report Central Coast Housing: Projected Demand and Salt and Pepper Supply including a detailed plan for effective zoning and regulatory parameters to meet the housing needs of a broad range of citizens with different housing needs: families; single persons; people who are homeless; war veterans; emergency; and essential workers. It will propose to Council precise changes to the requirements of DAs such that all large developments, business, industry or residential, are required to provide a proportion of low-cost, low-maintenance housing for essential workers, people who experience long-term homelessness, and for emergency accommodation.

13.2.3 Council will partner with other government organisations with existing expertise and programs, such as National Affordable Housing Providers Limited (NAHP), the NSW Department of Family and Community Services (FACS), and the local government area's relevant service providers in delivering tailored programs and opportunities. Council will also seek to utilise the input from 13.1.1 and work with relevant service providers in delivering affordable housing opportunities for families; single persons, homeless people, war veterans, emergency and essential workers in need of affordable housing [eg Common Ground and Way to Home].

13.2.4 Council will draft rules that create financial incentives for the inclusion of renewable energy sources such as solar photovoltaic (PV) panels and battery storage where appropriate, and co-generation on all developments. Council will seek to remove any approval blockages for such inclusions.

13.2.5 Council will require that all developments minimise the use of fossil fuel based building products and maximise the use of natural building materials and zero, or low toxic building products.

13.2.6 Council will promote the formation of community energy co-operatives to establish mini-grids and decentralise electricity supply.

13.2.7 Council will develop a Sustainable Buildings Policy for Commercial Buildings using the Green Building Council of Australia's (GBCA) Green Star environmental rating system for buildings.

13.2.8 Council will develop a Sustainable Buildings Policy for Residential Buildings based on the Commonwealth Government's 'Your Home'.

13.2.9 Council will support existing initiatives such as: Tiny Homes; Narara Eco Village.

13.3 NSW Government:

13.3.1 Council will use Central Coast Housing: Projected Demand and Salt and Pepper Supply report as the basis of its representations, negotiations and campaigning for NSW Government funding for Central Coast homeless people and low cost housing.

13.3.2 Council will seek the

assistance of the NSW Minister for Local Government to have included in the LEP the recommendations of Central Coast Housing: Projected Demand and Salt and Pepper Supply.

13.3.3 Council will make representations, negotiations and campaign for NSW Government funding for Central Coast's Sustainable Building Policies and renewable energy initiatives.

13.4 Federal Government:

13.4.1 Council will use Central Coast Housing: Projected Demand and Salt and Pepper Supply report as the basis of its representations, negotiations and campaigning for Federal Government funding for Central Coast homeless people and low-cost housing.

13.4.2 Council will make representations, negotiations and campaign for Federal Government funding for Central Coast's Sustainable Building Policies and renewable energy initiatives.



14. Economy

Council's purpose is to collect, collate and publish data and research pertaining to the Central Coast economy, understand the current economic workings on the Central Coast, envision a preferred economic future for the Central Coast, undertake actions for which the Council has direct responsibility in pursuit of this preferred future, advocate, negotiate and campaign for necessary contributions to this preferred future from the NSW and Federal Governments, as well as infrastructure funding agencies.

Acknowledge that small businesses account for 90 per cent of commercial activity on the Central Coast. Council has an important role to engender, encourage, advocate and support a business-friendly approach to viable small businesses and start-ups, consistent with economically sustainable and public amenity principles.

Elements/Actions:

14.1. Local Community Engagement:

14.1.1 The Council will accept new forms of economic engagement with residents that include digital tools to enhance, accept and engage the local economy.

14.2 Central Coast Council:

14.2.1 Council will prepare, in consultation with key economic organisations, research centres and departments, an overview of current

economic activity, including viable small businesses, in the Central Coast region, by sector, and identify current strengths, weaknesses, gaps and opportunities. The overview will contain a comprehensive strategy and detailed plan for a concerted move to a technologically advanced economy shaped to meet the Common Good needs of Central Coast citizens. High priority will be given to job creation associated with: high speed internet on the Central Coast; fast public transport; agricultural production and supply to Sydney; solar, wind, wave production of energy; tourism; Indigenous Australian culture and history; conservation and heritage; arts, culture, entertainment, sports, amongst others. Council will partner with other government organisations with existing expertise and programs together with the local government area's relevant service providers in delivering tailored programs and opportunities.

14.2.2 Council will immediately take action to research, distribute information, and publicly consult with the Central Coast community, as it develops a year-by-year strategy to introduce a new Intelligent Central Coast Economy comprising its two major components: Digital Economy [14.2.3] and Sharing Economy [14.2.4].

14.2.3 Digital Economy: Council will consult with key Australian researchers and successful international city experts, followed by publication of a Council analysis to provide the foundation for Council's support for a rapid move to a digital economy to comprise:

14.2.3.1 Provision of high speed internet to underpin all other Council initiatives;

14.2.3.2 Provision of Innovation and Start-up Centre[s] to accelerate the generation of economic activity from the high-speed internet;

14.2.3.3 Growing the economy though the identification and use of appropriate new IT that supports/ encourages economic growth;

14.2.3.4 Joint ventures with NGOs to educate constituent groups to gain the skills necessary to participate in the digital economy;

14.2.3.5 Democratic processes that enable a free flow of open data, knowledge and ideas, evaluation and eventual implementation;

14.2.3.6 Transparency of transactions and Open Data Sets that enable evidence based decisions.

14.2.4 Sharing Economy: Council will consult with key Australian researchers and successful international city experts, followed by publication of a Council analysis which provides the foundation for Council's support for a rapid move to a Shared Economy comprising:

14.2.4.1 Goods: to encourage the exchange of goods locally through markets, community facilities, garage sales, and online listings;

14.2.4.2 Services: to encourage the exchange of services through the creation of local service provider markets;

14.2.4.3 Transport to encourage lawful ride sharing, pedestrianisation, cycling, mobility aids, shared

ownership models including car hire, taxi; active transport;

14.2.4.4 Accommodation: to encourage responsible and lawful home-sharing initiatives including regulation of Airbnb-style services.

