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# **Committee calls** for marketing for the Peninsula

The Peninsula Tourism Committee has called on the Central Coast's new tourism marketing and industry services agency, Affinity, organise packages to campaigns that will and specifically support tourism on the Peninsula

The committee is a sub-group of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and includes Mr Larry Altavilla from the Ettalong Beach Tourist Resort, Mr Bill Jackson from the Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club, Ms Sue Fowler from Woy Woy Deep Water Plaza and Mr Justin Sheppard from the Ocean Beach Tourist Resort.

Committee chair Mr Altavilla said he had not had any direct contact from Affinity since their appointment in June but he was looking forward to their first Tourism Industry Update due on October 24.

Affinity Partnership, а consortium of three organisations, was awarded a two-year contract by Central Coast Council with an annual budget of \$800,000 and an official start date of July 1.

The new group replaces Central Coast Tourism, which had been responsible for promoting the region, jointly funded by the former Gosford and Wyong Councils, for over 20 years.

"We want to see that money being spent on promotion and that, in turn, will deliver more people to stay in our resorts and visit our area." Mr Altavilla said.

Mr Altavilla said he used a mixture of online promotion,

and invasive species and conserve it long term health and prosperity," climate change, she said. be along the same lines as what "The first thing it needs to do is "Central Coast Council is biological diversity, has been Clr Smith said. we do but with other mediums consider who is going to want to committed to delivering a vibrant "This program, with its focus successful in helping maintain the including television come and stay," he said. overall health of local waterways, on involving the community and sustainable community SOURCE: advertising," he said. including school students and for all its residents and this including lagoons, Brisbane Water Media release, 11 Oct 2017 He said he did not believe and the Lower Hawkesbury River, local volunteers, not only helps funding announcement for the Russell Mills, Affinity Partnership region-wide promotions of the deliver cleaner waterways but Clean4Shore program supports according to Central Coast mayor Interview, 11 Oct 2017 Central Coast would help the also provides ongoing education this vision," Cr Smith said. Cr Jane Smith. Larry Altavilla, Peninsula businesses on the Peninsula who SOURCE: and training for locals invested in **Tourism Committee** Cr Smith said the Council was depended on strong spending from Media release, 6 Oct 2017 preserving our wonderful natural pleased with the announcement **Reporter: Jackie Pearson** holiday makers and day trippers Jane Smith, Central Coast Council of the grant by Federal Member environment."

throughout the year.

"I think the marketing will need to be segmented by micro locations to get the full effect," he said.

"They are engaged to represent the Central Coast but their efforts will be fragmented if not focused on geographical areas by doing packages and campaigns around those areas."

One segment of Affinity's first Tourism Industry Update will be the announcement of a new industry services program.

MrAltavilla said, if Affinity wished to get support for the program from the Ettalong resort, it would need to "basically establish and identify the market and how they will deliver results and that would mean delivering an audience and get people coming to our business and our venue," he said.

"It was very hard to measure results when Central Coast Tourism was on board because it was all about justifying each of their positions.

"Our core business is midweek over 50s packages and day trippers who mainly come from Sydney, Newcastle and the Hunter Valley.

"New promotions to Sydney's Northern Beaches would be a good idea so they can get on the ferry and come directly to our area but I don't think there is any need to do marketing further afield," he said

Mr Altavilla said he would be prepared to give Affinity time to settle in to the role before expecting measurable results from any of its strategies or campaigns.

"Any new organisation coming



New funding will ensure Clean4Shore's work on Brisbane Water continues

# Grant to continue waterway cleaning

The Clean4Shore program has received a \$250,000 grant to continue cleaning

#### local waterways.

conserving biological diversity, "Our environment is This program, which aims to а referrals and direct marketing to in to a new role needs at least 12 unique and delicate biological protect, enhance, rehabilitate or and encouraged promoted existing clients to ensure a low months before it could produce infrastructure requiring ongoing ecologically sustainable practices restore ecosystems and natural vacancy rate at his own venue. results or even produce a strategy care and maintenance to ensure and facilitated adaptation to habitats, control or eradicate weeds "The Affinity promotions have to to have ready to put in place.

for Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks, and welcomed the opportunity to continue its working relationship with Clean4Shore for the next three years.

In addition to the program's focus on preserving the coastal waterways habitats, Clean4Shore actively promoted and recognised the role of indigenous people in

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# Dry spell continues

**Cumulative Monthly** 

The Peninsula's rainfall continued to be below average for another consecutive fortnight according to the latest data from Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

Rain was recorded on three days out of the first 13 in October. Half a millimetre fell over the

Peninsula on October 9.

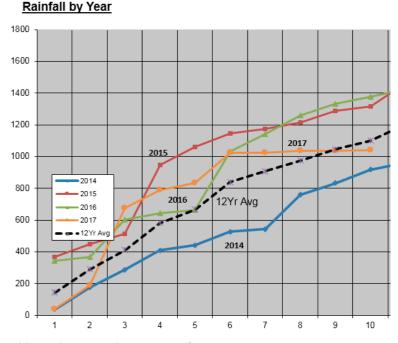
Two days later Mr Morrison recorded 0.6mm.

The biggest fall recorded since August 3 occurred on October 12 and that was a grand total of 2.4mm.

The Peninsula's usual monthly average rainfall for October is 56mm and, as of Friday, October 13, recorded rainfall was 52.5mm (94 per cent) short of that average.

As a result the Peninsula's cumulative rainfall so far for 2017 has fallen slightly below average.

The cumulative average by the end of October is usually 1100mm so another 70mm needs to fall by October 31 to be on target to



achieve the annual average of 1296mm.

The last time more than 70mm of rain was recorded on the Peninsula in October was 2014.

SOURCE: Spreadsheet, 13 Oct 2017 Jim Morrison, Umina



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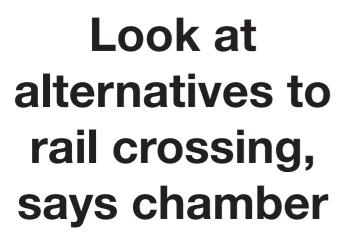
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The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has called for the NSW Government and Central Coast Council to restart discussions about the rail level crossing in Woy Woy.

"It is time to go back to basics and look at what the alternatives are to the proposal that was rejected by the NSW Government at the base of Bulls Hill," Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales said.

"It is time to look at alternatives to the level crossing replacement because it is pointless to resurrect the Bulls Hill proposal.

"I think we need to be realistic and consider the long-term strategy of duplicating Brisbane Water Dr," he said.

Mr Wales said he believed there

was a need to examine whether it would be more cost-effective to expand Brisbane Water Dr to four lanes all the way from Woy Woy to West Gosford.

"I think we need to consider that as part of our long term planning," he said.

"If the underpass option was costed at in excess of \$100 million then it is pointless for the former Member for Gosford, Cr Chris Holstein, to be throwing the blame back at the NSW Government when he failed to prosecute the project while in Government and it was ill-conceived from the very beginning."

> SOURCE: Interview, 12 Oct 2017 Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Reporter: Jackie Pearson

# Beaches given a good rating

Ocean and Umina Beaches were given a clean bill of health in the annual NSW Office of Environment and Heritage Beachwater Report. Pearl Beach rockpool also

received a good rating. The report grades beaches

(open and estuarine), lakes, lagoons and other swimming sites on a metric of very poor, poor, fair, good and very good.

Umina, Ocean, Killcare and

Pearl Beaches all returned a rating of good.

Patonga Creek, the Ettalong Channel, Pretty Beach Baths and Woy Woy Baths were all rated as poor.

"Recreational water quality has been monitored in NSW by the Office of Environment and Heritage's Beachwatch Program since 1989, and in partnership with coastal councils since 2002 under the Beachwatch Partnership Program," the report said. According to the report, rainfall and water movements were the major factors that determined the results.

"Rainfall is the major driver of pollution to recreational waters, generating stormwater runoff and triggering discharges from the wastewater treatment and transport systems," it said.

SOURCE: Report, 2 Oct 2017 State of the Beaches 2016-17, Office of Environment and Heritage



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# Community Plan organisation to incorporate

The Community Plan Central Coast organisation is set to move forward to incorporation and continue its campaign to have the new Central Coast Council adopt its grass roots manifesto.

A meeting of participants and supporters held at Pearl Beach on October 7 recommended a fivepoint strategy which includes a proposal to incorporate Community Plan Central Coast as a not-forprofit member-based organisation.

"Consistent with our processes which see all directional and policy issues determined by communityadvertised public meetings, this recommendation will be presented, questioned, debated and amended, and determined at a meeting to be held at Ourimbah RSL from 10am to 12:30pm on Saturday, November 25," said Dr Davy.

"The recommendation comprised five strategies, the first being that the organisation's overriding purpose, its 'raison d'etre', is to have a peoples' plan that sketches a preferred future for the Central Coast residents.

"The plan and its strong community support, gives political legitimacy and strength to the work of representatives who pursue it. "There is much work, both

organisational and intellectual, which requires an organisational group of people with research and writing skills and a knowledge of management procedures.

"Its job will be to organise and maintain a thorough communitywide and community-engaging set of procedures which results in an over-arching 'vision' statement, a succinct statement of goals for each policy, an endlessly refreshed, up-to-date community plan.

"Central Coast residents will want their Council to be heavily engaged in planning, and integrating planning across all 18 policy categories in the community plan and immediately attending to the most pressing policy categories."

Dr Davy said another strategy in the recommendation would be for the new organisation to organise a series of events each year that are designed to assist the Council to better understand, and act, on pressing issues.

The policy areas requiring the most urgent audit, summit and/or triage were environment, caring, youth, housing, arts and culture, pensioners, economy, small business and planning.

"There are many environmental matters requiring attention, some more urgent than others.

"We do not have a comprehensive log of old issues requiring repair, current issues to be addressed or future issues to be avoided with near-future actions.

"Nor do we have an ordering of priority environmental issues confronting residents.

The third strategy examines ways to market the new organisation so it has visibility and strong, ongoing community support.

Strategy four related to how the newly-formed group would approach the next Central Coast Council election in 2020.

The final strategy put forward from the meeting was to seek endorsement for the incorporation of the organisation, to be called Community Plan Central Coast Inc.

"CPCC will have a formal structure designed to facilitate its purposes, collect and expend monies, and provide clear guidelines in which its members and office bearers are expected to act."

SOURCE:

Media release, 11 Oct 2017 Van Davy, Community Plan Central Coast

# Mayor's allowance set at \$113,280

## The Central Coast mayor will receive \$113,280, the deputy mayor \$37,383 and councillors \$28,950 this coming year.

Justifying the allowances, mayor Cr Jane Smith said the decision was based on a determination of the NSW Local Government Remuneration Tribunal and was consistent with the resolutions of other Councils of a similar size including Blacktown, Canterbury-Bankstown and Northern Beaches Councils.

She said the fees were a matter of public interest and that further expenses suggested for the mayor and councillors would be deferred for further consideration and review by staff and Councillors.

"We are all pleased and honoured to have been elected to serve the people of the Central Coast," Cr Smith said.

"The fees have been set to reflect the high demands placed on

us in the execution of our civic duty and the fact that I will be a full-time mayor serving the needs of the community every day," she said.

"Additional expenses have been suggested to help fulfil mayoral duties as the head of what is now a major regional council, with a diverse and growing population.

"I want the public to have confidence their elected officials are claiming reasonable expenses directly related to their role in the service of the community."

Additional expenses being considered include a prestige vehicle for the mayor to undertake civic duties and business class travel when representing the council at state and national forums will be considered.

Councillor travel expenses will also be subject to further review. SOURCE:

Media release, 10 Oct 2017 Jane Smith, Central Coast Council

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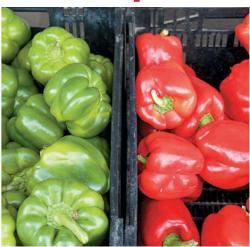
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# Peninsula unrepresented on key council committees

Peninsula The is unrepresented on three key committees appointed by the new Central Coast Council.

No positions on the Joint Regional Planning Panel, the Grants and Sponsorship Review Panel or the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee were filled by Gosford West councillors, who represent the Peninsula.

committees The were appointed on Monday, October 9, at the Wyong Chamber.

