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# Woy Woy police station may get officerin-charge

It is unclear whether Woy Woy police station will get its own officer-in-charge and local police assigned to the station under "a new policing model for regional NSW".

Under the changes, the Brisbane Water Local Area Command will be renamed Brisbane Water Police District.

Police Districts will have a district superintendent with varying spans of control, while each district will incorporate an officer-in-charge model for each of its police stations, according to an announcement by NSW Police Commissioner Mick Fuller and Deputy Commissioner Gary Worboys.

Deputy Commissioner Worboys said regional and rural communities wanted to know who their local police were and importantly who was in charge of their police station.

"We will see a return to the officer-in-charge model throughout

regional police stations overseen by a commander at the district office," he said

"This model allows for a more dynamic and flexible approach to investigations, proactive operations and focussing on important community issues like domestic and family violence and mid-level drug supply.

"Police who live and work in regional towns are often heavily involved in the local community.

"Their job is enhanced by being part of that community."

Deputy Commissioner Worboys said he would detail local arrangements in each of the new Police Districts as they commence under the new structure.

Peninsula News has requested further information about how the new policing model will affect the Peninsula.

SOURCE: Media release, 23 Nov 2017 Gary Worboys, NSW Police





The land on the corner of Veron Rd and Hillview St, Woy Woy

# Nursing home refusal to be reviewed

approved," an assessment report prepared by Council staff stated.

On November 22, three months after the refusal of the application, community members who wrote submissions received notification that Council had received an application "to review the determination of refusal" of the proposal.

"The applicant has submitted additional information aimed at addressing the previous reasons for refusal," the letter stated.

Submissions can be made on the proposal from Thursday, November 30, until Thursday,

December 21. The application for the review refusal to the proposed Section 96 Amendment – Building Modifications to Enable Use as Residential Care Facility and Section 96AB Building Modifications to Enable Use as Residential Care Facility".

"If your submission is an objection, any grounds of objection must be clearly stated and should not include references of a personal nature," the letter stated.

Although the letter stated the additional information would be available online it could not be accessed by Peninsula News at the time of going to press.

As previously reported in Peninsula News, the site of the proposed development includes a conservation zone for a gazetted Ecologically Endangered Community of Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland.

bed aged care facility. Council refused the latest application on the basis that it was not substantially the same development that had originally been approved and modified.

A proposal to build a nursing

home in Hillview St, Woy

Woy, has been revived,

with an application being

submitted for the review

of the Council's previous

the \$27.8 million application that

sought to modify a development

Environment Court hearing in

2006, an application was approved

in 2007 for a 37-unit seniors

living development but the new

"amended" proposal was for a 160-

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refusal.

"The proposal involves radical transformation from that

was made by planning consultant Doug Sneddon Planning Pty Ltd under Section 82A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act which enables the applicant to ask for a review of Council's "determination of

SOURCE: Letter, 22 Nov 2017 K Common, Central Coast Council

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### **Rainfall stays below average**

The promise of a wet November ran dry with only 0.7mm of rain falling between November 8 and 23.

During the first eight days of November, Mr Jim Morrison of Umina, recorded a promising total of 48.1mm of rainfall on the Peninsula.

Since then the only rain recorded was 0.7mm on November 20.

To date the total rainfall for November has been 48.8mm and that is 55.2mm below the monthly average of 104mm.

As a result of the mid-November return to dry weather, the annual average rainfall for 2017 on the Peninsula is still tracking 5.5 per cent below average.

Early November rainfall has still given the Peninsula a catch-up on previous months after July, August and September each totalling less than 10mm rainfall for the whole of the month.

> SOURCE: Rainfall data, 24 Nov 2017 Jim Morrison, Umina



# YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

Peninsula News and TEG Live wish to offer readers the chance to win a double pass to see 2017 Grammy Nominee, Celtic Woman Voices of Angels, in Sydney on February 9 valued at \$430.

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Australia Day celebration at Wagstaffe

### Council abandons Australia Day celebrations

The community group that has helped the Council run Australia Day celebrations at Wagstaffe has been told that the new Central Coast Council will no longer run the celebrations.

Wagstaffe-Killcare The Community Association has been told it must apply for funding if it

wants to run the event.

"Traditionally we have organised this event on behalf of Council and many residents pitch in to help, including the Rural Fire Service and many, many volunteers," said association president Ms Peta Colebatch.

"Council's Australia Day celebrations kicked off at Wagstaffe and the Council paid for our costs," Ms Colebatch said.

"The new Council has advised that we must apply each year for a arant if we wish to receive funding. "As a matter of principle, we do not see this as appropriate for this event," she said.

SOURCE: Newsletter, 10 Nov 2017 Peta Colebatch, WTKCA

### Wicks claims achievements

Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks is claiming work on Ryans Rd, Umina, and Davis St, Booker Bay, "major commitments as delivered".

She said another achievement was "acting on the Peninsula GP crisis to help boost access to doctors, with three new GPs now here thanks to a major community initiative, with more to follow".

The upgrade of McEvoy Oval at Umina with new modern facilities funded by the Federal and State Governments, Council and local

sporting clubs was also a recent achievement.

Ms Wicks was out and about on the Peninsula on November 18 (Woy Woy Memorial Park) and 20 (Umina Park) to meet with locals and hear their thoughts on the state of the Peninsula.

"We've been working closely with the community to help deliver for local families and businesses," Ms Wicks said.