14.2.5 Sustainable energies: Council will analyse existing research to establish the best potential job-driving energy initiatives that Council can support, such as wave, solar, wind, hot-rock, bio, and produce a Central Coast Sustainable Energies Report) with recommendations for Council initiatives with public and/or private monies.

14.2.6 Sustainable industries: Council will analyse existing research to better understand which industries are most capable of consolidating and expanding within the Central Coast environment, and what, if anything, can be done to encourage these industries. Amongst the many to be considered: agriculture, especially food for the Sydney market; tourism consistent with environmental health and public ownership of public lands; Indigenous Australian culture-based servicing of the Sydney market; holidaying in both summer and winter; wave-driven energy production; IT-based start-ups which are housed in Council-initiated premises with early infrastructure and overheads support.

14.2.7 Sustainable jobs: consistent with Council's view of the desirability of a relatively high proportion of new and sustainable jobs being permanent full-time jobs, Council will convene public forums comprising business, unions, as well as interested regional residents, to investigate existing barriers to full-time employment and what, if anything, Council can do to encourage greater proportions of fulltime work.

14.2.8 Sustainable population: Council accepts an ever-expanding population is not "good" for the Central Coast. Beaches, waterways and bushlands do not have infinite capacity to absorb urban expansion without depletion of habitat for flora and fauna and serious damage to public amenity. Over-populated amenities also produce human stresses not needed. Council will commission an academic paper to analyse possibilities for the Central Coast, and to make recommendations for future population targets.

14.2.9 Very fast internet:

14.2.9.1 Council will, given Sydney's accelerating reliance for labour from the Central Coast, campaign for priority provision of very fast internet connections and associated investment to provide the necessary IT platform for that labour;

14.2.9.2 Council will, in collaboration with the university sector and local business groups, help establish IT-leveraged Start-up Innovation Centres for the use of entrepreneurial and innovative activities. Areas of particular interest include tourism, performing arts, arts, multicultural elements of culture, music, online sales, agriculture, environment, and sport;

14.2.9.3 Council will encourage and support the development of Gigabit internet services in appropriate zones to encourage economic growth, education, and Research and Development.

14.3 NSW Government:

14.3.1 Council will seek funding from NSW Government to pursue the recommendations outlined in Central Coast Sustainable Energies Report.

14.3.2 Council will oppose any attempt by the NSW Government to impose, encourage or permit:

14.3.2.1 Fracking anywhere in Central Coast region;

14.3.2.2 New/expanded coal mining anywhere in Central Coast region;

14.3.2.3 Nuclear power generation, nuclear dumping.

14.4 Federal Government:

14.4.1 Council will seek funding from Federal Government to pursue the recommendations outlined in Central Coast Sustainable Energies Report.



15. Social Cohesion and Democracy

Council's purpose is to consciously build greater levels of social cohesion and community participation in our democracy, with higher levels of democratic understanding and practice throughout the citizenry, including the introduction of structures and protocols designed to enable local precinct freedoms to act, and express opinions.

Elements/Actions:

15.2 Central Coast Council:

15.1.1 Council will, specifically, employ three levels of consultation, wherever possible, to engage the community in participatory processes on matters of public importance:

- Frequent use of established community organisations including consultations with indigenous and multicultural organisations, and especially with existing and active 'umbrella' organisations such as Progress Associations, for precinct-level consultation;
- Establishment of precinct advisory committees where community-wide groups are not already established, and frequent use of them for consultative purposes;
- Maintenance and strengthening of Council's advisory support using a committee structure.

15.1.2 Council will seek to inform and train, precinct by precinct, communities to use reserved public lands for organised and agreed public purposes such as: vegetable and flower gardening; recreation; animal exercise; wildlife rehabilitation; bees and small bird habitat regeneration etc.

15.1.3 Council will engage diverse sectors of the Central Coast community in a consultation with

the purpose of identifying the special aspirations of each group within the overarching goal of bringing Australians together.

15.1.4 Council will undertake/ commission research, in collaboration with civil society on the Central Coast, to identify experiences, policies, and any other barriers to the achievement of social cohesion.

15.1.5 Council will conduct events designed to emphasise both aspects of Australian multiculturalism: bringing Australians together while acknowledging and celebrating multicultural differences within the Australian context.

15.1.6 Council will set multicultural protocols for the conduct of Council's relationship with disparate groups.

15.1.7 Council will conduct multicultural forums designed to identify events which draw people of disparate backgrounds together to Celebrate Difference and enjoy joint and integrated activities.

15.1.8 Council will encourage organisations and groups to welcome newcomers of all ethnicities to the Central Coast.

15.1.9 Council will conduct regular Cultural Orientation Forums for relatively recent immigrants to Central Coast with the purpose of introducing them to Australian, and more local, customary behaviours when driving or walking or shopping or spectating or while in an audience, safe behaviour and places, dangerous behaviour and areas, anything designed to make their understandings more complete.



16. Caring

Council's purpose is to care for its workers appropriately [see Category 5 'Workers and Families'] and to care, as best it can, for those in danger and vulnerable within our community: the disabled; homeless people; the unattended mentally ill; unsupported ADF veterans; victims of violence and intimidation. In respect of domestic and family violence, Council's purpose is to reduce and prevent domestic and family violence. It is Council's responsibility to better understand, and to provide support for those with special care needs.

Elements/Actions:

16.1 Central Coast Council:

16.1.1 Because Council cares about its significant populations of people in danger:

- Undiagnosed and unattended mentally ill;
- ADF veterans with PTSD;
- Victims of violence;

- The many homeless;
- People with disabilities;

Council will undertake a comprehensive analysis of the nature and size of existing realities, and will report, with recommendations for appropriate actions by Council, to the NSW Government, and the Federal Government.

16.1.2 Council will consult with NGOs associated with the homeless, undiagnosed mentally ill, ADF veterans, and victims of violence, to identify possible support Council can provide from its own resources.