Cr Kyle MacGregor and Cr Chris Burke, both representing the Wyong ward, were chosen to be the Council's representatives on the Joint Regional Planning Panel

Mayor Cr Jane Smith and Cr Jeff Sundstrom both from the Gosford East ward were chosen as alternate delegates for the panel.

appointments The were effective immediately and for the three-year period.

"This panel will be responsible for helping to shape how our region grows and develops now and in the future and we need to have a seat at that table," Cr Smith said.

"The appointments were a unanimous decision of Council so our representatives can be confident they have the full



CIr Chris Holstein the only Gosford West Councillor to be given a committee post. with CEO Mr Brian Bell

support of Council to carry out their duties," she said.

The panel provides independent, merit-based decision-making and advice to the NSW Minister for Planning on regionally significant development proposals, with a value over \$20 million.

The panel is made up of five members, three independent experts appointed by the Minister

and two recommended by Council. Councillors also voted on the appointment of Council representatives to the key positions in the Grants and Sponsorship Review Panel and the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

The Grants and Sponsorship

**Photo: Noel Fisher** Review Panel is responsible for reviewing all staff recommendations for eligible applications, over \$5000, received within the Grants and Sponsorship Program.

The Program funds more than \$1.4 million in community events and programs across five areas including community partnership, community development, place activation, community support, heritage and sponsorship.

Cr Smith will chair the panel with Cr Lisa Matthews (The Entrance ward) and Cr Jilly Pilon (The Entrance ward) as council delegates.

Cr Chris Holstein's appointment as an alternate delegate on the review panel made him the only Gosford West Councillor chosen for any of the representative roles determined at the first meeting.

Cr Louise Greenaway (Wyong ward) was chosen as the second alternate delegate.

Council group leader Ms Julie Vaughan was also appointed to the panel.

The Audit. Risk and Improvement Committee has oversight of all Council's operations, including compliance, risk management, fraud control, financial management and dovernance.

The committee has three independent members on it, being Mr Colin Gellatly, Mr John Gordon and Mr Carl Millington.

Cr Doug Vincent (Budgewoi) and Cr Louise Greenaway (Wyong) were appointed as the representatives on the committee with Cr Lisa Matthews and Cr Sundstrom as alternates.

SOURCE: Media release, 9 Oct 2017 Jane Smith, Central Coast Council





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## Call for MP and council to work on coastal management

The Central Coast branch on the Australian Conservation Foundation has called on both the Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch and Central Coast Council to ensure an integrated plan for the management of the entrance to Brisbane Water is followed.

The branch claimed the current emergency dredging near Lobster Beach was another example of the ongoing poor management of the entrance to the estuary.

Branch president Mr Mark Ellis said: "We understand the importance of having a safe channel to navigate for the boating community and the commercial ferry operators but there is more at stake here.

"The Coastal Zone Management Plan that was approved by the NSW Environment Minister in 2016 does not mention dredging of the channel at Ettalong, Halftide Rocks or adjacent to Lobster Beach," he said.

"The troublesome section of the channel is, in fact, the North Broken Bay Channel off Lobster Beach which was ignored in the Coastal Zone Management Plan and is not within Brisbane Water which is defined as extending upstream from Half Tide Rocks.

"It is not Little Box Head which is deep enough and it is not the Ettalong-Half Tide Rocks section one kilometre upstream.

"Therefore it could be argued that the new Council is legally



Mr Mark Ellis, President of the Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation looking acorss the channel to the temporary dredge

obliged to manage the Coastal Zone in accordance with the plan approved by the Minister and not abandon that plan to meet the interests of the boating community or a private ferry operator."

According to Mr Ellis, the contentious issue of commercial operations benefiting from the public purse predates the proposed fast ferry proposal in 1998.

"The environmental impact statement provided for the fast ships proposal stated the outer channel was 1.3 metres in places during low tide conditions and the proposed ferry then was to have a hull draft of no more than 1.25 metres.

"So with this previous knowledge

and the 2007 experience of a vessel grounding, why would a company increase the size of its vessels at a time when the estuary was becoming more difficult to navigate?" Mr Ellis said.

"Neither the previous Gosford Council, nor NSW Government, adequately addressed the environmental and financial concerns related to the ongoing management of the channel and estuary.

"This situation seems to be ongoing with the Central Coast Council's operational plan for 2017-18 approved at Council's meeting on June 28, providing only \$2.8 million for waterways and coastal protection. "The Central Coast Council has two major estuaries to manage since amalgamation, and both require detailed assessment of commercial operations as the catchments are increasingly developed and utilised for the range of aquatic activities.

"The \$2.8 million will not go far under the region's two Coastal Zone Management Plans and the environmental management of the dredging at Lobster Beach will be neglected.

"As was highlight by previous Gosford councillors, the funding for the remedial and ongoing management of this area is a huge concern as no part of this estuary is a designated port, so the funding streams and statutory controls do not apply as they do to ports such as Newcastle or Port Kembla.

"And no money has been allocated for dredging (other than at Patonga) under the plan which has other spending priorities and tasks," Mr Ellis said.

"We now have a well-known environmental educator as mayor and the ACF branch would expect Cr Smith to guide her fellow councillors to make decisions based on a triple bottom line of good governance which includes environmental management of the estuary and surrounding beaches," he said.

"Many local residents who have a long-term understanding of the estuary have made it clear to us that, along with increased storm surges, they consider previous dredging to have significantly contributed to the now serious erosion at Lobster Beach to the north-east of the channel and to the beachfront from Ettalong to the southern end of Ocean Beach.

"They are concerned ongoing dredging may cause further erosion if it is not part of an integrated Coastal Zone Management strategy.

"We call on the Member for Gosford, Ms Liesl Tesch and Central Coast Council to stand up and fix this problem together in the greater interest of the community," Mr Ellis said.

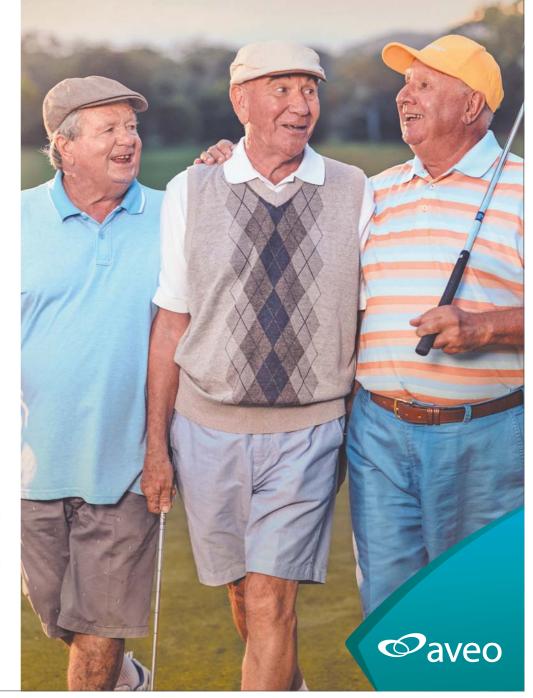
> SOURCE: Media release, 12 Oct 2017 Mark Ellis, ACFCC

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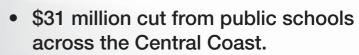
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Volunteers on Brisbane Water

Photo: Deb Holloman

# Landcare volunteers visit Rileys Island

Volunteers helped maintain the natural beauty of Rileys Island as part of the unique Landcare activity held on Sunday, October 15.

The award-winning Floating Landcare program saw volunteers travel on an oyster barge to the island to help weed and regenerate the environment.

Land services officer Ms Rebecca Mooy said the program had seen more than 400 volunteers take part since it began in 2012.

"The many places we have visited during that time are

showing excellent restoration progress thanks to the efforts of our volunteers," she said.

"It is a unique opportunity to experience some of our more remote local assets while giving something back."

National Parks and Wildlife Services coordinator Ms Deb Holloman said Rileys Island had plenty to offer.

"Most of the Island's 45 hectares are identified as significant coastal wetlands including coastal saltmarsh, one of three endangered ecological communities found on the Island,"

#### Ms Holloman said.

"Our focus on managing the weeds helps protect these wetlands that are so important to the estuarine food web," she said.

The island is habitat for the white bellied sea eagle nesting and a number of wader birds.

"The support of local volunteers is absolutely critical to our work in National Parks plus it's an amazing social event, where new friendships are formed," she said. SOURCE:

Media release, 12 Oct 2017 Nikki McGrath, Greater Sydney Local Land Services

## Shopping centre plans fall foul of amalgamation

The \$3.25 million redevelopment of a shopping centre in Ocean Beach Rd, which was approved seven years ago, appears to have fallen foul of the planning processes during the council amalgamation.

The Umina Mall redevelopment was hindered by delays in reaching an agreement with the council on the value of a closed laneway to be incorporated in the development.

According to conditions of consent, the development could not proceed until the laneway had been purchased and consolidated with the land currently owned by Umina Mall.

Owner Mr Arthur Laundy was ultimately advised by the former Administrator to take the matter up with the new council.

It is now unclear whether the original approval has expired in the meantime and a new development application will be required.

The original redevelopment plans were approved in 2010.

In December 2015, the former Gosford Council approved changes to Mr Laundy's plans to redevelop the shopping mall which is bounded by Ocean beach Rd, Pozieres Ave and Lone Pine Ave, Umina.

Even though more than five years had passed since the 2010 approval, Gosford Council chief Mr Paul Anderson allowed Mr Laundy to amend his plans, stating: "Council is of the opinion that the amended proposal is a minor modification and is substantially the same development consented to by the Council."

Consent was given on the proviso that 11 lots were consolidated, including all closed roads, into a single allotment.

On September 20, former Council Administrator Mr Ian Reynolds wrote to Mr Laundy to explain Council's position regarding the potential purchase of a closed road adjacent to the house at 537 Ocean Beach Rd, Umina.

"I have received a briefing from staff on the history of the matter which, it appears, goes back to at least March 2011," Mr Reynold's letter said.

"I am advised that agreement was not reached on a potential purchase price by March 2015 with the result that a third party valuer was engaged to determine a valuation in late 2015," the letter said.

"It does not appear that there was any agreement that this determination would be binding on the parties.

"It further appears from Council records that the matter did not proceed to finalisation at that time (it being noted that the third party valuation was not in accordance with Council's resolution in 2011)."

The final paragraphs of Mr Reynolds letter informed Mr Laundy that he would have to wait for the newly-elected Central Coast Council to revisit the issue.

"The Central Coast Council was subject to caretaker provisions in the lead up to local government elections on September 9.

"This means that I, as Administrator, am not able to revisit the valuations issue.

"Any reconsideration would be the responsibility of the elected Council."

The 2015 approval of Laundy's amended proposal did not extend the five-year deadline for commencement of the redevelopment that was originally approved in 2010.

SOURCES:

Letter, 20 Sep 2017 Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council Gosford DA Tracker Website, 11 Oct 2017 DA37199/2009, Central Coast Council

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Fairhaven's Sarah Williams (back right) with some of the Bingo volunteers

## Fairhaven looks for bingo volunteers

A small group of dedicated Peninsula women have been running bingo in local clubs to raise money for Fairhaven Services for decades.

They are now looking for more volunteers to join them.

Fairhaven's fundraising manager Ms Sarah Williams said the many volunteer hours that the women had contributed over the years was immeasurable.

The volunteers believe they too benefited from their involvement in the popular fund raising activity, according to Ms Williams.

"The bingo ladies have said that some of the value for them is improved mindfulness and concentration, improved eye-hand coordination and an opportunity to

make new friends," Ms Williams said.

"One volunteer's doctor even recommended she take it up for improved health and wellbeing," she said.

lona-term Several "bingo ladies", most of whom were already at least semi-retired from paid work, were now looking to retire from their fund raising duties, and Fairhaven is looking for some fresh recruits.

Ms Williams said male or female volunteers would find social inclusion, sense of community and being valued as well as making a real contribution to a good cause. "We'd love to talk to them.

"The women say that the qualities that might make someone a great fit for their volunteer team

are having an eye for detail, a head for figures and being a people person."

The volunteers will join 10 retired and semi-retired women, many of whom have been on the team up to 30 years.

"They can join the team directly, or get the training and be on standby," said Ms Williams.