> SOURCE: Media release, 20 Nov 2017 Tim Sowden, Office of Lucy Wicks MP



Member for Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks, out and about with locals in Woy Woy





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### Sporties' plan attracts 30 submissions so far

Submissions from community members regarding the proposal to demolish the Woy Woy Sporties Bowling Club, on the Corner of Brickwharf Rd and North Burge Road, and replace it with 63 senior living apartments, retail and a club, totalled 30 by November 23.

Save Woy Woy Waterfront spokesman Mr Ross Cochrane said he expected the number of submissions to exceed 50 before the deadline of December 11, which would enable the application to be considered by a Council meetina

The applicant lodged an access report with Council on November 10 and submitted further plans on November 13.

The major issues raised by residents in the 30 submissions received so far included objections to the scale of the proposed development and flooding and storm water management issues.

One submission said: "At the junction of Brick Wharf Rd and North Burge Rd, which is the address of this new development the road floods.

"If we have big tides, the road floods.

"If we have heavy rain, the road floods.

"If we have a high tide and heavy rain, especially in an East Coast Low, this area is completely



An artist's impression of the independent living units looking from Brickwharf Rd

covered and the roads are impassable.

"How will any underground car parking be able to cope with that?" He said none of the individuals who had undertaken to write a submission to Council following the public meeting held to discuss the Sporties proposal had done so as yet.

"The 30 submissions already received by Council were from other concerned people," he said.

Mr Cochrane said he had twice emailed all 15 Central Coast Councillors but only two had responded.

They were Cr Chris Holstein

and Cr Rebecca Gale Collins. "I find it very disappointing the

others have not responded. "I figured just from courtesy they would all reply at least with a standard email.'

Cr Holstein and Cr Gale Collins both undertook to consider the concerns of the community if the proposed Sporties redevelopment plans came their way.

Mr Cochrane said the latest plans and access report submitted by the developer were "just a rehash, no real changes from the original stuff".

Mr Cochrane said he believed the proposal as it stood had many deficiencies.

"There is not even a mention in any set of plans about the water issue we have," he said.

"We have tidal inundation.

"We would be the lowest point on the Peninsula.

"We get flooding on that area six times a month, every high tide you will see water coming up from the gutter.

"Somehow they have stated they have got an exemption for onsite storm water retention.

"It is my understanding that a new development can't release any more water than the building that was already there.

"They are relying on seepage but the new plans show a huge roof area and an underground carpark so there can be no seepage.

"All the water will go out through the gutter so they are supposed to build a huge retention pit and they haven't got one.

"Council's consent for the much smaller 2014 application to build boatshed restaurants on the water side of the site said they would need onsite retention but in the new stormwater plan they are saying they are onsite retention exempt.'

Mr Cochrane said he and several other concerned residents had requested information from Central Coast Council that has not been released on the basis that it is "commercial in confidence".

In particular, Council has not released minutes from a pre-DA meeting held between Woy Woy Holdings Pty Ltd representatives and Council staff.

Community members have also been denied information about the change of ownership of a triangle of land that was marked as community reserve in the 2014 plans but incorporated into the development site in the 2017 plans.

#### SOURCE:

Website, 23 Nov 2017 DA53119/2017, Gosford DA Tracker Interview, 23 Nov 2017 **Ross Cochrane, Save** Woy Woy Waterfront





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### 'Dire need' to monitor oyster leases, says Tesch

There is a "dire need" for better regulation and monitoring of oyster leases in Brisbane Water," according to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

"It's shocking that a number of oyster leases have been left in a state of disrepair, with the collection baskets hanging loose, as well as some baskets broken off completely and floating free in the water," Ms Tesch said.

"The dilapidated leases can be seen from the shore and are a blight on our beautiful waterways," she said.

Ms Tesch said that Clean4 Shore coordinator Mr Graham "Jono" Johnston brought her attention to the situation.

Abandoned oyster leases have contributed to the 180kg of waste hauled in just one clean up from the Brisbane Water at Woy Woy by Clean4Shore volunteers, including students from Brisbane Water Secondary College, she said.

Ms Tesch said that, while in Parliament, she took the opportunity to bring the issue to the attention of the Minister for Primary Industries

"I wrote to the Minister to bring to his attention the dire need for better regulation and monitoring of oyster leases in Brisbane Water," she said.

"| want to know what responsibilities lessees have to maintain standards on their leases to ensure the safety and protection of our waterways and what role the Department of Primary Industries plays in ensuring that our beautiful natural environment is protected from this latest threat.

"We love our local oyster farmers, and our local oysters, but we all need to be strong stewards of our beautiful natural environment.

"Now it's the State Government's job to make sure that our waterways are kept pristine."

Reports also reveal that further oyster industry equipment is being dumped on the mangrove islands within the Brisbane Water.

SOURCE: Media release, 23 Nov 2017 **Richard Mehrtens, Office** of Liesl Tesch MP

Abandoned oyster lease rubble collected by Clean4Shore on Brisbane Water

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White water at the channel entrance shows the location of the sandbar that is causing ferry service disruptions

### **Ferry service** disruptions continue

Disruptions to the Palm Beach ferry service continue due to the condition of the Little Box Head to Lobster Beach Channel.

Wagstaffe-Killcare Community Association president Ms Peta Colebatch said a sandbar at the channel entrance was the cause

of the ongoing ferry service disruptions.

A photograph taken by the group on November 8 showed the location of the break on the sandbar at the entrance to the channel, which had not been dredaed.