16.1.3 In respect of people with disabilities, Council will:

16.1.3.1 Consult with all Central Coast NGO providers of care on a six month basis through onsite visits and regular public consultation meetings & forums;

16.1.3.2 Audit existing public accessible infrastructure and retro fit where necessary. The audit should conform to Australian Standards and keep pace with today's equipment requirements and technology;

16.1.3.3 Work collaboratively, in equal partnership, with local care organisations to identify Disability Inclusive and accessible regional precincts for people with special needs;

16.1.3.4 Allocate reasonable Operational Funding and Special Project Funding to facilitate true inclusion and accessibility throughout the region;

16.1.3.5 Encourage Central Coast Tourism and the Tourism Industry of the Central Coast to look seriously at Disability Tourism and its potential as an alternative source of income for the region and help with the promotion of such services;

16.1.3.6 Identify with appropriate signage, precinct areas or services that deal with Disability Access and Inclusion and support all registered services on the Central Coast on Council's website and other written material;

16.1.3.7 create a permanent Community Disability Advisory Group (separate from Council's Disability Officers or staff) with representatives selected by the regional NGOs caring for vulnerable people with disabilities as a true representation of carer organisations on the Coast, to be included in continued work on developing specialist disability precincts throughout the Council area;

16.1.3.8 Encourage a work and living environment in which disability is regarded as a normal part of the human experience, and people with disabilities are part of all sections of the Central Coast community;

16.1.3.9 Consult regularly with

all leading organisations such as St Vincent de Paul Society Central Coast Region, Central Coast Disability Network, Home and Community Care, Lifestyle solutions, Life Without Barriers, Samaritans, Camp Breakaway Inc, Disabled Surfers Association of Australia;

16.1.3.10 Progressively increase access to buildings and external sites which cater for sizeable public groups, government, public services, commercial, sport, performances, learning, conveniences, beaches, waterways, parks;

16.1.3.11 Establish a separate fund (through State and Federal grants) to engage local tradespeople for the free retro fitting of access ramps, etc. to private shops in designated Inclusive Precinct areas to help support Access and Inclusion on the Central Coast.

16.1.4 In respect of incidents of domestic violence Council will:

16.1.4.1 Focus on primary prevention strategies in accordance with the National Domestic Violence Framework - Third Action Plan of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022;

16.1.4.2 Establish a Women's Advisory Council to provide advice on decisions that have particular impacts on women and gender based violence;

16.1.4.3 Consult with the Central Coast Domestic Violence Committee and local D&FV services to support local initiatives of violence prevention and to keep abreast of local D&FV needs;

16.1.4.4 Commit to gender equality in employment by enacting the 50:50 Vision - Councils for Gender Equity by employing an equal amount of women to men;

16.1.4.5 Work with children and youth through Council's youth work programs to counter the early development of negative peer relationships and to promote respect and gender equality;

16.1.4.6 Work towards the health and wellbeing of the community through community support programs, events and community meeting places i.e. well established play parks covering the Central Coast.

16.2 NSW Government:

16.2.1 Following Council's comprehensive analysis Council will, with the advice and support of specific advisory groups such as the Community Disability Advisory Group, Central Coast Domestic Violence Committee, the Women's Advisory Council, provide advocacy on behalf of these categories of people, and seek to broker legislative, regulatory and funding support from the NSW

Government.

16.2.2 Council will, in 2017, begin negotiations with NSW Government for the legislation, funding and political support to provide for the Third Action Plan of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022.

16.3 Federal Government:

16.3.1 Following Council's comprehensive analysis [see 16.2.1] Council will, with the advice and support of specific advisory groups such as the Community Disability Advisory Group, Central Coast Domestic Violence Committee, the Women's Advisory Council, provide advocacy on behalf of these categories of people, and seek to broker legislative, regulatory and funding support from the Federal Government.

16.3.2 Council will negotiate directly with the Federal Government to increase crisis funding for housing [see Category 13 "Housing"] and accommodation services on the Central Coast.



17. Emergencies

Council's purpose is to establish, and maintain, close liaison and support for regional-wide emergency response groups.

Elements/Actions:

17.1 Central Coast Council:

17.1.1 Council will regularly consult with emergency agencies including:

- Rural Fire Service;
- National Parks and Wildlife Service;
- State Emergency Services;
- NSW Ambulance Service;
- Maritime Rescue;
- Surf Life-Saving Clubs

17.1.2 Each quarter, Council will provide NSW Government and the mass media with data and analysis based on its research.



18. Public Amenity

Council's purpose is to integrate the provision of essential, support, cultural, and other desirable services into designated geographic areas that facilitates a satisfying and enjoyable experience and, in particular, in existing villages and the Southern and Northern Growth Corridors.

Elements/Actions:

18.1 Central Coast Council:

18.1.1 Zoning: Council will:

18.1.1.1 Prepare zoning requirements which encourage public amenity in existing villages and the Southern and Northern Growth Corridors;

18.1.1.2 Prepare a plan to develop and integrate large areas of public interest and recreation with areas of commerce.

18.1.2 Development planning: Council will draw up a Public Spaces and Lifestyle Plan with public spaces at the centre of the commercial and leisure hub. Associated exemplar models will be prepared for use when discussing planning developments within the two growth corridors and existing towns and villages. If the development is within an existing residential area, then a large public space, close to any high density development, should be planned.

18.1.3 Spaces, Council will:

18.1.3.1 In respect of Large Space Precincts, Council will:

- Identify and move to reserve areas for recreation close to enterprises such as hotels, theatres, shops, cultural attractions, ground level specialty shops, avoiding theme parks like Waterworld, Dreamworld, Chinese City replica, which can be developed away from the public recreation precinct;
- Plan for future large planned Public Recreation spaces such that at least one is accessible to every part of the Coast with the possibility of restaurants, art galleries, shaded areas, pleasant walkways & museums being part of the mix;
- Plan for recreational development suitable for a range of recreational needs;

• Assess the feasibility of high-density developments contributing to the development of the aforementioned Large Space Precincts;

• Provide appropriately funded, installed and curated public art;

• Encourage responsible animal ownership and promote the benefits of owning companion animals. Pet owners are responsible for controlling their pets in the local neighbourhood and public places, as outlined in the NSW Companion Animals Act. The needs of pets are to be balanced with those of the wider community. Pets must be kept safe and be socialised appropriately. Dogs need training to learn basic commands and to understand what you require of them. All dogs need regular exercise and we provide off-leash areas for dogs to exercise.