"They'll make lovely friendships and get lots of support.

"They typically do a three to four hour shift, some in the day, some in the evening, so there's a variety of options."

For more information, contact Ms Williams at Fairhaven Services on 4349 5500/

SOURCE: Media release, 10 Oct 2017 Sarah Williams, Fairhaven Services

# **Rotary club plans** youth charity ball

The Rotary Club of Umina will hold a Central Coast Youth Charity Ball to raise money for a youth development program.

The black tie gala event will include a three-course meal with live performances and an auction, to be held at the Gosford RSL on Sunday, November 18 from 6pm.

Organiser Mr Paul Quinn said the Umina Rotary Club had a strong connection with the YC Group, formerly Youth Connections, as one of its members was on the board.

"We have been to Kariong to visit the YC Group several times and they have a very interesting facility up there," Mr Quinn said.

"We decided this year to partner with YC Group because of its commitment to the development of youth who have found it difficult to go through the usual education channels," he said.

"YC Group has identified that it needs funds for a new demountable classroom."

According to Mr Quinn, the cost of a demountable would be around \$30,000 and the fund raising target for the Central Coast Youth Charity Ball was \$20,000.

"This will be a flagship event and is being held to raise much needed funds to offer development for our young people including those with disabilities," said Mr Quinn.

SOURCE: Media release, 11 Oct 2017 **Bianca Hennessy, YC Group** Interview, 12 Oct 2017 Paul Quinn, Rotary Club of Umina Beach **Reporter: Jackie Pearson** 

# Libraries close for upgrades

The Umina and Woy Woy Libraries will be closed on Monday and Tuesday,

#### The closures will enable system upgrades by the Central Coast Library Service.

October 16 and 17.

The upgrades will enable library members to have access to a bigger catalogue and one library card for all libraries across the whole Central Coast.

There has been no access available to the library catalogue either online or in the library since Monday October 9 and that access will not be available until October 18 but customers can still borrow when branches are open.

No library items will be due for return on October 16 and 17, but after hours return chutes will remain open.

Online resources and e-books will still be available after October 18.

SOURCE: Media release, 6 Oct 2017 Brian Bell, Central Coast Council



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Rotarians John Greenway and Joan Redmond removing Graffiti in the Rawson Road underpass

# Rotary holds graffiti removal day



### Woy Woy Rotary Club is planning to hold a Graffiti Removal Day on Sunday, October 29.

Volunteers will meet outside the NAB branch on Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy at 8am.

"Graffiti Removal Day draws attention to the fight against graffiti vandalism and encourages people to get involved in the removal and prevention of graffiti," said club organiser Mr John Greenway.

"Central Coast Council and Rotary are committed to combating graffiti, which is why we are proud to be working with the NSW Government, Graffiti Removal Australia and great sponsors such as Dulux, Selleys and Smart Graffiti on this event," Mr Greenway said.

"By taking action in your street, your suburb, or your city we can all Love Where We Live by making sure our place one to be proud of," he said.

"Those who volunteer on the day will be supplied with free cleaning material, paint, safety equipment and training on how to safely remove graffiti."

"People can register or suggest a clean-up site by completing a form at graffitiremovalday.org.au." SOURCE:

Media release, 10 Oct 2017 John Greenway, Woy Woy Rotary



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# Equality supporters meet at Ettalong

Supporters of marriage equality met on Ettalong Beach on October 11 with Mr Tiernan Brady, executive director of the Equality Campaign.

Mr Brady was joined by Fr Rod Bower from Gosford Anglican Church and local residents Ms Carmel Underwood and Mr Joshua Maxwell.

"We're here to thank the amazing supporters of marriage

The Umina Uniting Church

will hold a Spring Fair on

Saturday, October 21, from

available, as well as a display of

Pacific Island dancing at 11am.

Teas will be

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8am to1pm.

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equality in the Central Coast," Mr Brady said.

"It is because of their work that people can see marriage equality is about someone in their community. "This is a simple issue about whether every Australian should

be treated equally before the law," he concluded. Fr Rod Bower affirmed his

support of the campaign.

"I'm voting yes because I believe in marriage.

"Marriage is one of the

**Uniting Church Spring Fair** 

Visitors will be able to browse

the Trash and Treasure section

and books in the garage, purchase

healthy plants, and buy from a

variety of other stalls, and purchase

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a barbecue lunch.

cornerstones of our society.

"Especially if that couple are bringing up children together, to have that relationship recognised by law and culture, it is very important for their children.

"Many of the clergy, many of my colleagues, are very supportive of marriage equality because they too see marriage is important," he said.

SOURCE:

Media release, 11 Oct 2017 Jacqui Munro, Yes Campaign

to help with ongoing maintenance.

on Neptune St.

Umina Uniting Church is located

Media release, 9 Oct 2017

Annette Strong, Umina

**Uniting Church** 

SOURCE:

# **Oyster Festival** to include art exhibition

This year's Brisbane Water **Oyster Festival will include** an art exhibition, as well as 130 stalls and a number of food and wine venues.

The festival will be held on November 12 and is organised by the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

The exhibition was "a new component ... led by local artist Alice Haigh Jones," Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales said.

"The exhibition will be on the enclosed verandah of the Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club and will be free entry to the public with many paintings for sale," he said.

"Gday Hollywood's Wayne Cornell will be hosting the entertainment from the main stage with dance band Akinga and the well-known Fabba throughout the day

"The festival brings thousands of visitors to our area, many for the weekend to enjoy our beautiful beaches and waterways, superb restaurants and a variety of activities while visiting the oyster festival on the Sunday.

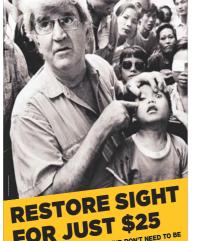
"The Ettalong Diggers Club is providing its carpark for the stallholders and food stalls with Memorial Ave converting to Eat Street with plenty of tables and chairs undercover to make the day more comfortable.

"There is still time to book a stall or become a sponsor for the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival 2017 by contacting Impact Exhibitions and Events on mobile 0423 480 389 or email rachele@ impactexhibitions.com.au.

Road closures will be enforced along The Esplanade from Picnic Parade to Beach St and Memorial Ave will be closed from Ocean View Rd to the Esplanade.

The festival commences at 9:30am at the waterfront.

SOURCE: Media release, 12 Oct 2017 Debra Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce



# Alleged murderer dies in custody

The man who was gaoled for the alleged attack and murder of an Ettalong woman on September 27 has allegedly committed suicide in custody.

The man was a former partner

of the deceased woman and the pair had a child together.

A report will be prepared for the coroner.

SOURCE: Media release, 1 Oct 2017 Danny Sullivan, NSW Police Media

# Community day

The Society of St Vincent de Paul will present a **Community Day on October** 

20, to coincide with national Anti-Poverty Week.

It will provide advice and information on the community services available locally.

The event will be held from 10:30am in Memorial Park, Woy Woy.

SOURCE: Website, 11 Oct 2017 Peter Deane, Help Fight **Poverty Facebook page** 



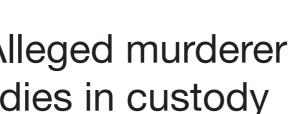




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# Open day at community garden

### Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden is having an open day on Sunday, October 29.

Despite the poor rainfall in the last three months, the garden utilises water wise principles and is standing up to the drought conditions and looking good, according to coordinator Ms Jill Meredith.

She said a local hardware store had helped refurbish the children's boat garden, complete with pirate scarecrows.

The garden will be open to the public from 9:30am to 3pm and

there will be the opportunity to talk to garden members and volunteers and learn about sustainable practices, wicking beds, recycling, composting and worm farming.

There will be plants, seedlings, seeds, fresh and dried herbs for sale as well as other garden goodies.

Funds raised will go towards the continued growth and development of the garden.

The garden is situated at 85-87 Moana St, Woy Woy.

SOURCE: Media release, 9 Oct 2017 Jill Meredith, Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden



The Boat Garden and pirate scarecrows are sure to be a big hit with garden-goers this spring

#### Peninsula Chamber of Commerce presents

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The Brisbane Water Oyster Festival is now a part of the akes Festival Central Coast

Projects Director, Ms Sue O'Neill, Ms Di Swartzl and Mr Russell Grove

# Rotary club awards Paul Harris Fellowship

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has awarded one of its members, Ms Di Swartzl, a Paul Harris Fellowship.

The award is the highest made by Rotary for achievement in the ideals of Rotary.

In making the award, clu

welfare of the people of Uganda in visiting remote communities for the past two years and assisting in the club's initiative to reduce the incidence of HIV.

At the same time, she has been highly active in club affairs, being treasurer for the past two years and serving on the club's board of directors.



Sunday 12 November 2017 9.30am to 4pm

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president Mr Russell Grove said that Ms Swartzl had consistently shown her commitment to helping others by her contributions to the

SOURCE: Media release, 19 Aug 2017 Vic Deeble, Woy Woy Rotary





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# Lifesaver publishes children's book about beach safety

An Ocean Beach Surf Lifesaver is publishing a children's book to raise awareness and funding for beach safety through Surf Life Saving Australia.

Woy Woy resident Ms Louise Lambeth said her book, Annie and the Waves, was inspired by her work with Surf Life Saving NSW's Beach to Bush Program, which sends life savers to rural areas to educate families, communities and children about beach safety.

"At least 50 per cent of people rescued by surf lifesavers live more than 50km away from the coast and sadly more than 50 per cent of people who drown live more than 50km from the coast," Ms Lambeth said.

"Beach to Bush aims to educate young people and their families in rural areas about safety at the beach and other aquatic environments.

"The program is a one hour interactive surf safety presentation delivered to school children by experienced and enthusiastic surf lifesavers.

"My family and I have completed four tours with

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Ms Louise Lambeth (centre) with her family teaching rural school children during a SLSNSW Beach to Bush Progam tour

the SLSNSW Beach to Bush Program from 2012-2015.

"We have toured many areas Parkes, including Forbes, Armidale, Inverell and Merriwa.

"The smallest school had four pupils and the largest around

700," she said. Ms Lambeth's book follows the plucky Annie as she and her family go on a seaside holiday for a week.

During the visit Annie discovers just how unpredictable the ocean can be.

Annie is initially wary of the waves, but after meeting the lifesavers, and with the help of her dad, she soon discovers the joys of swimming in the sea.

Annie's confidence grows until she experiences a surging wave, a wave that drags her into deep water.

remember Annie must everything she has learned about the sea and surf lifesaving to get help.

Creating a surf education resource from a child's perspective was something Ms Lambeth has wanted to do for a long time.

"While there is child focused surf education resources there are no children's story books from the perspective of a child," Ms Lambeth said.

'This book is aimed at four to eight year olds and has a guide for parents while reading the book.

"The book content has been assessed by librarians and primary school teachers with an interest in children's literature for readability and age appropriateness and as children read Annie and the Waves they will learn important beach safety tips like, lifesavers wear red and yellow, always swim between the flags, about different kinds of waves and beaches and how they can affect your safety and to remain calm if you do get into trouble in the water."

Despite some of these seeming like common knowledge to locals, Ms Lambeth said children who have not grown up with beach access often have little to no beach safety knowledge.

Annie and the Waves has been a story five years in the making for Ms Lambeth, who has the backing of Surf Life Saving Australia, Surf Life Saving NSW and her own Ocean Beach Club. SOURCE:

Interview, 9 Oct 2017 Louise Lambeth, Woy Woy **Reporter: Dilon Luke** 

## **Umina minor pairs final**

The final of the Umina Beach Men's Bowls Club's minor pairs final was played on Saturday, September 30, by Roger Twells and Col Mew against lan Jarratt and John Hall.

Jarratt and Hall got away to an early lead but Twells and Mew fought back strongly with a couple of strong ends, resulting in the former having to play catch-up bowls.

Twells and Mew. who have had a successful season in 2017 Club Championships, continued to apply pressure and only some superb skipper bowls from Hall kept his team in contention.

Unfortunately, the team were

Twells and Mew stayed cool under pressure and finally won out 25 to 16 getting four shots on the last end.