The latest report of the Palm

Beach ferry service being diverted occurred on Tuesday, November 21, when the ferry scraped the bottom at the entrance to the Little Box Head to Lobster Beach Channel and needed to divert to Patonga.

SOURCES: Newsletter, 10 Nov 2017 Peta Colebatch, WTKCA

### MP to hold youth forum

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch is hosting a Youth Leadership Forum on Wednesday, November 29, with the aim of uniting young leaders on the Peninsula and across the Coast.

The forum to be held at Woy Woy Leagues Club will be a unique opportunity to empower, motivate and provide skills and knowledge so that our young leaders can personally strive to meet their potential and help their peers to do the same.

It will also provide information and support around mental health and domestic violence.

The day will include presentations from expert mental health educators Batyr and NSW Health, and prominent community leaders experienced in talking to young people about domestic violence including representatives from the Regional Youth Support Services and the Police Local Area Command.

Students will also have the opportunity to talk to representatives from organisations that offer services on the Central Coast such as Headspace and PCYC.

teachers. Principals, and students interested in participating are encouraged to contact Liesl Tesch's office on 4342 4122 or at Gosford@parliament.nsw.gov.au to register.

> SOURCE: Media release, 23 Nov 2017 **Richard Mehrtens, Office** of Liesl Tesch MP

### Night work on Rip Bridge

**Roads and Maritime Services** undertook night road work on the Rip Bridge last week for "essential safety maintenance work".

The work was carried out from Monday to Thursday from 7:30pm until 5am and is expected to continue until Friday, December 8, weather permitting.

Tree trimming and cleaning of the bridge deck took place "to ensure continued safe operation of the bridge".

Single lane closures, traffic control, and a reduced speed limit of 40km per hour during work hours, will be in place for the duration.

Motorists were advised to drive to the conditions, and follow the directions of signs and traffic control.

> SOURCE: Media release, 16 Nov 2017 Media Unit, Roads and Maritime Services

... reborn and now in Galleria Ettalong, the former Ettalong Markets at Ettalong Beach

After retiring in June 2014, Henry Scholten has now opened a small shop in the former Ettalong Markets, only trading on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays.

The Ettalong market has been beautifully revamped to a luxury European Galleria style tourist attraction.

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### **Blaze burns in national park**







The Bays Community experienced an early start to the bush fire season when a blaze, believed to be deliberately lit, destroyed 10 hectares of Brisbane Water National Park.

NSW Rural Fire Service reported that firefighters from its Central Coast District were on scene to fight the fire which ignited on November 13 at around 5pm.

The bushfire was burning on Spion Kop in the Woy Woy Bay area.

The fire did not threaten properties and was burning in a remote area of Brisbane Water National Park that was only accessible by fire boats.

Rural Fire Services operations officer Mr Frank Overton said the police and fire services investigation unit were still investigating the incident on November 23.

"The extent of the blaze was approximately 10 hectares," Mr Overton said.

"It started 30 metres above the water line at Woy Woy Bay just near Spion Kop but it was nowhere near any walking track.

"It was probably half a kilometre or more away from any track," he said.

"The National Parks and Wildlife Services were in charge of the incident because it was in the National Park and Fire Services firefighters went in by boat and then they had to control the fire using hand tools," he said.

According to Mr Overton, teams

of 15 personnel were involved in fighting the fire on each of the two days it took to extinguish.

"It was in a very difficult area, an extremely steep and rocky area, but we had no property anywhere near it and fortunately had north east winds and the conditions were quite mild.

"These sort of fires can pop up at any time through either accident or deliberate or natural causes and if they are not prepared they need to be," he said.

Bays Community Group president Ms Cathy Gleeson said two water bombing helicopters were in action over a two-day period along with National Parks and Wildlife and local firefighters who were ferried over in barges to battle the fire.

"This senseless act was witnessed by some of our vigilant residents who took photographic evidence at the time and reported it immediately to police," Ms Gleeson said.

"This is a great example of neighbourhood watch in action and of how we should look out for each other and for our community," she said.

"I encourage everyone to always be alert and report any suspicious activities within our Bays so that we can possibly avoid this type of destruction from happening again." Source:

Newsletter, 18 Nov 2017 Cathy Gleeson, The Bays Community Group Inc Interview, 23 Nov 2017 Frank Overton, Rural Fire Service Gosford Fire Control Reporter: Jackie Pearson

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### Guide issued for objectors to Sporties' proposal

Save Woy Woy Waterfront has put together a guide to assist community members wishing to make substantive objections to the proposed redevelopment of the Woy Woy Sporties bowling club.

According to the guide, objections could be based on the argument that the proposed redevelopment would be out of character for the area, not in keeping with the regional plan and would not create long-term employment opportunities.

It would exceed height and floor space requirements and overshadow surrounding areas.

It would create a traffic hazard and exacerbate local flooding.

The guide states that, according to the Gosford LEP 2014, which remains current, any development on the site, which is zoned part R2 and part RE2 should "enable land to be used for private open space or recreational purposes, provide a range of recreational setting and activities and compatible land uses, protect and enhance natural environment for the recreational purposes, ensure that development does not have an unacceptable impact on the amenity of nearby properties, and ensure that development is compatible with the desired future character of the zone."

Save Woy Woy Waterfront has also argued that objections could be based upon the Gosford Development Control Plan (DCP) 2013, which includes statements of desired character for each Landscape Unit.

"These statements are used by Council as a yardstick to determine whether new development is appropriate to existing and desired environmental qualities and as tools for development assessment.