18.1.3.2 In respect of small local activity spaces: Council will:

• Identify and reserve areas within easy walking distance of locales. Precincts may organise to include natural vegetation, pathways, community gardening, play areas, basketball hoops, pétanque area, simple labyrinth planting, chess area, picnic tables, allotment or verge gardens;

• Encourage and support ongoing consultation with local community groups as part of the management team on development and maintenance;

• Ensure that if a high rise building is developed in an existing residential area, there must be a contribution from the developer to public space to be used for public purposes. The contribution must go directly to the local public space and not go into a Council park fund.

• Ensure provision and construction of quality playgrounds.

18.1.4 Structures: Council will:

18.1.4.1 Consider new protocols needed to maintain safe, healthy uses of amenities, such as:

- Extension of the hours at our beaches and surf club facilities by better use of paid and volunteer staff rosters;
- Maintaining toilets, water stations, electric scooter recharging, seating and shade, emergency phone access, accessible toilet access, key availability and notices on accessible toilets;
- Provision for private operators of small (relocatable) refreshment stalls in public areas;
- Designate sites and encourage busking and public entertainment;
- Provision for CCTV surveillance to protect public amenities.



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Council expects to make remaining appointments soon

Central Coast Council has acknowledged that one quarter of its staff still remain to be appointed.

However, it expects these will be made this month.

The acknowledgement came from the council following comments from the United Services Union about the indeterminate state of some of Council's Peninsula employees, reported in the last edition of Peninsula News.

A Council executive manager Ms Kellie Reeves said that 1600 staff had been appointed in the new organisational structure.

"This equates to approximately 75 per cent of full time equivalent staff," Ms Reeves said.

"The progress of the appointment of the remaining staff is subject to further consultation."

"Council is on track to complete the direct appointments of staff into the new organisational structure over the next month of September.

"Staff appointments have been made across most business areas including at depots, childcare centres, libraries and waste facilities in both south and north locations," she said.

"Council is committed to following the Local Government Award requirements which require consultation with significantly affected individuals and their union, where applicable.

"As Council continues to bring together the operations of the former Gosford and Wyong Councils to one single regional Council, the focus areas in relation to staff matters for the next three months are a unified salary scale as a first step to creating equity for staff as a fair and transparent salary framework is developed."

Ms Reeves said a single

method for determining the value of a job has been adopted and is in implementation.

"No Central Coast Council employee will have a reduction to their salary, or salary range and all general Award increases will apply.

"Salary progression processes remain the same.

"Any staff not placed into a role will have their salary maintained and be provided with meaningful work until such time as they are appointed to an equivalent position," she said.

Another priority is progressing a trial of a nine-day fortnight in some business areas that currently do not operate under these conditions.

"Both former Councils operated some individual business areas differently," she said.

Staff safety was another priority area, with a transition to a compliant Standard Outdoor Uniform across all business areas in the north and south.

"This includes transitioning to day/night compliant, UPF 50+ long pants and long sleeved collared shirts.

"The unified Workplace Health and Safety Committee will oversee a workplace trial of newly available compliant fabric options in a variety of operational environments to determine the best viable fabrics and designs to improve worker comfort.

"Council's commitment to all staff is fairness and equity and working through all inconsistencies with a consultative committee which includes union delegates.

"Decisions are balanced to meet Council's core business purpose of serving the community," Ms Reeves said.

SOURCE:

Media statement, 28 Aug 2017
Kellie Reeves, Central Coast Council

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Chemical cleanout day to be held at Gosford

Central Coast Council is hosting a Chemical Cleanout day on Saturday, September 16, and Sunday, September 17.

The venue for the entire southern area of the local government area, including the Peninsula, is Gosford Showground.

Council administrator Mr Ian Reynolds said Chemical Cleanout day was a free service for the safe disposal of a range of common

household chemicals, many of which could cause harm if not disposed of correctly.

"Keeping old chemicals can increase the risk of poisoning around the home," Mr Reynolds said.

"Putting chemicals in your garbage bin or even pouring small amounts on to the ground or down drains, which is illegal, can pollute the environment and may cause harm to human health, plants and

animals," he said.

"Even unknown or unidentified chemicals will be accepted for identification and correct disposal."

Materials such as pool chemicals, car batteries, acids and alkalis, solvents, pesticides, chemical cleaners, motor oils, herbicides, paints, hobby chemicals, gas bottles, fire extinguishers, fluorescent lights and household cleaners can be dropped off during the event.

Only household quantities can be accepted, up to a maximum of 20 litres or 20 kilograms container size.

Residents are encouraged to transport materials carefully, in their original container, and remain in their vehicle at the collection site at the Gosford Showground.

Chemicals can be dropped off between 9am and 3:30pm on either September 16 or 17 at the Gosford Showground carpark.

This project is a NSW Environmental Protection Authority Waste Less, Recycle More initiative funded from the waste levy.

SOURCE:

Media release, 31 Aug 2017
Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council

Pensioner escapes scam, says O'Neill

A Umina pensioner has narrowly escaped falling prey to an NBN scam, according to Senator Deborah O'Neill.

Senator O'Neill said she feared other customers were being targeted by scammers asking customers for personal information like names, dates of birth and Medicare numbers.

The Umina pensioner was called by a man who claimed to be an NBN technician, Senator O'Neill said.

"The caller then told the Umina resident that he would need to pay over the phone to connect to the NBN network using his credit cards and hundreds of dollars' worth of iTunes gift cards," she said.

"After the elderly man refused to pay, the caller left a phone number which was later found to be disconnected."

Senator O'Neill said she urged elderly residents to be wary of anyone who asks for personal details over the phone.

"For many senior citizens in our community, switching over to the NBN is a daunting process not only because of the disruptive headache of connecting to the network but it also makes them vulnerable to criminals who may wish to prey on innocent people," Senator O'Neill said.