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SOURCE: Media release, 1 Oct 2017 Ian Jarratt, Umina Beach **Bowling Club** 



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The Peninsula Villages' Choir

# **Retirement village** choir to raise funds for album

Aretirement village residents' is only a number," Ms Bigara said. choir will hold a Choir and Friends Choral Matinee in Umina on Saturday, October 21, to raise funds for the choir's album project.

The event will include special compositions by the choir and performances by local professional singers including Michael James, Anita de Lisen of Copanello, Ian Hakker of the Rhythm Hut and Peninsula Villages' own choir director, Ms Sandy Bigara.

The choir has represented the village at various public locations including shopping centres and engaging local children through song with visits to Somersby Public School and the Explore and Develop childcare centre in Umina.

Ms Bigara has also been introduced as a new vocal coach in 2017.

"The Peninsula Villages Choir has grown from strength to strength this year and we wanted to really focus on the health benefits of singing under the motto that age

"I focused the group's weekly rehearsals on core strength, posture, breath control, diction and confidence.

"We have more than 20 residents in our regular choir group and more than half have indicated their improved sense of wellbeing with an increased feeling of optimism, focus and purpose, which makes our weekly choir sessions even more worthwhile,' Ms Bigara said.

"This special Choral Matinee will not only allow our choir to show-off their talents to a wider audience, but provide an avenue for the group to raise funds and test material for our album project."

The choir and soloist guests will be performing a number of traditional favourites including Ave Maria, Eidelweiss, Nessun Dorma, Every Time We Say Goodbye, That's Amore and Waltzing Matilda. SOURCE:

> Media release, 3 Oct 2017 Katey Small, Brilliant Logic PR

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## Elite Real Estate Woy Woy



# Other Regional News - In brief

Peninsula News focuses on news specifically relating to each of our sister Central Coast post code areas 2256 and 2257. Given the advent of the new Central Coast Council, following is a summary of the first 9 news articles published

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Government Architect to develop a framework for Gosford revitalisation

JRPP refuses Somersby quarry application

The revitalisation of Gosford's CBD and The Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP) An application has been lodged with waterfront will be guided by the NSW has refused a Section 96 application to Central Coast Council to build 75 assisted Government Architect to deliver improved import 330,000 tonnes of fill to a guarry care apartments at 1001 The Entrance Rd. infrastructure and fasttrack housing supply site off Wisemans Ferry Road, Somersby, Forresters Beach. as part of the Central Coast Regional Plan. almost 12 months after it was lodged with Central Coast Council.

## Six hundred residents create rainbow of support

a clear message of support for the "Yes" September 16. Campaign for Marriage Equality.

### Lucy Wicks speaks at Liberal and Nationals for Marriage national campaign launch

Labor's candidate for Robertson, Ms Member for Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks, After almost 17 months without elected Anne Charlton, has brought over 600 was a speaker at the Liberal and Nationals representatives, the newly-elected Central Central Coast residents together to send for Marriage national campaign launch on Coast Council has been sworn in, and the

Application lodged for 75 assisted care apartments at Forresters Beach

#### New Council all set to go

fi rst Mayor and Deputy Mayor elected.

Expressions of Interest called to

upgrade mobile phone infrastructure

### Harris welcomes new Council and calls for improved transparency

Shadow Minister for the Central Coast, A report released by the Parliament's Expressions of Interest have been called Mr David Harris, congratulated the new Joint Standing Committee on the National to upgrade the mobile telecommunications for ratepayers.

Government's NBN network, with the

Federal NBN report makes major

recommendations

Mayor of the Central Coast and called for Broadband Network has delivered infrastructure between Gosford and immediate action to improve transparency a damning verdict on the Turnbull Hornsby to the south and Gosford Central Coast front-andcentre according

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# Law says waterways responsibility is with Minister

I'm becoming a little tired of misleading public statements about the maintenance of the navigation channel for Brisbane Water.

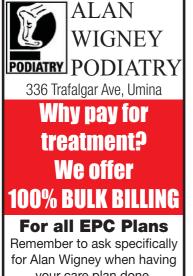
Responsibility for waterways safety is clearly a responsibility of the Minister under the Ports and Maritime Administration Act 1955.

Section 24 of the Act states "The Minister has general responsibility for marine safety, including: (a) the safe operation of recreational and commercial vessels, and (b) the safety of navigation in ports and other navigable waters ...

Section 25 (1): "The minister has the following particular marine safety functions: (a) .... (2) Examples of the infrastructure and services that may be provided under this section are as follows: (d) the dredging and maintenance of navigation channels ..."

The Ettalong Channel clearly fits this description.

Navigable waters means all waters (whether or not in the State) that are from time to time capable of navigation and are open to or used by the public for navigation, whether on payment of a fee or otherwise, but does not include



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flood waters that have temporarily flowed over the established bank

of a watercourse.

Neither the Member for Terrigal nor the Parliamentary Secretary are acting responsibly towards local ratepayers by attempting to shift responsibility for dredging from where it clearly belongs: with the State Government.

It is clearly not in the interests of Central Coast ratepayers to allow Adam Crouch and Scot MacDonald to create a precedent where Council, rather than the NSW Government, has prime responsibility for dredging of Ettalong Channel.

Email, 30 Sep 2017 Kevin Armstrong, Tumbi Umbi

# Many have moved here to escape congestion

# Getting the word out

This short note is to record our appreciation and thanks for your inclusion of the Rotary Club of Woy Woy Bonanza Book Fair held at the PCYC premises over the recent long weekend in your Diarv of Events.

It was, as advised, a tough location being at the furthest point of Osborne Ave, Umina, a dead

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end street, and we really needed to get the word out.

Your inclusion certainly helped and PCYC will certainly benefit from the funds raised.

Many thanks for your assistance.

Email, 6 Oct 2017 Vic Brown, Rotary Club of Woy Woy

# Infrastructure must come before change

#### What a breath of fresh air!

We have a mayor that understands infrastructure improvements must come before any changes to planning rules happen.

As Central Coast mayor, Cr Smith said transport in and out of the Peninsula needs addressing as well as long-standing storm water and flooding issues that plague the Peninsula.

This completely contrasts with the article in the same issue from Peninsula Chamber of Commerce who want to go full steam ahead with new R3 and R4 high-density zones.

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I hope the mayor is not swaved by the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and she stands by her convictions that the Council be transparent and have genuine community involvement.

Email, 3 Oct 2017 **Bruce Illfeld, Umina** 

## We like it the way it is

About more high rise in Ettalong:

No thanks, Mr Matthew Wales.

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Letter, 11 Oct 2017 Kay Briggs, Ettalong

Adding new R3 (medium level) and R4 (high density housing) will only increase the congestion on our major Peninsula roads and diminish our standard of living as diluted state and local planning and development controls have seen the diminution of private and public green spaces.

Blackwall Rd is busy about 16

Perhaps the issue the Chamber needs to focus on is the creation of new jobs on the Peninsula to diminish the daily exodus of workers to Sydney each day. Email, 4 Oct 2017

Suraya Coorey, Woy Woy

We like Ettalong just the way it is.



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#### Forum Commerce called for the introduction of high density and high-rise nightmare living of zoning on the Peninsula and Sydney, but now the Chamber of Commerce thinks it is incumbent on the new Council to inflict this on

a comprehensive review of planning guidelines to assist with the 70,000 expected Peninsula residents. more people over the next 20 hours a day. years on the Central Coast

(Peninsula News, October 3). One intent of the NSW Government's forced Council mergers was to facilitate higher density living by pushing this agenda via fewer Councils.

The Peninsula Chamber of

The elephant in the room is our Federal Government's 190,000 immigration intake levels per year with no questioning of how Australia can sustain this rate of migration and ensure a quality standard of living and environmental protection.

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# Letter is excellent example of good citizenry

Mr Bruce Hyland, (Authors congratulated for thoughtprovoking plan, Peninsula News, September 18) apart from commending us on our initiative and energy, is very positive about the contents of the recently published Community Plan Central Coast.

Bruce then finds many points over which he then appropriately quibbles.

The initiators of the Plan were Ms Marcelle Hoff, an independent ex-deputy mayor of Sydney, and me, an independent candidate for the Federal seat of Robertson.

However, the Plan is now barely recognisable from the original draft issued in mid-2017 for community consultation, critique, workshopping, amendment and later distribution.

It immediately attracted former Regional Development Australia chair and infrastructure advisor, Mr David Abrahams, because it represented an ambitious and serious process to define the region's future direction.

Numerous other substantial locals and experienced community and business thought leaders were also attracted to the process.

Substantial debate proceeded.

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The document expanded to 18 categories of policy as it reflected the extensive interests and concerns of the Central Coast community.

Bruce's thoughtful suggestions are welcome and we'd further welcome his participation.

Each of the 18 categories contains a concise statement of the purpose that Council has for being interested in, and at least partially responsible for, that particular category of policies.

This stated purpose will be a defence of the Council's interest even if it is a different level of government that has constitutional authority for that category.

Thirdly, beneath each purpose is a series of actions all beginning with, "Council will ...".

This is an attempt to produce a plan not full of dubiously ambivalent, or vague, phrases and woolly ideas, but clearly understood and crisply defined actions that Council is expected to take.

This is a plan, not a loose list of confusing political double-speak. These are well-thought-through

actions. Only clearly-defined actions appear under the Purpose for each category of policy.

Finally, the Plan only contains actions to be taken by Council, but some/many actions of Council will need to be aimed at changing policies of NSW and Federal Governments if the Central Coast community's preferred future big picture is to be advanced.

To influence other levels of government, all the Council actions are organised under four headings, each heading representing a level of existing or proposed government that needs to be influenced: Precinct Committees; Local Government; NSW Government; and Federal Government.

Bruce Hyland provides our community with an excellent example of good citizenry.

His critique is welcome as is yours.

The Plan can only become an increasingly legitimate "preferred future" and therefore capable of influencing our representatives no matter what, or despite, their political party or variously independent allegiances, if contributions are made, and debates conducted, across the political spectrum.

Email, 3 Oct 2017 Dr Van Davy, Pearl Beach Marcelle Hoff, Ettalong

# Club acknowledges public-spirited residents

What do you do for a couple of Patonga residents who have spent the last nine years removing garbage from the roadside along Patonga Rd?

Members of the St Huberts Island Triathlon Club have seen Ms Bev Hurley and Mr Bob Walker every Tuesday and Thursday morning walking along the road, tongs in one hand a re-useable bag in the other picking up rubbish that some people think they have the right to throw out the car windows.

Could you imagine how bad the

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roadside would be if this couple had done nothing?

This is all coming to an end though.

Bev and Bob are leaving Patonga to take up residence in Perth.

The triathlon club has acknowledged their contribution to the environment by presenting them with a card of appreciation signed by all the members.

Email, 8 Oct 2017 John Greenway, St Hubert's Island

# Let's plan an educated future

The Central Coast region was established, the Central Coast Council was established, new councillors elected and now where to?

It seems that with a population of some 360,000 people consisting of thousands of young people and children and only 10.9 per cent of them going on to University while the national average is 16.1 per cent, as a community and region, we should be doing some generational planning for the future.

Not for the next three to five years but for the next 15 to 30 years.

The Central Coast Region has the sixth largest council area in Australia, so what do we need?

We need to be recognised and funded accordingly.

I believe that we need to ensure that the next generations of Central Coast school students and young people are given every opportunity to grow, develop and learn so that their contribution to the future is positive and rewarding.

Now is the time for some futuristic vision for this beautiful part of the country.

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We could start with our own university or community college.

We need the Central Coast to break away from the apron strings of Newcastle and Sydney and make its own proud future.

We can encourage business growth and investment but we need to provide the opportunity for our own people to stay on the Coast and continue their postsecondary education and training right here.

While the development of the Medical Research Centre at Gosford Hospital is wonderful, we have an obligation and inherent responsibility to provide opportunity and choice for all the next generation of Coasties that want to expand their knowledge and skills and continue their postsecondary education and training.

Let's not be remembered for "dumbing down" our prodigy.

Let's plan for and build a sustainable education and training future for our next generations here on the Coast.

> Email, 29 Sep 2017 Bob Puffett, Woy Woy Bay

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## **Full review needed**

Mr Matthew Wales might well be right that higher-density residential development at Umina would be a desirable change (Chamber calls for high density residential zone, Peninsula News, October 3).