"In the map of Woy Woy on the Sporties property, it is categorised as Landscape Unit Woy Woy 14 (Community Centres and Schools).

The statement of desired character for Woy Woy 14 includes the assurance that "significant gathering places for the community against a green back drop to surrounding residential areas and major roads, provided by substantial areas of open space around a cluster of classrooms, community buildings or large recreation facilities that accommodate recreation clubs and public sporting centres.

"These properties should continue to provide community, educational and recreational services according to the needs of their surrounding residential population and ensure that new developments do not dominate their natural or landscaped settings, or their predominately low-rise residential surroundings. It also states that "new developments do not dominate their natural or landscaped settings, or their predominantly low-rise residential surroundings.

The DCP also states that developers need to "ensure that the height and siting of new structures also preserve levels of privacy, sunlight and visual amenity that are enjoyed by neighbouring dwellings and their private open spaces" and that the scale and bulk of new buildings is minimised."

Save Woy Woy Waterfront has also encouraged objectors to argue that the proposal is not in keeping with the NSW Government's Central Coast Regional Plan 2036 because it is not located in Woy Woy Town Centre and therefore was not intended as a location to increase residential density.

"The proposal does not increase local employment opportunities," the group has argued. "There is no requirement for local building companies or construction workers, which would all be temporary jobs."

Height and floor space are other issues identified as problematic, according to Save Woy Woy Waterfront.

"Surrounding houses are limited to 8.5m in height but the development is proposing approximately 14.5m, justifying this by saying there is no height limit on land zoned RE2.

"The floor space ration for surrounding areas is 0.5:1 but the development is proposing a floor ratio of 1.3:1, almost three times surrounding houses. again, justified on the basis that RE2 does not have a limit.

"These two issues are true however RE2 never intended to have such heights and intense floor ratios so they were never included.

"The developer's own Shadow Diagrams show significant overshadowing to residents on both the West and East side of the club and the Southern area is completely overshadowed right across Brick Wharf Rd to the reserve," according to Save Woy Woy Waterfront.

"The project is an overdevelopment," the group concludes.

It also sets out arguments for objections based on traffic issues.

"The retail section is proposing to utilise the 85 car parking spaces in the Lions Park itself but has anyone tried to park there on a weekend?

"During construction there needs to be removal of 12,000 cubic metres of sand for the excavation alone."

The group estimates this will equate to between 300 and 400

heavy truck movements.

Storm water and tidal flooding issues could also be the basis for objections, according to the group.

"The first major storm will not only back flood the development but will greatly increase localised flooding in the area."

Noise was another reason identified by the group for residents to object to the proposal.

Members of the fishing clubs who use the facility have also been encouraged to object.

"There is currently a small community fishing club on North East corner boundary.

"It's used every two weeks by several Fishing Clubs in the area.

"Its attraction lies in its location, on a boat ramp adjacent to a children's playground well out of way of other users.

"The proposal moves the fishing club under building B, well inside the boundary of club.

"This is very impractical.

"Fishermen sit there with their boats containing expensive fishing gear.

"The children play at the park.

"They weigh in actual fish with all there accompanying smells. If the fishing club is moved under building B that would be the end of the Community Fishing Club."

### SOURCE:

Media statement, 23 Nov 2017 Ross Cochrane, Save Woy Woy Waterfront



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### Council agrees to meeting about Umina oval

Umina businesswoman Ms Gabby Grevem has said representatives from Central Coast Council were finally willing to meet with her to discuss the future of the Umina Oval.

Ms Greyem is the owner of Jasmine Greens Kiosk which sits in the boundary of the oval and nearby playground, and her business has been the frequent target of vandals and thieves for years.

She has been rallying the community and local MPs to petition Council to apply for funding to address safety issues in the area through the Safer Communities Grant.

While council did apply for funding, it has since become known that Council only applied for additional CCTV cameras for the area and not for additional lighting.

said.

she added.

populated areas of the Coast but

had the least amount of services,'

Following the meeting, Ms

Greyem said she could confirm

she would be meeting with Council

director Ms Julie Vaughan to

discuss plans for the area in more

meeting was the first step in seeing

positive change and that the next

would be to secure lighting along

Ms Greyem said securing this

depth within the fortnight.

Ms Grevem also said it was particularly frustrating that Council had, under the same grant, applied for both CCTV and flood lighting for the Banjo's Skate Park project in Wamberal.

Ms Greyem brought these issues to attention at Council's Community Strategic Plan Meeting held at Umina Surf Life Saving Club on Tuesday, November 21.

"It was certainly refreshing to be heard and to meet with Council staff face to face," Ms Greyem said

"I will not pretend that I have not been frustrated with Council's

MONEY BACK



Graffiti on the walls of Jasmine Greens kiosk at Umina

lack of engagement with my call for with the additional cameras.

attention to these issues, but after "I want to be clear that I am happy the meeting at the surf club I have that Banjo's is getting floodlighting and CCTV because that is what at least been able to raise these concerns with staff," Ms Greyem all our community spaces need to ensure the community is safe "The most common theme of while using them at night and to the meeting was that the Peninsula discourage crime and other antiwas one of the most highly social behaviours," Ms Greyem

> said. "What I am disappointed about is the double standard.

> "Why are lights the solution for Wamberal but not for Umina?

> "I've also located a 2007 Environment Plan for the Ettalong Foreshore that expressly states lighting is an essential service needed to protect the community.

"It's just not good enough. "If Council has known for

a decade that flood lights are

essential to keeping community spaces safe then why does this not apply to Umina?" Ms Greyem said.