SOURCE:

Media release, 29 Aug 2017
Rhys Zorro, Office of
Senator Deborah O'Neill

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The Rotary Club of Umina Beach will be collecting goods for Mary Mac's Place in Umina on Saturday, September 9 and Sunday, September 10.

Rotary members will be set up outside the Aldi supermarket from 8:30am to 5:30pm on both the Saturday and the Sunday.

Laminated signs will list the non-perishable goods that Mary Mac's Place most needs to receive from donors.

Collection buckets will also be available for those who would prefer to donate cash.

SOURCE::

Newsletter, 28 Aug 2017
Paul Quinn, Umina Rotary



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Developer meetings show one in four success rate

In the Peninsula News, August 21, we read that a proposal for a 160-bed nursing home valued at \$27.8m for a site in Hillview St, Woy Woy, was refused by Council.

A mixed use development application, valued at \$37.2m, to be built at Woy Woy Bowling Club, was withdrawn by applicant.

A mixed use development, valued at \$7.5m, for Morris St, Umina, was submitted to Council with requests for building variations.

It appears that only one significant proposal – a residential flat building valued at \$958,000 in Booker Bay – was submitted to

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Council with documentation that was within planning regulations.

That's a one to four success ratio.

Why do development proposals outrageously exceed planning regulations?

When the council staff holds developers forums and pre-application meetings with developers, surely compliance with the regulations should be expected.

Is this good enough for the Peninsula's residents?

What is council's administration doing about this failure?

Letter, 29 Aug 2017
Norman Harris, Umina

The supporting arguments for the proposed development at Morris and West Sts, Umina, make interesting if unenlightening reading ("Five storey development proposed for Umina", August 21).

It is notable that the development provides 28 parking spaces for 22 apartments and a range of retail-commercial spaces in a location where street parking is limited, without giving any explanation of how this is justified.

It is also notable that the development breaches the height and floor space requirements of the Development Plan, although this might not be surprising, given that the so-called Atlantis development at Ettalong, also supported by Mr Wales, breaches just about every element of the Development Plan imaginable, with no rational justification at all.

In the case of Umina, the argument is that the variation is based on "design merit and key location of the proposed development and the imperative

Washing powder waffle does not justify planning breach

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explain why the building needs to breach development controls in order to "improve the social and economic welfare of the local community and substantially improve the liveability and amenity of the locality".

This is just waffle, as is such stuff as "utilising the natural features of the land and activating the ... street frontage".

This is the kind of language appropriate to washing powder advertisements, not to serious architectural discussion.

I should make it clear that I have no fundamental objection to taller buildings or greater density in Umina; in fact, I think it is a retrograde step that the Council has not proceeded with the redevelopment of the Bullion St Carpark which was an ideal location for a breakthrough building on the Peninsula.

However, the Sans Filter design does not justify departing from the established standards.

It is a mean effort, and all those sunless balconies pasted on the front won't save it.

Email, 23 Aug 2017
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy.

to lift the design standard of the eastern entry to the Umina town centre".

What is not clear is where the link lies between the variations and the stated goal.

Far from lifting "the design bar for future development in the Umina town centre", the building might best be described as in the Central Coast Bland style of architecture, leaving aside the 1920s clock face on the main facade (not even a digital display with time and temperature).

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The Swampies with Ms Jan Richens

Donation for children at Gosford Hospital

The Swampies Golf Club Woy Woy has made a donation of \$12,539 to Central Coast Health's Gosford Hospital Children's Fund at a cheque presentation held at Everglades Country Club on Tuesday, August 8.

The donation has been used to purchase a monitor for use when intubating with a laryngoscope, providing quality and dependable equipment for children having surgical procedures.

The money was also used to

purchase two syringe drivers for the smallest of our patients in the Special Care Nursery with these being used to facilitate safe intravenous medication administration to sick babies.

The donations are consistent with the group's philosophy of charitable assistance whenever possible.

Club treasurer Mr Warwick Ford presented the cheque to Health District fundraising manager Ms Jan Richens.

Ms Richens said: "The Swampies golfers have been

consistent donors to our Children's Fund for many years and we are very grateful when groups such as theirs contribute financially to the care of our patients.

"All donations received by the District remain on the Coast to benefit the local community and, in this case, providing care to our sick and injured children."

The Swampies Club will celebrate its 39th year this year.

SOURCE:

Media release, 21 Aug 2017
Ken Martin, Swampies Golf Club Woy Woy

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Suicide prevention walk to be held at Umina Beach

A suicide prevention walk will be held on Umina Beach from 9am on September 10 as part of Lifeline's Out of the Shadows national campaign.

It has been organised by Coast Community Connections to mark World Suicide Prevention Day.

Suicide is the leading cause of death for Australians aged between 15 and 44 and men are four times more likely to die by suicide than women, according to a general manager for the organisation, Ms Emma Gilby.

"Suicide prevention work is grossly underfunded, yet more people die from suicide than road or traffic related accidents," she said.

"Initiatives like this annual Out of the Shadows walk encourage people to talk about suicide, learn about suicide prevention and connect with each other to save lives.

"Everyone has a role to play in preventing suicide.

"We need to take care of our own health and have the courage to check in on our family members

and friends who may be struggling with life's challenges.

"We hope our walk, held on World Suicide Prevention Day, reinforces hope, recovery, reflection and prevention," Ms Gilby said.

The walk will start from Umina Beach Surf Club and will include a brief reflection on the water's edge along the beach.

Interested locals can turn up on the day or pre-register for the walk.

SOURCE:
Media release, 31 Aug 2017
Katey Small, Brilliant Logic

Volunteers wanted for high care facility

Peninsula Village is seeking local community members to volunteer at its high care facility, Jack Aldous House, in Umina.

The organisation is putting a call out for willing and suitable volunteers to assist at meal times at the residential aged care facility for approximately one to two hours at a time, for one to two days a week.

"We highly value our hardworking team of volunteers who help enhance the quality of life for our residents and provide a vital service to our community," said the aged care provider's chief executive, Mr Shane Neaves.

"Peninsula Villages is delighted to have a loyal and dedicated team of almost 100 volunteers who assist with everything from day-to-day activities for our residents, to

assisting with the village bus, our meal delivery service, care support, resident leisure and engagement, events and administration.