I am inclined to think that he is right, but this kind of decision should only be made in the context of a full review of residential policies for the Peninsula, and, in this respect, Mayor Smith is absolutely correct (Peninsula's future needs 'thought', says mayor, Peninsula News, October 3).

We need to look at the population target for the Peninsula and the household-distribution pattern that we can expect, and to relate our population goals to the infrastructure network that we can achieve over the next 20 years.

Only then, shall we be able to say what rational set of standards will serve our purpose.

Of course, standards are only as good as their enforcement.

Let us hope that the new mayor is prepared to protect us from monstrosities such as the Atlantis development at Ettalong and from such ill-judged proposals as the West St mixed-use project and the Woy Woy Bowling Club scheme.

Much is being made of the need to meld the old Gosford and Wyong development plans into a coherent

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whole but if the Council then goes on to approve developments that flout every principal of the scheme, as happened at Ettalong, the plan becomes an exercise in futility.

A development plan is a blunt instrument at the best of times, designed only to protect us from the worst kinds of development, and, if we can't even rely on it to do that, we are better off without.

I might add that, if Mr Wales thinks that a review of the Woy Woy commercial centre is "the most pressing issue that this new Council has to come to grips with," I'd say he is far out of step with the priorities of nearly all Peninsula residents.

As a commercial centre, Woy Woy does not appear to have a bright future, but its proximity to the railway station makes it deserving of first consideration for highdensity residential development in any Peninsula-wide review.

Perhaps a forward-looking Council could persuade some of those tower developers in Gosford to consider sites around the station and (dare I suggest it), perhaps, a forward-looking Council could actually take an active role in redeveloping Woy Woy, but let's not hold our breath for that.

Email, 3 Oct 2017 Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

## Shopfronts need a blast

As a long term resident of Umina, I have seen the many changes that have taken place on the Peninsula.

It bewilders me that West St, Umina, has so many coffee and food eat out shops but they do not clean around their businesses.

I walk down the main street and it is filthy compared to other beach towns that have the same set up as we do.

Surely all owners of a business along West St could chip in a little amount of their profits and

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hire a professional cleaner with a pressure cleaner and beautify the street.

I understand that water restrictions have obviously caused some problems with the use of water but a water blaster uses 70 to 80 per cent less water than just using a hose.

Even if the cleanup took place at night on a fortnightly or monthly basis so as not to disrupt any trade to the shops, it would be an improvement.

Maybe Council can get involved somehow and help keep it clean because we need to attract visitors and holiday makers to the Peninsula not scare them away with filthy pathways that currently exist on both sides of West St.

It is not only the coffee and food eat-outs that are filthy, almost every shop front could do with a good blast.

Email, 28 Aug 2017 Terry O'Sullivan, Umina

# 'Emergency dredging' is a joke

For the Member for Terrigal, Mr Adam Crouch, to come out and say that this useless exercise is emergency

dredging is a joke. You can't have an excavator on a barge moving small amounts of sand, around 100m, and call it a dredging program.

This is what is called an exercise in futility; to move sand around 100m in a high current zone such as this doesn't work as they found out the first time they did it in June. The people of the Central

Coast and Peninsula who use

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this channel need to have this

dangerous situation rectified now, not when another incident happens which may claim a life. Both the new Central Coast

Council and the State Government need to stop the buck passing, fix the problem with a real dredge not this haphazard solution they are attempting again which has cost over \$300K so far, this time will be just as unsuccessful as the first attempt.

The people of the Peninsula would like to see some leadership from our new Council especially the elected members from the Gosford West Ward, let's have the problem fixed properly, have a real dredge move the sand from the channel to where it came from, the weather-beaten beach.

All people want is to have the channel fixed, so to the State Government and the Council stop playing the blame game and have this fixed before it is too late.

Email, 5 Oct 2017 Carl Veugen, Umina



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## Health



Mr Ian Jarratt, Ms Jan Richens, Mr John Warton, Mr Robert Powell and Mr Len Haddock

# Bowling clubs present cheque to Health District

Representatives from Ettalong, Everglades, and Umina Bowling Clubs presented Central Coast Local Health District with a cheque for \$15,000 for prostate cancer treatment.

The funds were raised by the three clubs and will be used by Gosford and Wyong hospitals to purchase equipment to assist with urological operations.

Equipment purchased often enables surgeons and other clinicians to perform less invasive procedures, resulting in faster recovery for the patient and less time in hospital.

Health District fundraising manager Ms Jan Richens, in

addressing the bowlers at Umina Beach Bowling Club, said how much the hospital appreciated what the bowlers contributed through their prostate cancer fundraising initiatives.

She said in the five years that the clubs had been involved in the joint venture, and with the 2017 donation, the total amount raised was \$70,000.

It has also contributed to men being more aware of prostate cancer and to ensure regular checks are held, as early detection has increased the success rate of combating this disease.

> SOURCE: Media release, 5 Oct 2017 Ian Jarratt, Umina Beach Bowling Club

# Umina Chiropractic Centre

Your chiropractors Pete Grieve, Prue Storey and Michael Grieve Umina Chiropractic Centre, 428 Ocean Beach Rd, Umina 2257 - Ph: 4341 6247

## **The Moose to YOU**

Hi Folks. It's been a while since I wrote an article.

Alaska is definitely the 'last frontier', complete with the extreme climate, the bizarre array of wildlife that can survive alpine and sub alpine climates, and the unique human beings that inhabit these regions.

I was out there for a few weeks earlier this year, and was very much in awe at the ability for life to survive and in many cases thrive; bears, moose that stand 2 plus meters at the shoulder, porcupines that climb trees and so on.

I got to thinking of how this environment allows life to continue, pretty much free of disease.

I mean this environment is harsh; a moose will be sustained by chewing bark throughout the depths of winter where temperatures reach –minus 40 degrees, not uncommonly.

You may think of adaptation of the species and great, but so what?

Is there any relevance to us with our highly developed brain? Yes, and that relevance is fairly simple. With our 'highly developed intellect', I believe we have forfeited wisdom to a large extent. We tend to 'crunch' numbers and rely on sophisticated methods of analysis to 'prove' a point.

You see, I believe wisdom is what allows us to use intelligence in a very proactive way, such that the outcome is likely to be favorable and of value to all.

I am very concerned about the current trend in health care, as it continues to emphasise disease management.

I am witnessing an ever increasing usage of medications for conditions that can be managed by simply adjusting one's lifestyle, eg reduction of caffeine and table salt, consuming more water, going for a walk daily to assist with hypertension, obesity, insulin resistance, osteoarthritis and so on.

40 Surely a half reasonable mind would consider that what we eat, ion what we do, and how we think, so may have an effect upon the basic structure of our systems, the human cell. The cell requires three things to function well (Biology 101); Oxygen, fuel and stimulation. So often I see folk giving their children rubbish food and yet telling the kids not to feed the dog the same because he will become ill!

"Don't give the dog that donut".

Chiropractors are constantly witnessing the effects of poor cellular function at all levels, leading eventually to abnormal nerve and system function.

This is often in the form of significant pain syndromes of the spine and ultimately, damage to nerve pathways to and from the brain.

Please take the time to read through the above again and put into action a simple plan that will enhance your life, and importantly, allow you to be of greater value to a society and your own local community, that is subject to an ongoing barrage of information that leads to confusion and often' half way' truths.

Know this - 'To see is to believe, to do is to know'

So start doing and do well.

# Free hearing tests offered in Woy Woy

## The Hearing Bus will offer free hearing tests in Woy Woy from October 17 to 19.

The bus will be at Peninsula Plaza from 8:30am to 1:30pm each day.

Australian Hearing Woy Woy manager Ms Sharon Ida said that because age-related hearing loss developed gradually over time, it was common for people be unaware their hearing was diminishing.

"Hearing loss is a prevalent issue in the community, with about 60 per cent of Australians over 60 experiencing some form of hearing loss," Ms Ida said.

"A hearing check is a quick and easy way to measure the sounds you can and can't hear," she said. "Our team will also be on hand to guide you through what next steps you may have to take in regards to your hearing," Ms Ida said. As well as having a hearing check, visitors to the bus would find information on a range of common hearing issues and view a display of easy-to-use hearing devices for around the home.

This includes headsets for watching the TV and alert systems for doorbells.

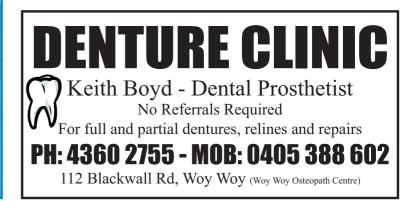
"Not everyone who is experiencing problems hearing needs a hearing aid.

"Sometimes it's just hearing the TV at normal volumes, hearing your doorbell, or hearing your friends on the phone that's the problem," Ms Ida said.

Australian Hearing will provide hearing checks to any interested adults over 18 who visit the bus on the day.

Catch you soon. Regards Pete Grieve and all at the Umina Chiropractic Centre.

SOURCE: Media release, 6 Oct 2017 Mark Connors, The Hearing Bus Australia



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## Education

## **Pretty Beach wins council** environment award

Pretty Beach Public School has been announced as a winner in the 2017 Council **Environment Program.** 

The winners of the 2017 Council Environment Program were announced on October 10 at a student leadership day at Australia Walkabout Wildlife Park.

Six schools were recognised for their participation and creativity around this year's theme Our Green Classroom, which aimed to encourage outdoor learning.

Pretty Beach Public School won Best Performance after taking on the ABC War on Waste Challenge, with a very informative and impassioned speech on our need to avoid plastic bags and single use plastics in order to reduce the amount of plastic rubbish ending up in our oceans, according to mayor Cr Jane Smith.

She said the council program ran parallel to school environmental educational programs.

"Council's School Environment Program aims at building an understanding, appreciation and concern for our natural environment," said Cr Smith.

"The program is designed to integrate with the programs offered by local schools and the Department of Education.

"It's imperative that we impart

this knowledge in our schools so kids are aware of their environment, how to look after it and the impact it has on their lives.

"Their involvement means they are learning how to recycle better, consume less, be water wise, reduce waste and energy, and enjoy nature.

"Most of all they learn that small changes can make a big difference and that they have the ability to protect the environment," Clr Smith said.

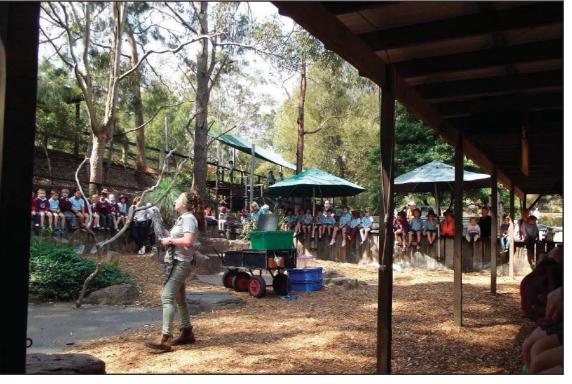
Council group leader Ms Julie Vaughan said: "In the age of technology, this year's program encourages schools to spend more time outdoors and less time in front of the screen," said Ms Vaughan.

"Outdoor classrooms are part of a worldwide education movement aimed at increasing learning outside.

"It offers many positive effects on behaviour and learning, such as increased academic performance, resilience, communication, general wellbeing and engagement.

"I hope that many schools continue with their efforts and pass on their knowledge to their family and friends.'

SOURCE: Media release, 10 Oct 2017 Mel Sutton, Central Coast Council Media



Umina Beach Public School Kindie learnt all about wildlife, native and otherwise, during their visit to The Australian Reptile Park

## Students visit reptile park

Kindergarten students from **Umina Beach Public School** boarded buses bound for the Australian Reptile Park and Bulgandry aboriginal site on Wednesday, September 20.

The first stop was Bulgandry where students walked through the bush to visit the sandstone Aboriginal carvings.

A short bus trip later and the students were at the Reptile Park.

They ate some morning tea then went off to explore the park and its many exhibits.

"Kindergarten was verv interested to learn that gum leaves were actually poisonous to baby koalas and that they have to eat their mother's poo to build up their tolerance of the poisons that are in

the leaves which will be their main food source for the rest of their lives," said principal Ms Lyn Davis.