Despite this, Ms Greyem said the overall interaction with Council and the community at the meeting was a positive one and that Council has expressed its interest in working closely with the community to see what services were needed on the Peninsula and how best to develop and implement them.

"Even though the outcome of the Safer Community Grant was disappointing, it does feel like the ball is finally rolling on the Umina Oval area and I'm looking forward to working with Council in the future to develop the area into the safe community space Umina deserves," Ms Greyem concluded.

A representative from Central Coast Council said the community meeting would be used to help shape the future of the Peninsula and wider Central Coast through the region's first ever Community Strategic Plan.

Mayor Cr Jane Smith said the plan is the overarching guide Council will use to determine how, where and what it spends its funds on to meet the wants and needs of the growing community.

"Council spent three months earlier this year talking with the community about what they love about the Central Coast and what could be done to make it even better," Cr Smith said.

"We went directly to the community and captured a record 33,000 separate ideas and opinions about what would make the Central Coast an even better place to live from face to face conversations, online surveys, commuter surveys and meetings with hard to reach communities."

These ideas have been distilled into seven key themes: Natural environment: Lifestyle and community: Built environment: Services and facilities: Activities and entertainment: Transport and movement around the local government area: and Economy.

Ms Vaughan said the initial phase of developing the Coast's first Community Strategic Plan had been a great success.

"The community responded enthusiastically to the first phase of data collection and we would now like to invite individuals, community groups, business groups, state agencies and non-government agencies to join us at a Community Workshop to explore the themes in detail as part of the next phase of the project," Ms Vaughan said.

This next phase is crucial as we start to drill into the detail of how we, along with our stakeholders and other partners will deliver our community's aspirations for the Coast over the next 10 years."

> SOURCES: Interview, 22 Nov 2017 Gaby Greyem, Jasmine **Greens Kiosk** Media Statement, 22 Nov 2017 Jane Smith and Julie Vaughan, **Central Coast Council Reporter: Dilon Luke**



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### Group starts to promote shade trees

A new community group calling itself GUST (Grow Urban Shade Trees) has been started in Umina to encourage residents to bring shade and beauty to their neighbourhoods.

"I'm absolutely driven to do something about the lack of canopy on the Peninsula," said Gust founding member, Ms Jennifer Wilder.

"It is unacceptable that in summer I cannot even walk my dog in daylight hours because of the baking sun," Ms Wilder said.

"We formed GUST to try to combat the bizarre aversion that

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many residents have to large trees," she said.

"I would like to take every possible opportunity to try to educate and inspire residents about the overwhelming benefits of shade trees.

"There is a lot of unnecessary fear and I'd love to turn this around. "Council have wonderful safe species that they recommend, now the challenge is just to get residents interested enough.

"Trees are an essential part of any vibrant, liveable suburb.

"They reduce air and water pollution, keep us cool in summer, increase property values, decrease our heating and cooling bills and deliver mental and physical health benefits.

"Trees in our streets are an easy way to improve the look and feel of our suburbs.

"Global engineering and urban design company Aecom has analysed tree canopy coverage and five years of house price data across Sydney.

"They found that houses on streets with more trees were worth an average of \$50,000 more than those on less leafy streets.

"Local governments are all getting on board with greening programs with good policies around shade production and this follows advice from scientists and climate experts about the urgent need for more trees.

"Residents can help by planting a tree in their front garden or nature strip, or by undertaking planting with their neighbours or friends.

"Your local nursery can help you select the best tree.

"Popular choices are brush box, tuckeroo, blueberry ash, grevillea, angophora hispida ... but there are so many more to choose from. "All trees require regular watering when young, especially in summer but soon become very low maintenance.

"A common misconception is that trees cannot go under wires but there are lots of great medium sized trees that work under wires.

"I advise all residents to take a moment, when driving or walking on a hot day, to notice the extreme difference that a shade tree makes to temperature.

"The shade is the first thing we look for on a warm day.

"It just makes complete sense to line our streets with more trees," Ms Wilder said.

Ms Wilder said her first project has been to engage in street planting in Dorothy Ave, Woy Woy.

"Summer is coming and soon people will be roasting again, looking for that rare shady parking spot, complaining about their air conditioning prices," she said.

"We are currently looking very closely at what councils are allowing and not allowing because it seems that people are able to put granny flats in at the expense of large, established trees.

"There also seems to be a myth or a lot of fear about large trees being unsafe and that is why we, as a group, are very interested in educating people about choosing the right tree for the right place.

"As far as we are concerned the benefits of trees far outweigh the risks."

The former Gosford Council had a program of providing free trees to residents and community groups but this has been put on hold as a result of the amalgamation.

"The free trees to residents is currently on hold, it is in transition and hopefully will come back.

"We have been looking at ways to propagate our own and look for our own because we are not sure how long it will take Council to put free trees back on the agenda."

Ms Wilder said GUST had been writing to staff and Councillors in an effort to get support for the free trees program.

SOURCE:

Media release, 15 Nov 2017 Interview 17 Nov 2017 Jennifer Wilder, GUST Reporter: Jackie Pearson



### Adam Crouch MP Member for Terrigal



"Working for our Community"







### Local charity appoints new chief

### Coast Community Connections has appointed a new chief executive, Ms Theresa Mason

"It's a dream come true to serve such a diverse and vibrant community organisation and to guide the direction of the organisation now and into the future," Ms Mason said.