"We are now seeking additional volunteers to assist our residents in our high care facility, Jack Aldous House, specifically at lunch times to assist with meal support," Mr Neaves said.

Suitable volunteers for this role would be provided with volunteer training, including understanding correct, safe and appropriate way to assist our residents at meal times and training about the organisation's values.

All applications deemed suitable will have various legislative checks undertaken before commencement.

SOURCE:
Media release, 23 Aug 2017
Katey Small, Brilliant Logic

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Shopping centre charity day to aid paediatric services

A Woy Woy shopping centre will hold a charity day from 9am to 8pm on Thursday, September 21, to raise money for a children's fund that supports paediatric services at Gosford and Wyong Hospitals.

Deepwater Plaza shopping centre, along with others in the Dexus group, will ask for a gold coin donation from shoppers entering the centre.

The day will include special offers from retailers and a program of free entertainment and events,

including choir, band and dance performances.

"We see this as an important way to give back and make a difference in our community," the centre's general manager, Ms Deborah McKilligan, said.

"The response we've had from our retailers, local community organisations and media partners has been overwhelming.

"We invite everyone to join us and raise much needed funds for local Children's health services on this day."

SOURCE:
Media release, 31 Aug 2017
Jodie Elkin, Deepwater Plaza

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Character parade

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Staff, students and pre-schoolers all came together to celebrate, dressed as their favourite book characters.

Students got to parade their costumes with their classes.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 24 Aug 2017
Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach Public School

Jo receives appreciation

Ms Jo Baillie from Umina Beach Public School has received an Award of Appreciation at an Education Week assembly.

The ceremony was held at Berkeley Vale recently.

Ms Baillie was acknowledged for her dedication and tireless effort in supporting staff, students and community members at

Umina Beach Public School in understanding and building knowledge in aboriginal education.

She has implemented and initiated programs and provides opportunities for all students to

participate in meaningful learning experiences at school and in the wider community.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 29 Aug 2017
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School

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Dance and recorder groups perform

The Stage 3 Dance Group and Recorder Ensemble from Umina Beach Public School were selected to perform in the Central Coast Schools Showcase 2017.

Students performed in a matinee show to an audience of school groups and again in an evening show to the general public.

Five teachers from the school assisted the children back stage for their performances.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 29 Aug 2017
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School

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The Bays Community members enjoying the recent Wine, Cheese and Art night

Art night full to capacity

The Bays Community Group's recent wine, cheese and art night held in the community hall was full to capacity.

"The full house sign best described the roll up for the Friday night," said Bays Community Group

president Ms Cathy Gleeson.

"Those attending were able to graze on the delicious fare that was available while sampling quality wine and competing in the animated bidding for the artwork and floral display on auction," Ms Gleeson said.

"The Saturday and Sunday saw

a steady stream of visitors drop in to the hall to both catch up with the art in a more sedate atmosphere and enjoy a Devonshire Tea at the same time," she said.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 18 Aug 2017
Cathy Gleeson, Bays
Community Group

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Portrait of an actor by a young man hung in Archibald

Jordan Richardson of Killcare has had his portrait of actor and director Mr John Bell hung in the 2017 Archibald Prize.

Now 25, Jordan met Mr Bell in 2012 when he received a grant from the Bouddi Foundation for the Arts, of which Mr Bell is chair.

Born in Sydney in 1993, Jordan has a Bachelor of Fine Art (Honours) from the National Art School.

He has been both a finalist and highly commended in the Brett Whiteley Travelling Art Scholarship.

This year he is a finalist in the Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize and the Kilgour Prize.

The John Bell portrait was his first time in the Archibald Prize.

"John and the foundation have continued to be supportive so it felt natural to ask to paint him," he said.

"I wanted to paint John lost in thought, something honest that was more than just John Bell the actor.

"I initially gave him a Rubik's cube but ended up settling for these little figures that his wife Anna Volska dug up from somewhere.

"I was amazed at the way a man of such accomplishment took



Jordan Richardson's portrait of Mr John Bell was hung in the 2017 Archibald Prize

direction from a 24-year-old kid.

"He was incredibly generous and patient.

"I hope the portrait captures a glimmer of something beyond the curtain," he said.

A Bouddi Foundation member, artist Mr Peter Godwin, said he had been mentoring Jordan since he came to the attention of the Bouddi Foundation.

"He has been recognised by the Bouddi Foundation on two occasions and has received two grants totalling \$5000," Mr Godwin said.

"Jordan is working at the moment in a fairly traditional, figurative manner, mainly working with oils on canvas," he said.

The John Bell portrait for the Archibald was oil on linen.

"Of course, the whole Foundation is very proud of Jordan and very happy for his recognition," Mr Godwin said.

"He has been listed as a finalist in a very competitive prize with over 800 entries and only 30 selected so it is a pretty impressive achievement, especially in Jordan's case for someone so young and his first attempt," he said.

"This will be a major stepping stone for his work in fine arts here and overseas but especially in Australia because of the notoriety of the Archibald."

Jordan Richardson's work is available through the Michael Reid Gallery in Sydney, Berlin and online.

Mr Godwin said: "He is a hard worker, dedicated and disciplined, and if you don't have that in the fine arts you're a goner."