Highlights included patting a koala, and viewing snakes, a lizard, a baby alligator and some slimy frogs.

SOURCE: Newsletter, 10 Oct 2017 Lyn Davis, Umina Beach **Public School** 



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## **Out&About**



**Big Band Obsession** 



Artist Chris Clark with Anne Charlton

# Artists exhibit at Wagstaffe Hall

Artists of the Five Lands Artists Collective exhibited in Art@Wagstaffe at the Wagstaffe Hall over the October long weekend.

Visitors viewed works by Janet Hoyer Cobb, Gosford Art Prize winner Bronwyn van de Graaff, Willemina Villari, Andy Collis and other professional local artists.

The public were further treated to an opening reception on Saturday afternoon with guest speaker Jocelyn Maughan, owner of the Patonga Bakehouse Gallery. Mary Ellen Wallace provided music on the hall's piano.

A raffle of artworks donated by the 16 artists involved was drawn on the Sunday afternoon while the crowd was entertained by the music of 17-piece jazz ensemble Big Band Obsession on the waterfront.

"The good news is you can see the work and meet many of these artists on the next Five Lands open studios art trail on November 4 and 5 from 11am to 5pm," said publicity officer Ms Cathryn McEwen.

"This group of Central Coast artists have been opening their home studios to the public three times a year since 2012 and exhibit regularly."

SOURCE: Media release, 12 Oct 2017 Cathryn McEwen, Five Lands Artist Collective



## Children's author to visit Umina

Children's author Mr Tim Harris will visit Umina Beach Public School as part of the school's Author Lunch Program on October 25.

The author talk is informal and lively and allows the children the chance to hear an author speak about the process of writing and getting published.

The author will dedicate and sign books for all the participants after question and answer time.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to get to know the ins-and-outs of

writing stories," said principal Ms Lyn Davis.

"Mr Harris is one of the most



Jocelyn Maughan speaking at the exhibition

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SOURCE: Newsletter, 10 Oct 2017 Lyn Davis, Umina Beach **Public School** 

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# **Jimmy Barnes comes** to Umina for second book signing

Singer-songwriter Jimmy Barnes has been invited to Umina for a book-signing for a second time.

When he visited a West St bookshop to sign his book Working Class Boy in October last year, fans queued around the block for hours for the chance to meet him and collect a signed copy of the book.

With the launch of the second part of his autobiography Working Class Man, the similar numbers are expected for the signing at 2pm on October 26.

Owner of Umina Beach Book Bazaar, Ms Mandy Beaton McIntosh, who has organised the signing, said it would be best to be early to avoid missing out.

She said Barnes' autobiography was a tale of a life too big and a story too extraordinary for just one book.

She said he had lived many lives: from Glaswegian migrant child to iconic front man, from solo superstar to proud father of his own musical clan.

"Barnes picks up the story of his life as he leaves Adelaide in the back of an old truck with a then unknown band called Cold Chisel.<sup>3</sup> The bookshop will also host

another signing by an award-

winning children's author on Saturday, October 21.

Mr George Ivanoff, who has written more than 100 books for children and teenagers, will hold a book signing and author talk from 10:30am until 11:30am.

Mr Ivanoff has written school readers, library reference books, chapter books, novelettes, novels and a short story collection and has books on both the Victorian Premier's and the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge booklists.

His teen science fiction novel, Gamers' Quest, won a Chronos Award for speculative fiction.

The sequel, Gamers' Challenge, was shortlisted for the same award and the final book in the Gamers trilogy, Gamers' Rebellion, also won a Chronos Award.

Mr Ivanoff's current series of books is the interactive You Choose series

You Choose: The Treasure of Dead Man's Cove won the 2015 YABBA in the "Fiction for Younger Readers" category; and You Choose: Alien Invasion From Beyond the Stars got an Honour Award in the KOALAs in 2016.

SOURCE: Media release, 9 Oct 2017 Mandi Beaton McIntosh, Umina Beach Book Bazaar

# The Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre Inc's 2017 Art Exhibition is coming up this November Crafts centre holds annual art show

Crafts Centre hopes to repeat the success of past exhibitions with its annual art show in November.

"Visitors have come from far and wide to view the display of creativity and industry that shines through in the art works, crafted by our talented members," according to publicity officer Ms Sue Sullivan.

"As the saying goes, variety is the spice of life and you will get this in spades when you come to the 2017 Annual Exhibition to be held at the Peninsula Community

Ettalong Beach Arts and Centre at 93 McMaster Rd. Wov Woy," she said.

The event will take place on Saturday, November 4, from 9am to 4pm and Sunday, November 5, 10am to 3pm at the Peninsula Community Centre in Woy Woy.

"This event demonstrates a combination of talents resulting in a multidisciplinary exhibition of artworks showcasing the outcome of artists pursuing their passion," Ms Sullivan said.

There will be acrylic, water colour and oil paintings, patchwork and quilting, silver craft, pottery, hand painted gift cards, jewellery

and much more.

"Making your own sun catchers is a traditional activity for the youngsters and the young at heart. "The variety of cakes and savoury items will find you spoilt for choice," Ms Sullivan said.

"We are fortunate to have the honour of presenting live music with Topaz, the Acapella singing group entertaining us once again on the Sunday from around 11:30am," Ms Sullivan said.

SOURCE: Media release, 2 Oct 2017 Sue Sullivan, Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre Inc.





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Bukhu is returning to The Troubadour this November

# Mongolian music at folk club

Mongolian throat singer, horse head fiddle player and master of Mongolian music **Bukhchuluun** Ganburged

(Bukhu) is returning to The Troubadour for а performance from 7pm on November 28.

Bukhu is a master of the

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Music and Dance Conservatory of Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia, according to Troubadour Folk Club president Mr Michael Fine.

Now living in Australia, Bukhu has toured extensively, playing for audiences across the country as well as in Europe and Asia.

Mr Fine said that, as well as being an ambassador for Mongolian and world music, Bukhu was also an accomplished performer of some of the classics of Australian folk music and an accomplished composer and performer of beautiful contemporary music.

"Bukhu's own compositions incorporate genres as diverse as Overtone Throat Singing, Harmonic Chant, Folk, Classical, Blues, Metal, Techno, Dub and Hip-Hop.

"Bukhu's recent live performances explore experimental and electro-acoustic sound palettes using loops and edits created on pedals, sequencers and other amazing means."

The performance will be a ticketed event.

SOURCE: Media release, 28 Sep 2017 Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club

# Scammers target Patonga artist

Patonga artist Ms Jocelyn Maughan has warned other elderly residents of a scam that recently targeted her.

Ms Maughan said that, on two separate occasions in October, she was contacted on her home phone number by scammers pretending to be from the Australian Taxation Office.

The scammers, which Ms Maughan described as having a foreign accent, claimed Ms Maughan had committed fraud and told her warrants were out for her arrest

They also told Ms Maughan that people would arrive at her home to settle the debts and that she must disclose her bank and other personal details to sort out the matter.

"I was horrified," Ms Maughan said

"I thought it was a scam from the moment they said there were warrants out for my arrest because I'm just an ordinary tax payer and do not believe the ATO would ever contact someone, guilty or otherwise, in this manner," she said.

"It was very scary to be told that people are 'coming to get you'.

"I recently lost my husband, live alone and have been unwell as of late and I can tell you this kind of scare didn't help.

"A friend of mine, also from Patonga, who is 86 and recovery from surgery also received a call from the same mob that went much the same way.

"It's dreadful.

"I hope all the people of the Peninsula are aware of this and report it to the authorities if it happens to them," she said.

Ms Maughan said she contacted the police who directed her to a scam reporting hotline.

SOURCE: Interview, 11 Oct 2017 Jocelyn Maughan, Patonga **Reporter: Dilon Luke** 



8:30am to 4:30 pm Bring or buy lunch Pick up & drop off: RSL Club, West Gosford Cost \$25 pp

**All welcome** 

## **Bookings and payment**

by Thurs. 19.10.17

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Woy Woy Rugby Union's Under 12 squad with best and fairest Atticus Fotofili seated right

# President reports at junior rugby presentations

Woy Woy Junior Rugby Union president Mr Gary Morrison has submitted his President's Report at the club's awards presentation, held at Ettalong Diggers on Saturday, September 16.

"As I wander around the grounds on a Saturday morning, I feel an enthusiastic sense of pride in the culture and values that we have developed as a Club," Mr Morrison said.

"We value and celebrate the talents, the efforts and difference of not only our players, but also the families associated with them.

"This year saw almost 180 junior players take the field across all age groups from five-year olds through to 17-year olds.

"This included two Under-7 team's, two Under-8 teams and teams in Under 9s, 10s, 11s, 12s, 14s, 15s and 17s.

"We are recognised as one of the top three strongest junior clubs on the Central Coast for registrations and teams participating.

"We may not win every game but we walk off the field with our heads held high knowing we have played our best and above all, we have played in the true spirit of rugby.

"The Under-11s and 14s were beaten in tight games in the semi-finals.

"The Under-17s progressed

to the preliminary final and our Under-12s and 15s won their way into the grand final.

"What an amazing effort for a small regional Rugby Club.

"In particular, 2017 saw a substantial number of Under 15s selected in the Central Coast team this year.

"It was with great sadness that 2017 saw the passing of John Wright.

"John had been involved in the club for many years as a committee member, team manager, all-round helper and above all a nice bloke.

"John was a club man through and through and this year has not been the same without my righthand man assisting me with all things around the club.

"His son Jackson has continued to play a wonderful year of Rugby for the Club in the Under-11s and Leanne has also continued to help out in the canteen.

"In recognition of Johns contribution to the club we have renamed the Junior Club Person of the Year

Award to the John Wright Spirit of Rugby Award, with a new perpetual trophy starting in 2017."

End of season awards were made to: Under 17's; Best and Fairest, Jaz Doak-Stride; Best Forward, Casey Woodford; Best back, Matthew Lavelle; Players Player, Ethan Church; Most Improved, Isaac Atchison; and Coaches Award, Brooklyn Smith. Under 15's; Best and Fairest,

Kieth Potter; Best Forward, Nat Collado; Best Back, Wabay Jennings; Player's player, Kaleb Jennings; Most Improved, Tiraho Pakai; and Coaches Award, Alexander Allsopp.

Under 14's; Best and Fairest, Matthew Kearney; Best Forward, Zac Halliday; Best Back, Logan Tyson-Sanson; Player's player, Tait Fagerstrom; Most Improved, Liam Colbran; and Coaches Award, Thomas Rodham.

Under 12's; Best and Fairest, Atticus Fotofili; Best Forward, Jed Penn; Best Back, Kieran Diamond; Player's player, Kieran Diamond; Most Improved, Austin Minett; and Coaches Award, Liam Orlowski.

Under 11's; Best and Fairest, Jack Morrison; Best Forward, Devon Oelofse; Best Back, Fred Rutherford; Player's player, Jack Morrison; Most Improved, Hunter Adams; and Coaches Award, Jacob Falconer.

Under 10's; Best and Fairest, Euan Murray; Best Forward, Bill Scott; Best Back, Alex McCoombe-Lopez; Player's player, Alex McCoombe-Lopez; Most Improved, Jette Gooley; and Coaches Award, Dushan Tucic.

The Under 15's were also named the Junior Team of the Year. SOURCE:

Website, 27 Sep 2017 Gary Morrison, Woy Woy Rugby Union Club



Jaz Doak-Stride Under 17 best and fairest for Woy Woy Rugby Union Club 2017



The major fund raising & awareness raising event for the Multi Arts Confederation in 2017 WHERE?

Davistown Community Hall 5 McCauley St, Davistown NSW 2251 TIMES?