The organisation's president Ms Sharryn Brownlee said Ms Mason has had three decades of experience in the banking and finance sector.

Among various leadership roles within sales and marketing, bank operations, digital technology development and service provision, Ms Mason was also a current board member of Central Coast Community Women's Health Centres.

"Theresa's executive experience and not-for profit board involvement has been very focused on providing innovative and valuable client and community products and services, and it is this knowledge and commitment that will serve to Coast Community Connection," Ms Brownlee said.

Coast Community Connections is the registered charity which operates the Peninsula Community Centre.

Ms Brownlee said it assisted about 6000 people every month with services covering a range of needs.

The organisation delivers aging and disability services,

children's services, youth support, gambling counselling services and community services.

Ms Mason said: "My goal is to continue to build on the fantastic programs and services the board and staff have built and delivered over the years to ensure we achieve our vision of creating caring and connected communities.

"Excellent customer experience and sustainable business practice is what we will always focus on to ensure Coast Community Connections can continue to be an essential and valued provider of programs and services for our community."

> SOURCE: Media release, 23 Nov 2017 Sharryn Brownlee, Coast Community Connections





Horsfield Bay – Phegans Bay – Woy Woy Bay Brian Goodey Margaret Vidler

History book

about The Bays







### Mr Jim Doe

Mr Dick Kirk

Mr Paul Lepora with the Town Cryer and Mayor Jane Smith

### Bays' committee members step down

Two long-serving members of the executive committee of The Bays Community Group have recently stepped down from their roles.

"These two stalwarts are Mr Jim Doe and Mr Dick Kirk," said group president Ms Cathy Gleeson.

"Both have worked together on so many community projects as volunteers and given so much of their time and talent over many years to help shape our community into the warm, welcoming place that it is today," Ms Gleeson said. "A small ceremony was held in the community hall where their efforts were acknowledged and the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Jim took place," she said.

"Dick was unavailable on the night and was presented with his certificate later."

Ms Gleeson said the group also wished to congratulate one of the new executive committee members, Mr Paul Lepora, on becoming an Australian citizen. "Paul, originally from South Africa, and his partner Karen moved to Woy Woy Bay in February 2013," she said.

"Besides being overwhelmed by the stunning natural beauty of our bays, he was immediately struck by the openness and friendliness of local people.

"After living all over the world, he knew they had found their real home."

> SOURCE: Newsletter, 18 Nov 2017 Cathy Gleeson, The Bays Community Group

A book about Horsfield Bay, Woy Woy Bay and Phegans Bay has been reprinted in response to strong demand.

The book, called Our Beautiful Bays – A Collection from the Past, was written by Bays resident historians Mr Brian Good and Ms Margaret Vidler.

The book has been published in A4 and features more than 200

photos and graphic images.

It also includes over 300 press and other reports and aims to give an interesting and enjoyable record of The Bays' past.

It is available in time for Christmas at thebayscommunity. org/our-beautiful-bays-book.

SOURCE: Newsletter, 18 Nov 2017 Cathy Gleeson, The Bays Community Group



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### Forum

# What is the future of the Peninsula?

### The recent news of Woy Woy Sporties' overdevelopment is not just about the future of an 84 year-old bowling club.

It's about the future of the Woy Woy Waterfront, our recreational precinct on this part of the Peninsula, and the Peninsula itself.

Until this proposal, this kind of overdevelopment was limited to the town centres, where suitable zoning and services exist.

What kind of developments do the people of the Peninsula want to see allowed?

I cannot fathom that anyone believes that this coastal strip is best served by four-storey developments akin to Sydney.

Where would it stop?

Do we rezone so that every house can be bought by cashed up Sydney or international development groups to build and sell off as profitably as possible, to the benefit of the few?

Perhaps the Council should rezone the entire Peninsula?

High density housing in every street, more and more people pushed into every corner from Woy Woy waterfront to Booker Bay Forum

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down to Kiddies Corner?

It would certainly keep developers and the Chamber of Commerce happy.

Why stop at the loss of bowling greens? I don't bowl, who cares? But what about the reserves,

sports fields or playgrounds? What about the humble folk of

the Peninsula? Don't we have a say? Surely councillors know what

the people truly want. I don't remember anyone at the recent council elections running on

a ticket of mass development on

community land.

Councillors, you were just elected to serve the people. Stand up for the people that elected you. Woy Woy Sporties is just the start.

It's an area that everyone knows is a hub of community recreation, from the Bowling Club, Fishing Club, Sea Scouts, Dragon Boats, fishermen, holiday makers, a kid's playground, a community area for birthdays and barbecues, wakes and early morning walkers.

I see all of this and more every day.

If this development is approved on this scale, then a precedent will have been set and people will be left wondering what happened to the Woy Woy of yesteryear.

So object to developments like Sporties Redevelopment DA53119/2017, let Councillors, State and Federal Members know we want to do things differently to Sydney, because we aren't Sydney.

Because before you know it, you may just want to go have a bowl, and find it's too late.

Email, 22 Nov 2017 Ross Cochrane, Woy Woy

### Clubhouse is not abandoned

Forum

members of the three clubs who

by the local cricket and football

trouble in the area would be

interested in attending at a youth

centre, even if the building could

The building is constantly used

I doubt that the youths causing

The club house at Umina Oval is not abandoned and it is not a football club house.

The club house was built by members of Umina Cricket Club, Umina Soccer Club and Umina Rugby League Club.

Some of those member mortgaged their houses to raise funds to build it.