SOURCES:

Interview, 21 Jul 2017

Peter Godwin, Killcare

Email, 21 Jul 2017

Joy Park, Bouddi

Foundation for the Arts

Reporter: Jackie Pearson



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publicity@artcentralcoast.asn.au

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www.ebacc.com.au
ebacc.email@gmail.com

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0437 699 366
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6 Sydney Ave Umina
4342 7515
admin@mingaletta.com.au

**Peninsula School
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Tues, Wed, Thur
4341 5984 or 4341 0800

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2nd Mon, 7.30pm
Wagstaffe Hall 4360 2945
info@wagstaffetokillcare.org.au

Health Groups

Al-Anon
If someone's drinking is
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4344 6939
1300 252 666
Meetings Sat 2pm
Woy Woy Hospital
Ocean Beach Road

Arthritis NSW
Woy Woy support group
Woy Woy Bowling Club
North Burge Road Woy Woy
3rd Tues 10.30am
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Information 2nd and
4th Tues - 11am
4344 2599
reception@bluewaveliving.org.au

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Church Donnison St
Gosford
4344 7989 or 4368 2214

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2pm 2nd Sat St Lukes Church
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jthomson51@gmail.com

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4th Sat 7pm CWA Hall
Woy Woy 4342 6716
mail.info@troubadour.org.au

Political Groups

Australian Labor Party
Political discussions, national,
state and local government issues

Umina Ettalong Branch
2nd Mon Umina Beach Bowling
Club 7.30pm 4342 3676

Ourimbah/ Narara Branch
Niagara Park Primary School
7.30pm 1st Mon
0410 309 494
kyle.macgregor@hotmail.com

Woy Woy Branch
Everglades Country Club
7.30pm 2nd Mon
0412 517 520
belindaneal@bigpond.com

Peninsula Day Branch
1pm 2nd Mon
CWA Hall Woy Woy
4341 9946

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3rd Thur,
centralcoast.nsw.greens.org.au
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Everglades Country Club
0409 245 861
curleys@ozemail.com.au
0409 245 861
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Tues 6pm Everglades
Country Club.
Don Tee 0428 438 535

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Woy Woy
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1st Sat 1pm Lions
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centralcoastveterans@bigpond.com.

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Ettalong. Tues & Thurs 9am to
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2nd Wednesday 10am
Craft & Friends
Wednesdays 9.30am
2nd and 4th Sundays 12.15pm
0416 193 070 - 4340 1746

**Country Women's
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2621

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Turo Park has soccer net imported from Britain

The Wagstaffe-Killcare Community Association has announced that Turo Park now has a soccer net, following many representations from parents and others.

The goal is the largest available, and was provided and installed by Central Coast Council.

The net was purchased by the

association, and was imported from the UK, together with a spare net.

The goal is being enthusiastically used by young people, boys and girls, and their parents and it also helps preserve the tennis court fence from damage by stray soccer balls.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 10 Aug 2017
Peta Colebatch, WTKCA

Twins co-write fantasy novel

Twin sisters from Woy Woy, Lydia and Santina Casablanca, have co-written a fantasy novel based on their shared childhood games and memories.

Their story sees a new generation of star-crossed lovers emerge on the planet of Magika, where witches rule and demons lurk.

The sisters were born in Brisbane, raised mostly in New South Wales, but moved around all the time and never staying in one place for more than three years.

They are now both settled in Woy Woy.

Growing up, the twins had wild imaginations and would often play make believe where they lived in their own supernatural world.

They made up all kinds of characters and story lines but when they were 14 years old, they noticed they were starting to forget the stories, the characters and the families they had made up.

The twins decided to write down all their adventures, all the characters and the families they had made up.

While writing their stories, they realised they had a passion for it and decided to share the families they had created, the adventures, the characters with the world.

Lydia and Santina worked on their novel, The Dawsons, for 10 years.

They approached the self-publishing company Xlibris in October 2016.

The twins knew that self-publishing a book was not cheap so they saved up for years, working in a number of local businesses to earn the money that would help them to publish their first novel.

The book was finally published in April 2017.

Lydia is currently working on a sequel.

SOURCE:
Media release, 22 Aug 2016
Lydia Casablanca, Woy Woy

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The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

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Accessible arcade, after school gaming session, Woy Woy Library, 3:30pm to 4:30pm, bookings essential

Wednesday, Sep 6

Umina Library Book Club, 10:30am to 11:30am this month's book is Dirt Music by Tim Winton

Thursday, Sep 7

Rock 'til you drop 1960s entertainment talk, Woy Woy Library, 10:30am to 11:30am, bookings essential

Woy Woy Library Book Club, On the Beach by Nevil Shute, 2pm to 3pm

Saturday, Sep 9

Central Coast Council election Empire Bay Public School election day market, 9am to 3pm Patonga Art Fair

BluesAngels, Bakehouse Gallery streetfront, Patonga Beach Busking Competition, 12pm

Garage sale, CWA Hall Umina, 2 Sydney Ave, 7:30am to 12pm, bargains galore

Market Day, Umina Uniting Church, Neptune Street, excellent trash and treasure, plants, books, BBQ, 8am to 1pm

Sunday, Sep 10

Jam with Top Cat, Hardys Bay Club, 2pm to 6pm

Sentimental Journey with Vov Dylan and Glenn Amer, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club, doors open 2pm

Monday, Sep 11

Umina Library Primary Book Club, all primary school aged children, 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Wednesday, Sep 13

Buying products for children, a child safety guide, Department of Fair Trading, Umina Library, 10:30am to 11:30am

Friday, Sep 15

How can I help my child to be a better speller? Woy Woy Library, 10am to 12pm

Ben Woodham, Ettalong Bowling Club, 7:30pm

A Coupla Numbers, The Old Pub Woy Woy, 8pm

Johnny Devilseed and Old Man Rubes, Ettalong Beach Hotel, 9pm

Saturday, Sep 16

Caitlyn Shadbolt and Melanie Dyer, Hardys Bay Club, 8pm

Sunday, Sep 17

Umina Beach markets,

Peninsula Recreational Precinct, 9am to 2pm

Special Deck Session featuring The Roamin Jasmine (New Orleans), Hardys Bay Club, 2pm

Thursday, Sep 21

Ben Woodham, Sounds on West, Umina, 6:30pm

Big Change for Small Change, Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy, 9am to 8pm, gold coin donation

Saturday, Sep 23

Tracey McNeil and the Good Life, Hardys Bay Club, 7:30pm

Troubadour Folk Club exchange visit with Newcastle and Hunter Folk, Woy Woy CWA Hall

Sunday, Sep 24

Deck Sessions, Charlie and Jensen, Hardys Bay Club, 2pm

Wednesday, Sep 27

Spring Painting, Umina Library, 10am to 11:30am

Woy Woy Library Lego Club, 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Friday, Sep 29