3pm to 6:30pm Saturday, November 4 10am to 4pm Sunday, November 5

## WHAT?

Exhibition of visual art from members of the Central Coast Multi Arts Confederation Talks and presentations from MAC members and special guests throughout the Sunday Raffle Prizes, Gold coin donation for entry All proceeds to the Multi Arts Confederation

## WHO?

We still have places available to exhibit and speak. To express interest email the committee at maccentralcoast@gmail.com



# Ettalong Beach Ph: 02 4341 7234 46 Picnic Parade, Ettalong Beach, NSW – 2257 Lunch: 12:00 – 2:00pm (Mon – Friday) 12:00 – 2:30pm (Sat – Sunday)

**Dinner starts at 5:00pm – till late** 





## **Directory - Not for profit Community Organisations**

## Art & Culture

**Central Coast Art Society** Weekly paint-outs Tues 4369 5860. Workshops 9.30am 1st & 3rd Wed Gosford City Art Centre 4363 1156. Social Meetings 1.30pm 4th Wed for demonstrations 4325 1420 publicity@art

#### **Central Coast** Handweavers, **Spinners and Textile Arts Guild** Spinning and weaving, patchwork and quilting, felting and other fibre and fabric crafts, community auilting bees Day and Night Groups 4325 4743 /w.cottagecrafts.net.au

#### **Ettalong Beach Art**

& Crafts Centre Adult classes in Pottery Watercolours, Oils, Acrylics, Pastels, Silvercraft, Patchwork & Quilting 0412 155 391 www.ebacc.com.au ebacc.email@gmail.com

Hospital Art Australia Inc. Meet every Tue and Fri 9am-2pm - 109 Birdwood Ave Umina - Painting and Canvas

drawing. Volunteers welcome 0431 363 347

## **Bushwalking**

#### **National Parks Association Central Coast**

Twice weekly bush walks, varying distances and grades of difficulty Explore, enjoy scenery, fauna, floral, history. Keep fit and make friends

### 4389 4423 & 4332 7378 **Community Centres**

## **Peninsula Community**

Centre

Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd Woy Woy Activities, programs and support groups for children, teens, adults and seniors including occasional care, playgroups, dance classes karate, fitness classes, youth services, gambling solutions, internet kiosk and social groups. 4341 9333

## **Ettalong 50+ Leisure**

& Learning Centre Mon - Fri - Cards, Computer Lessons, Dancing, Indoor Bowls, Fitness, Handicrafts, Leatherwork Line Dancing, Painting, Scrabble, Table Tennis, Tai Chi, Yoga, Darts 4341 3222

#### **Central Coast Community** Legal Centre Not for profit service providing free

legal advice Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm 4353 4988

#### **Community Groups**

ABC "The Friends" Support group for Public Broadcaster. Aims: Safeguard ABC's independence, adequate funding high standards. Meetings through the year + social afternoons Well-known guest speakers 4341 5170

## 0437 699 366

**Mingaletta Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander** Provides members and other groups a meeting place and referral hub for education, health, well-being and cultural programs. Mon-Fri 9am - 4pm 6 Sydney Ave Umina 4342 7515

#### **Peninsula School** for Seniors

Community Centre McMasters Road, Woy Woy Discussions, rumikin, craft, history, walks. & coach trips Tues, Wed, Thur 4341 5984 or 4341 0800

### Peninsula Village Playgroup

Carers, Grandparents, parents & children 'Intergenerational Playgroup' Tues 10-11.30am 4344 9199

### **Seniors Computer Club Central Coast**

Classes held Monday to Friday for everyone over 50 Basics: Mon . Tues and Thurs 10am to 12noon Different programs every day, 10am to 12noon or 1pm to 3pm Apple-Mac: Mon, Tues, Wed All at our club rooms. Kincumber Neighbourhood Centre Bookings or inquiries 02 4307 9421

#### **The Krait Club** Community Centre - Cooinda Village, Neptune St, Umina 10.30am For seniors. Gentle exercises, quizzes, games, social activities, guest speakers, entertainment and bus trips - 4344 3277

**Umina Beach Men's Shed** Men share a variety of tools. pursue interests and hobbies. spend time with other men and learn new skills Darrell 4342 9606

**Volunteering Central Coast** Refers potential volunteers to community orgs. Supports both volunteers and community orgs. Training for volunteers & their managers. 4329 7122 lcc.org.a

#### Wagstaffe to Killcare Community

Protect and preserve the environment & residential nature of the Bouddi Peninsula and to strengthen community bonds 2nd Mon, 7.30pm

Wagstaffe Hall 4360 2945

### Health Groups Al-Anon

If someone's drinking is causing you problems... Al-Anon can help 4344 6939 1300 252 666 Meetings Sat 2pm Woy Woy Hospital Ocean Beach Road

#### BlueWave Living Woy Woy Community Aged

Care facility providing residential aged care to the frail aged. Permanent and respite care accommodation available. Information 2nd and 4th Tues - 11am 4344 2599 ng.org.au

#### **Central Coast Parkinson's Support Group**

We aim to help individuals and their families better manage living with Parkinson's Disease Guest speakers are a regular feature of our meetings. 2nd Tue - 1.30pm 1800 644 189

#### **Gambling Solutions**

Gambling help counsellors providing free confidential professional service to gamblers, family and friends. Woy Woy, Kincumber, Gosford and The Entrance 4344 7992

#### **GROW Support Groups**

Small friendly groups formed to learn how to overcome anxiety, depression and loneliness and to improve mental health and wellbeing. Anonymous, free and open to all. Bring a support person if you like. Weekly meetings at Woy Woy, Bateau Bay and Wyong 1800 558 268 ww.grow.org.au

**Meals on Wheels** Delicious meals delivered free Join us for a middav meal Help with shopping and cooking classes 4341 6699

Mary Mac's Place Providing hot, freshly cooked meals - Mon to Fri 11am-1pm with support, info & referrals 4341 0584 wovcatholic.org.au

#### **Overeaters** Anonymous (OA)

12-step fellowship for those with eating disorders. No dues, fees, or weigh-ins, Peninsula Com. Cntr, cnr. Mc Masters Rd & Ocean Beach Rd. Woy Woy, Fri 8pm

0412 756 446

### Peninsula Village

**Wellness Centre** Offering holistic and complementary therapies including aromatherapy, massage and music therapy 4344 9199

**Peninsula Village Meals** Delivered daily to your door Nutritious, great for the elderly 4344 9199

**Peninsula Village Carer's Support Group** For carers of loved ones with dementia - 1st Wed - 10 to 11.30am Paula 4344 9199

**Prostate Cancer Support** Group (Gosford)

Schizophrenia and **Bipolar Fellowship** For Schizophrenia/Bipolar/ Mental Health sufferers family, carers and friends. 1st Thur - 1pm Room 3 Uniting Church Donnison St Gosford 4344 7989 or 4368 2214

## **Woy Woy Public**

**Hospital Alliance** To restore medical services previously available & upgrade to a standard that meets with local needs. 2pm 2nd Sat St Lukes Church Hall, Blackwall Rd Woy Woy 4344 4811

#### Woy Woy Stroke **Recovery Club**

**Everglades Country Club** 2nd Tues 11am Company, up-to-date info, hydrotherapy, bus trips 4341 7177

## Music

**Brisbane Water Brass** Brass Band entertainment for the community playing all types of popular music. Rehearsal every Tues 7.30pm-10pm 0419 274 012

#### **Coastal a Cappella**

Dynamic award winning women's a cappella chorus new members always welcome. Music eduction provided Lots of Performance opportunities, or hire us for your next event. 0412 948 450 coastalacappella@gmail.com

#### **Gosford Musical**

**Society Minstrels** Entertain at various venues on the Coast seeking new members Thur Night Laycock St North

Gosford 4341 4210

Soundwaves

Men's a-capella 4 part harmony chorus - all ages 7pm Mon. Central Coast Leagues Club John 0413 276 698

#### **Troubadour Central Coast**

Folk, Traditional & Acoustic Music and Spoken Word Concerts, Ukulele meets, and Sessions 4th Sat 7pm CWA Hall Woy Woy 4342 6716

#### **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 **Woy Woy Branch** Everglades Country Club 7.30pm 2nd Mon

> 0412 517 520 @bigpond.co ninsula Day Brancl

0478 959 895 Make new friends and have fun while serving your community.

#### **Rotary Clubs**

International service club improves lives of communities in Aust. & o/seas. Fun-filled activities. fellowship and friendship. **Rotary Club of Kariong** Phillip House, 21 Old Mount Penang Rd, Fri 7.15am 4340 4529

**Rotary Club of Umina Beach** Wednesdays 6.30pm Everglades Country Club 0409 245 861 0409 245 861 **Rotary Club of Woy Woy** 

> Tues 6pm Everglades Country Club. Don Tee 0428 438 535 **Special Interest**

#### Bridge

Duplicate Bridge Mon Tue Thur Fri Sat-12.15pm & Wed 9.15am Brisbane Water Bridge Club, Peninsula Community Centre 93 McMasters Rd. Woy Woy

### **Cash Housie**

50 Games every Sat night Peninsula Community Centre, McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, 7.30pm. Proceeds to Woy Woy Catholic Parish.

> **Central Coast Family History Society Inc.** Resources, information & advice to study your family's history. 1st Sat 1pm Lions Community Hall, 8 Russell Drysdale St, E. Gosford. 4324 5164

**Central Coast Tenants' Advice and Advocacy Service** Help with issues with landlords & real estate agents? Free telephone advice and advocacy for all tenants and residents in residential parks. 4353 5515

## **Central Coast Lapidary**

**Club, Minerals & Gems** Learn silverwork, cabochons, faceting, enamelling, stone fieldtrips & fossicking. Weekly Workshops Tues and Thurs 8.30am-2.30pm Thurs evening 6-10pm 10 Ourimbah Creek Rd Ourimbah 4362 2246

#### **Central Coast Rescue Unit**

Marine Education Courses. Radio Licenses, Boat Safety & Boat License & PWC License Tests Navigation, Seamanship and Meteorology. 4325 7929 www.vmrcc.org.au

> **Central Coast Soaring Club Inc**

Gliding Club, Learn to fly, Instruction FREE to members Come and have an Air Experience Flight All Welcome 14 and up for Training Flying at Bloodtree Road Mangrove Mountain Thur, Sat, Sun (weather permitting) 0412 164 082 0414 635 047

social events, workshops, organic food buying group

## **Central Coast Goju-**

Kai Karate Traditional Karate & Self Defence for Teens & Adults No Contracts. Cheap Rates Wamberal - Mon 630pm Kincumber - Thurs 715pm 0417 697 096 ww.centralcoastgo kaikarate.com.au

#### Woy Woy Judo Club

3 Classes every Tue, Thur & Fri 5.00pm to 8pm Ettalong Leisure & Learning Centre Min age 5 years old 0434 000 170

### Veterans **National Malaya Borneo**

Veterans Association

1st Sat F(except Jan) 1pm

**Ettalong Beach** 

War Memorial Club,

51-52 The Esplanade.

4342 1107

Vietnam Veterans',

Peacekeepers' and

**Peacemakers'** 

Assist all veterans & families with

pension & welfare issues.

Mon & Wed 9am-1pm 4344 4760

Cnr Broken Bay Rd & Beach St

Woy Woy Ettalong

Hardy's Bay RSL

Provide help with pensions and

welfare etc.

Shop 5/382 Oceanview Rd

Ettalong. Tues & Thurs 9am to

1pm 4341 2594

Women's Groups

**BPW Central Coast** 

Empowering women of all ages

in the areas of work, education,

well-being and friendship.

All women welcome to attend

monthly dinner meetings.

Be enlightened. \$40 covers two

course meal and speaker.

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bpwcentralcoast@hotmail.com www.bpw.com.au/central-coast

**Country Women's** 

Association Umina

2 Sydney Ave

**Branch Meetings** 

2nd Wednesday 10am

**Craft & Friends** 

Wednesdays 9.30am

2nd and 4th Sundays 12.15pm

0416 193 070 - 4340 1746

**Country Women's** 

**Association Woy Woy** 

Opposite Fisherman's Wharf

Craft & Friendship

1st and 2nd Wed 10am

Meetings 4th Wed 10.30am 4324

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**Gosford RSL Women's** 

Auxiliary

For women over 18 years.

Raise money for welfare of

veterans and their families

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Ettalong. astveterans@bigpond.com.

#### **Central Coast** Social Group Social contact, entertainment events, new friendships, for 30's-60's Live music, house parties, dinners, BBQs, picnics, trips away etc. Monthly Meet & Chat 0422 243 101 email cco30s@live.com.au

#### Central Coast 50+ **Singles Social Group** Ladies & gents dinner, dancing BBQs & socialising each w/end. Monthly programme for all areas 0412 200 571

#### **Arthritis NSW** Woy Woy support group Woy Woy Bowling Club North Burge Road Woy Woy 3rd Tues 10.30am 1800 011 041

#### **Better Hearing Australia** - Central Coast

Hearing loss management support and education. 7 groups across the Coast Providing practical experience and confidence 4321 0275 aringaustralia.org.a.