Inside the building is a list of

#### be converted.

As a member of the team that prepares the turf wicket for cricket, we have found that leaving the lights of deters vandalism on the wicket.

The club house and wicket have been vandalised many times and I agree that more patrolling by police and council officers is needed. Email, 14 Nov 2017 Bill Gregg, Umina Beach With reference to recent articles about the redevelopment of the Woy Woy Bowling Club site, I wish to add my own perspective as a long-term member of the club, a local resident, life member of the Men's Bowling Club and patron of both the Men's Bowling Club and the Club Limited.

The Club's financial woes began at the end of the last century when the board of directors embarked on a foolish and misguided renovation of the facilities.

At the time, the Club was a very profitable operation with more than \$400,000 in the bank, no debt and a rent producing residence adjacent to the club.

Initially, the Westpac Bank knocked the club back for finance to undertake the redevelopment as the bank considered that the club would not be able to continue to trade profitably through the renovation period.

The board of directors then turned to St George Bank and presented a revised business plan which was embellished by an external consultant to show that the club could indeed continue to trade profitably as well as meet the cost of borrowings for the renovation.

This was a fanciful notion of course and the club was soon in deep financial trouble to such an extent that it was placed in receivership.

In the end, trade creditors were paid only a portion of what they were owed but of course St George Bank wanted the full amount it had lent the club for the redevelopment.

Despite many efforts to get another club involved to keep it going as a viable concern, vested interests at the time ensured that other clubs were turned away even

### Forum

Loss of iconic club

would be huge

if they registered interest in coming on board.

The upshot of all this was that the club was sold to Woy Woy Holdings for \$2.3 million.

The receiver appointed by St George Bank turned the club back over to the members on January 1, 2003, and left the club with \$20,000 in working capital.

Within one week, this amount had dwindled to \$10,000, after wages and trade creditors had to be paid.

I know all this because I became chairman of the club in 2003 as we attempted to restore the club to some form of profitability.

Through luck, some careful management and strong support from our loyal members as well as the local community, the club still has its doors open today.

But who knows for how much longer?

It is a great credit to our members and supporters that we have kept the club going to this day.

The loss of this iconic club will be huge for the close-knit Woy Woy community and that is why local residents are so concerned about the proposed scale of the redevelopment.

The plan for a new social club within a large-scale residential complex and retail facility coupled with a fanciful underground synthetic bowling green will mean that the Woy Woy Men's and Women's Bowling Clubs will need to relocate to other bowling clubs on the Peninsula and the local community will lose a club that has functioned as a bowling club for 85 years.

As local residents have stated, we are not against the redevelopment of the site, but we all want a redevelopment that is compatible with and blends in with the local environment, adequately takes into account local traffic issues and adds to the social infrastructure of this wonderful part of the Peninsula which adjoins the heavily used boat ramp and Lions Park.

We hope that the planning authorities can deliver this effectively.

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Email, 21 Nov 2017 Ken Dixon, Woy Woy



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# **Creeks** are the best form of drainage we have

#### Regarding "Councillors invited to community meeting at Umina", Peninsula News, November 13.

Ms Greyem tells us that the lack of adequate drainage and drainage solutions are of massive importance to the residents of the Peninsula.

We have three creeks in south Umina and none are called South Umina Creek.

And none of them are stagnant, despite a lack of decent rain all three creeks are flowing to their exit at the beach.

Sand deposits at the creeks' mouths have prevented the water reaching the sea so it sits behind the dune and soaks into the sand, recharging the groundwater or evaporating into the atmosphere.

I have been engaged with Council on drainage issues for some 20 years.

The creeks are the best form of drainage that we have.

Unfortunately successive councils have allowed the filling of all the flood storage lagoons that existed here and made the Peninsula virtually flood proof.

Now we are suffering from advanced overdevelopment, more hard surfaces and more roofed area shedding water.

Incredibly this council has resumed piping of floodwaters to the beaches despite the obvious erosion that is created by this outdated practice.

### Forum

The vacant blocks of land on the Peninsula that council foolishly tried to flog to developers could all be used as infiltration basins to replace the massive quantity of water that council extracts and sells to us.

Council's consultant provided several infiltration devices and systems in his extensive report to Council, but alas this council fails to grasp the advantages of putting water back into the groundwater via the sand.

Pollution of the creek system is almost entirely man made.

I live on one creek and walk along the creeks regularly and witness many people using the creek to dispose of dog droppings, TV sets, old tyres and washing machines.

May I suggest that Ms Greyem and any interested readers are welcome to find out more by attending Ettymalong Creek Bushcare's next workday on Sunday, December 17, at 8am.

Ettymalong Creek Bushcare has for the past 18 years been meeting at Etta Rd near the Umina oval on the third Sunday each month.

You could park in the shade at Jasmine Greens and take a short stroll across the oval.

You will be most welcome. Email, 23 Nov 2017 Bryan Ellis, Umina

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### ther Regional News -In brief

Peninsula News focuses on 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

in the most recent edition of news specifically relating to each of our sister Central Coast publications. The full articles and more, as well as all previously published editions, can be seen on line on our website www.peninsulanews.info and

on www.centralcoastnews. net Copies of these other publications may be obtained from our offices in Gosford, by subscription, or from a myriad of locations in the areas covered by each publication.