Archer, Hardys Bay Club, 7:45pm

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

Peninsula directory of services, contacts and support groups

Ambulance, Police, Fire 000

Emergency

Ambulance, Police, Fire 000
Police Assistance Line 131 444
Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000
Woy Woy Police Station 4379 7399
Energy Australia 13 13 88
Gas Emergency 131 909
Gosford City Council 4325 8222
Marine Rescue NSW - Central Coast 4325 7929
SES - Storm and Flood Emergency 132 500
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Organisations

Mingaletta 4342 7515
Aboriginal Home Care 4321 7215
Drug & Alcohol rehab 4388 6360
Accommodation

Dept. of Housing Gosford 4323 5211
Cassie4Youth 4322 3197
Coast Shelter 4325 3540
Pacific Link Com Housing 4324 7617
Rumbalara Youth Refuge 4325 7555
Samaritans Youth Services 4351 1922
Youth Angle • Woy Woy 4341 8830
Woy Woy Youth Cottage 4341 9027
Animal Rescue

Wildlife Arc 4325 0666
Wires 1300 094 737

Community Centres

Peninsula Community Centre 4341 9333
Men's Shed Cluster Inc 0413 244 484
Counselling

Centacare: 4324 6403
Relationship Australia: 1300 364 277
Interrelate: 1800 449 118

Family and Relationships

Centacare Gosford 4324 6403
Central Coast Family Support Service 4340 1099
Horizons (For men with children) 4351 5008
Uniting Care Burnside Gosford 1800 067 967

Health

Poisons Information 131 126
Ambulance Text Mobile 106
Ambulance GSM 112
Gosford Hospital 4320 2111
Woy Woy Hospital 4344 8444
Sexual Health @ Gosford Hospital 4320 2114
After Hours GP Help Line 1800 022 222
Legal & Financial Help

Financial Counselling Service 4334 2304
Tenants' Advice and Advocacy Service 4353 5515
Woy Woy Court 4344 0111
Libraries

Gosford district:
Umina Beach 4304 7333
Woy Woy 4304 7555

Problems, Habits & Addiction

Alcoholics Anonymous 4323 3890
Narcotics Anonymous 4325 0524
Professional support phone services:

Mental Health Line 1800 011 511
Beyondblue 1300 224 636
Domestic Violence Line 1800 656 463
Lifeline 13 11 14

Kids Help Line 1800 551 800
Griefline 1300 845 745
Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467

Transport

Taxi 131 008
Busways 4368 2277
City Rail 131 500
Welfare Services

Gosford Family Support 4340 1585
Meals on Wheels 4341 6699
Department of Community Services Gosford 4336 2400
The Salvation Army 4325 5733
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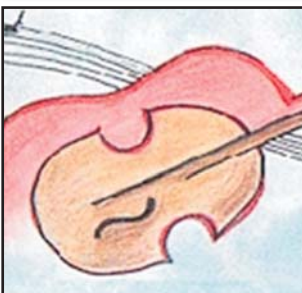
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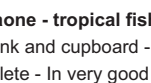
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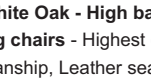
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Ms Marie Purkiss and Ms Elizabeth Lawrence

Bridge club celebrates formation

Brisbane Water Bridge Club has celebrated its formation in 1975 with a tournament named in honour of one of the first members, Mr Eric Gibson, along with the club's first President, Ms Jean Pelham.

This year the winners of the Eric Gibson Pairs were Ms Marie Purkiss and Ms Elizabeth Lawrence.

Second place went to Ms Gwen White and Ms Alfie Nation and bronze to Mr Jaan Oitmaa and Ms Sylvia

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The club always welcomes new members and players.

SOURCE: Media release, 26 Aug 2017 Laurie Powell, Brisbane Water Bridge Club

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Sport

Success in pool at Adelaide

Umina Surf Life Saving Club's athletes had significant success at the 2017 Australian Pool Rescue Championships held in Adelaide.

The strong Umina contingent travelled to the South Australian capital for the three-day-competition confident in their ability to rise to the occasion against the best pool rescue competitors from around Australia.

Umina's Lachlan Braddish (U14's five medals), Kaylah Holmes (U14's four medals), and Rachel Wood (four medals) all found themselves on the podium.

In the overall Masters standings, Umina also achieved a coveted Top 10 position to finish in sixth place.

NSW Surf Sport manager Mr Rob Pidgeon said: "As an organisation we have been really conscious of trying to grow the sport of Pool Rescue in NSW so to see such strong results; well we are delighted.

"I think the sport will continue to



Umina athlete Kaylah Holmes with her 2017 Pool Rescue Championship medals

grow and hopefully these results sport," Mr Pidgeon concluded.

will encourage others to pursue this highly technical but essential

SOURCE:

Media release, 11 Aug 2017
Rob Pigeon, Surf Life Saving NSW

Boxers compete in State titles

Boxers representing the Umina PCYC competed with nearly 100 of the State's best amateur boxers for NSW titles and Commonwealth Games selection at Mittagong from September 1.

Over three days, 93 boxers, including 25 from the PCYC's boxing academy, competed in the masters, elite, youth and junior age divisions.

Academy manager Mr Joel Keegan said the NSW state titles and the Commonwealth Games "pathway" event were being held together for the first time.

"Joe Taylor is one of the PCYC academy boxers I'm hoping will

do well in the 75kg division," Mr Keegan said.

"Likewise Anja Stridsman, who also trains at Umina, is an academy boxer I would expect to push for a spot in the Commonwealth Games," he said.

"She is the top seed in the 60kg division and is straight through to the final on Sunday."

Successful boxers who are competing for Commonwealth Games selection will form the NSW contingent for the national selection trials at Punchbowl's Croatian Club from November 1 to 4.

SOURCE:

Media release, 31 Aug 2017
Joel Keegan, PCYC

Monthly bowls charity day

Sporties Woy Woy has held its monthly fundraising charity bowls day for August.

The day raised around \$900 for Central Coast Kids in Need, according to organiser Mr Ken

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SOURCE:

Newsletter, 21 Aug 2017
Ken Dixon, Woy Woy Bowls Club

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