Last Fri, Terrigal Uniting Church, 380 Terrigal Drive, Terrigal 9.30am to 12 noon 4367 9600

**Riding for the Disabled** Horse Riding as a therapy for those with intellectual or physical disabilities Volunteers required. No previous exp. necessary - School hours only. Mon to Sat 4340 0388

1pm 2nd Mon CWA Hall Woy Woy 4341 9946

### **Central Coast Greens** Active regarding ecological

sustainability, social & economic justice, peace & non-violence, grassroots democracy & getting Greens elected 3rd Thur. centralcoast.nsw.greens.org.au centralcoastgreens@gmail.com

### **Service Groups**

**Lions Club of Woy Woy** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. Woy Woy Leagues Club

#### Peninsula Environment Group Environmental projects

(incl. Woytopia), Woy Woy community garden,

#### RSL Club, West Gosford 4th Mon 2pm 4323 7336

#### **Peninsula Women's Health Centre**

Counselling, therapeutic and social groups, workshops, domestic violence and abuse issues. All services by women for women 4342 5905

Entries in the Not For Profit Community Organisations Directory are free. However, we require each organisation to subscribe to each newspaper to ensure that someone from that organisation keeps their entry up to date Australia Post is about to increase their postage rates by over 42% and we can no longer continue to absorb these increases. Subscription rates have therefore needed to be increased from \$50 to \$75 for 25 editions

Sport

# Woy Woy Rugby Union club presents awards

Woy Woy Rugby's successful performances from 2014 through 2016 were not matched in 2017, which was disappointing but in review there was much to take out of their efforts, according to club publicity officer Peter Fenton.

The firsts, premiers in 2014, runners- up in 2015 and semifinalists in 2016, missed the playoffs by just one game.

The minor grades also missed out on the play-offs offs but there were several newcomers who had very good seasons as shown in the awards presented at the season's end.

First grade's Best and Fairest Award went to young prop, Matt Graham, who was a member of Woy Woy's 2016 second grade premiers.

Rugged inside centre Fokolulu Taumolol was best first grade's back and outside centre, Blake Arahill, won the trophy for top try

Wednesday, Oct 18

show 12:30pm

Friday, Oct 20

Hotel, 9pm

to1pm

Leagues Club, 7:30pm

Saturday, Oct 21

Umina from 10:30am

Spring Cabaret and lunch,

Woy Woy Leagues Club, doors

open 11:30am, lunch 12pm,

Duane Marnell, Woy Woy

Ben Woodham, Ettalong

George Ivanoff book signing,

Umina Uniting Church Spring

Rick Price, Hardys Bay Club,

14 Heath Road, Hardys Bay, 8pm

Fair, Neptune St, Umina, 8am

Umina Book Bazaar, West St,

scorer.

Like Matt Graham he was a member of last year's second grade premiers.

Only 21, Arahill has a promising career ahead.

"He has pace and the ability to beat tackles and with more experience and natural improvement is a potential representative player," said Mr Fenton.

Back-rower, Alifeleti Atiola, in his fourth season with Woy Woy was judged Players' Player.

Flanker Nick Rauschenback won Best and Fairest in a second grade side.

Eighteen-year-old Zac Doake-Stride was judged best back, having performed well in several appearances with the firsts.

Rookie of the year was Adam McVean.

Playing his first season with Woy Woy Rugby, McVean showed great aptitude and is a potential first grade player.

The top point scorer trophy

was won by Alex Moore who plays fullback or wing and whose general play and goal kicking was top class.

The Col Gooley award, given for outstanding service throughout the year, not restricted to players, was most deservedly won by club and first grade captain Kane Burns.

Burns, a natural back-rower, is playing his best football in the second row and works tirelessly off the field to promote the club.

A most pleasing aspect of the Awards function was that Woy Woy was presented with a shield, presented each year by the Central Coast Referees Association.

The shield is given to the club whose attitude and spirit most exemplified sportsmanship and an effort to improve the image of the game.

A full list of award winners is on the club website.

SOURCE Media release, 9 Oct 2017 Peter Fenton, Woy Woy Rugby Union



#### Alex Moore was top point scorer

# 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 Are 4205 0000

## 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 Bevondblue 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 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 Samaritans Emergency Relief 4393 2450

## For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257 Bay, 7pm Woy Woy

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Jubila Singers Annual Concert, St John The Baptist Catholic Church, Woy Woy, 2pm, free entry

Brent Murphy, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 5:30pm

## Thursday, Oct 26

Ben Woodham and \$5000 giveaway, Woy Woy Leagues Club

Jimmy Barnes Book Signing, Umina Book Bazaar, West St Umina, 2pm

## Friday, Oct 27

The Anniversary by Bill MacIlworth, by Woy Woy Little Theatre, Peninsula Theatre until Nov 12

Eric Camilleri, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 7pm

Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden open day, 85-87 Moana St, Woy Woy

### Monday, Oct 30

AUCHA

Good Morning Ettalong featuring the Elton John and Rod Stewart tribute show, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club, doors open 10:30am for 11am show

Peninsula Villages annual general meeting, , 91 Pozieres Avenue, Umina, from 10:30am Ashleigh Chapman Woy Woy

Ashleigh Chapman, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 5:30pm

## Monday, Oct 30

Crafts

3pm

Central

Melissa James author talk at Woy Woy Library, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, 2:30pm

## Saturday, Nov 4

Centre

Ettalong Beach Arts and

Peninsula Community Centre, 93

McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, 9am to

4pm and Sunday, Nov 5, 10am to

Surfers Association Hands On

Surf Day, Umina Beach, 9am

Exhibition,

Coast Disabled

Bays Community Group Fashion Parade, featuring apparel from Jenny Jazz Fashions, Bays Community Hall, Woy Woy Bay Rd, Woy Woy Bay, from 7pm

The Hops, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 7pm

A Coupla Numbers, The Old Pub, Woy Woy, 8pm

## g Saturday, Oct 28

Karaoke, Woy Woy's Got Talent, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 7pm

Bukhu, return of a world music master, Troubadour Folk and Acoustic Music Club, CWA Hall, Woy Woy, from 7pm

## Sunday, Oct 22

Z-Star Delta, Hardys Bay Club, 14 Heath Road, Hardys

## Sunday, Oct 29

Deck sessions featuring The Camry's, Hardys Bay Club, 3pm

Friday, Nov 10 Bays Community Happy Hour, Bays Community Hall, Woy Woy Bay Rd, Woy Woy Bay

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

Wires 1300 094 737 **Community Centres Peninsula Community** Centre 4341 9333 Men's Shed Cluster Inc 0413 244 484 Transport 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

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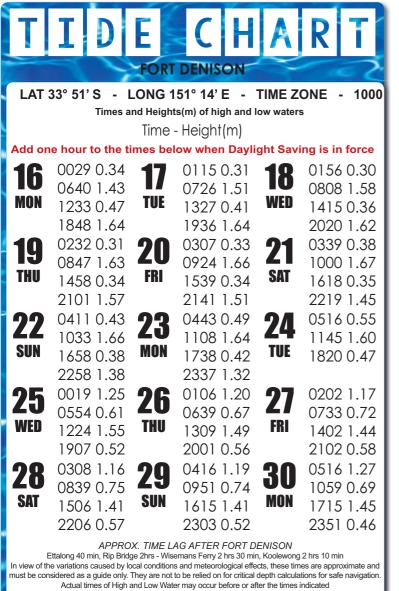
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# Volunteers wanted by disabled surfers association

The Central Coast Disabled Surfers Association is seeking volunteers to help people of all ages and abilities learn how to surf.

The Association's first meeting will be at Umina Beach on November 4.

"Our volunteers serve to provide a unique, safe and happy surfing experience to a wide range of people with various disabilities who would otherwise be unable to access the beach," said association publicity officer Ms Rae Fiechter.

"In order to ensure safety, the Association has a very high volunteer-to-participant ratio, with a minimum of six-to-one up to as high as 30-to-one for more challenging participants," Ms Fiechter said.

"We only surf in broken waves,

in waist depth water," she said.

"Volunteers' help participants enjoy the experience that ablebodied people often take for granted.

"Volunteers do not need to know how to surf.

"They just need to be willing to get wet and have some fun.

"Refreshments and a rash shirt will be provided, but volunteers are encouraged to bring their own wetsuits.

"Volunteering at a Hands-on Day consists of helping participants to and from the beach, assisting them in and out of the water and helping set up and clean up.

"Food is provided and smiles are always encouraged," Ms Fiechter said.

Interested volunteers can register with the association by contacting Ms Pauline Maniskas

on 0416 332 166 or email: pmaniskas@hotmail.com.

Another Hands-on Day will be held at Umina Beach on February 2.

The Disabled Surfers Association was established in 1986 and currently has 16 branches across Australia and New Zealand.

The Association sets world's best practice for the sport of Disabled Surfing and creates opportunities for everyone, including disabled participants and able-bodied volunteers, to experience unique, safe and happy surfing events, while under complete supervision from trained Team Leaders and Beach Marshalls.

SOURCE: Media release, 1 Oct 2017 Rae Fiechter, Disabled Surfers Association





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Sport

# **Champion at body-building nationals**

Personal trainer Jessie Lacey, 31, of Woy Woy, has just won the NABBA/WFF figure-fitness championship in the Australian bodybuilding nationals in Melbourne.

"Health and fitness has always been part of my lifestyle," Ms Lacey said.

"As a child I did numerous sports and activities including athletics, we did every sport you could think of growing up, it was always a part of me.

"I wanted to pursue fitness as a career and in 2011 I started body building as a sport."

Ms Lacey was encouraged by another female competitor to get involved in body building in 2010. "I ended up getting ready for my first competition in 2011 with

the Australasian Natural Body Building Federation. "I got one number one trophy that year and in 2012 I got two

firsts and a third in nationals." Her first win was at the 2011 Central Coast ANB competition.

Ms Lacey said the heavy demands of competition meant she did not compete in 2013 or 2014 but returned to complete four competitions in 2015.

"I am a figure competitor so I have to get very lean.

"To get to the condition needed to be successful at competition, it can take anywhere between 12 and 20 weeks of preparation."

Jessie usually weighs about 50kg when not competing.

She manages to drop 9kg during preparation for a competition.

"Usually I want to maintain most of my weight except for the final four to five weeks before



competition.

"It is a long, gradual process to get that lean, and it takes clean eating and a strict diet."

That's in addition to between two and four hours at the gym each day doing weights and cardio.

"There are other people who are very extreme but I like to maintain muscle so I don't like to do too much cardio.

The categories in which women can compete as body builders are usually bikini, fitness, figure and physique.

"Figure and physique have to go on crazy diets.

"Over the years each category has gotten leaner because

basically the expectation has changed for people to be a little leaner."

The winning qualities in Jessie's figure category are the display of muscle, definition and quality.

"You are judged on symmetry, on making sure everything is balanced, muscle balance, size, top to toe, left to right so you are nice and even through the development of your physique.

"You are also judged on the way you are presented on stage and the way you hold yourself so stage presence and posing is a very big thing."

Jessie had victories in the NSW State Title which qualified

her to compete in Melbourne for the National Championships in figure-fitness category.

Her preparation included guidance from her posing coach in preparation for the state titles and then using a variety of carb loading tactics to achieve a fuller look for the nationals competition in Melbourne.

She won her division in Melbourne but did not win overall champion, the status required to progress to international competitions, which is her ultimate goal.

"To go overseas I would have had to win overalls in which case I am up against the first in each category and the competition goes up to 60kg and has categories such as fitness (u45), performance (u50), athletic (u55), super body (u60) and extreme body."

Jessie choses natural body building, with no enhancements.

"I love the challenge and I really feel that competing naturally means that you are on your own.

"It is basically you against you. "It makes me feel good to know that I am natural and that I can still do really well in my competitions without any enhancements."

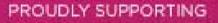
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