Davistown Wetlands protection group to meet with all tiers of Government

Protection Agency (EPA) and to Central

**Three tower Point Frederick development** 

approved

Council's investment portfolio needs

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asbestos removal

**COSS land protection level under threat** 

Demolition work constantly delayed by 65.7 per cent of Central Coast voters put in a yes vote

Central Coast's Deputy Mayor, Clr Chris The results are in on the Same Sex The Mountain Districts Association Holstein, wants Council staff to explain Marriage Survey, with 61 per cent of (MDA) has reported activity at Mangrove why the demolition of the Waterside Australians voting to expand the definition Mountain Landfi II, which it describes as development site that spans Gosford's of marriage to include two consenting "de-watering" to the NSW Environmental Baker St, Mann St and Georgiana Terrace adults, regardless of gender. has continued to be such a stop-start

> **Community concerned about Kariong** Parklands highway commercial

### precinct development

Council's planning staff, during the Central Coast Deputy Mayor, Cir Chris The Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP) administration period, abandoned the Holstein, said he has been approached by has approved the \$34.5 million 'Three long-standing Gosford Council campaign a number of individuals concerned about Towers' residential fl at development at to create an E5 zone for the area's Coastal a proposal to develop a new highway 177 Albany Street, Point Frederick. Open Spaces System (COSS), but Central commercial precinct on the Kariong Coast Mayor, Clr Jane Smith, said she was Parklands.

Elysium apartments achieved 96.8 per Community facility managers meet to cent sales and record-breaking prices discuss inequitable council demands

Only two apartments remain unsold in A community meeting was held at Kariong Central Coast Council has moved to assure Terrigal's new residential development, on Monday, November 13, to discuss ratepayers that its investment portfolio is Elysium, following its launch to the market. concerns about Council occupancy and on track to deliver sound returns for the community.

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#### Long Jetty Street Festival draws huge crowds

The highly anticipated Long Jetty Street Member for Wyong, Mr David Harris, The Wyong District Museum and Festival was back for its third instalment on has called on Central Coast Council to Historical Society, operators of the historic Sunday, November 19.

**Toukley Neighbourhood Centre** 

#### Meeting calls for alternate retail area for Warnervale

consider rezoning land in the Warnervale Alison Homestead, have been waiting for district to allow other players to build more than three years for Council approval retail and commercial premises because for a new administration building. Woolworths are taking too long to begin

#### **Government funding** lost due to council delays

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Participation in community Last minute Future Transport commended for outstanding workshops encouraged briefing all gloss and no substance service to the community The Toukley Neighbourhood Centre has Central Coast Mayor, Clr Jane Smith, Independent Central Coast Councillor, Mr been commended by the NSW Legislative has urged all residents to participate in Greg Best, has labelled a Future Transport Assembly for its outstanding service to the a series of community workshops, during 2056 briefing presented to Central the remainder of November, that are the Coast Council by Transport for NSW on community. next step in formulating the new Council's Monday, November 20, as all gloss and no first Community Strategic Plan. substance. **Elected Councillors have yet to** Start-up program based in Wyong Coast gains undesirable first place deal with several critical issues Two months after their official swearing The Central Coast is one of the Local innovators and start-ups will have in, the Central Coast's 15 elected highest areas for complaints to the the opportunity to pitch their next big idea Councillors have yet to deal with several Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman to investors and industry leaders at the critical issues. (TIO) for the second year in a row. Nexus Smart Hub, Wyong, on Wednesday, December 6, at Start House 100's Pitch Night. Wyong Regional Chronicle focuses on news specifically relating to post code areas 2258, 2259, 2261, 2262, & 2263. The full articles and more can be seen on our website www.centralcoastnews.net

### Forum

### Good public performance venues needed

Forum

### I feel there is a need for good public performance venues on the Peninsula.

There is real difficulty accessing those that exist on the Peninsula for public performances, despite the significant number of great creative artists and performers in the area and a large potential audience.

The flow on social cultural and economic benefits from providing better facilities would also benefit the local community and tourism.

Recently, I attended the Wangaratta Jazz Festival.

This is a world-class festival with both Australian and overseas artists.

The festival is held in public buildings in Wangaratta.

The population of Wangaratta is only about 19,000, according to the latest census.

They do, however, have good public buildings, two large halls with stages and a very good theatre for cultural events.

The combined population of the Peninsula area around Woy Woy, Umina, and Ettalong is considerably larger than this, but there seems to be a complete absence of any cultural centre type buildinas.

The population of the Peninsula is over 37,000; Woy Woy-Blackwall 13,924;

Umina, Booker Bay and Patonga 23,590.

The Community Centre in McMasters Rd does have a hall capable of seating a few hundred

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people, but every Saturday it is booked for Bingo.

Also, the building does not have a stage, so I don't think it was intended to be used as a performance venue.

The other rooms in the complex are not really sound proofed.

One room is a dance studio and cannot be used for jazz, theatre or other music performances as the floor could get damaged.

There is another room which opens off the large hall which would have limited use when bingo is on due to noise considerations.

There is a seniors room which could probably accommodate about 70 people seated, but on bingo nights, all the seats are used for bingo.

Car parking is also an issue on bingo nights.

I think some modifications to this centre, sound proofing, provision of stages, extra seating and parking, would go a long way

They will not supply a dredge

stop asking

towards improving the situation for performers.

This would also be fairly economical.

Perhaps some assistance could also be given to local clubs to help improve their performance venues.

I'm a member of the Troubadour Central Coast Folk Club and we hold our meetings at the CWA hall in Woy Woy.

It's good, but does have major limitations for size and artist facilities.

Mozart's Requiem is being performed next week at St John the Baptist Church in Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, by Central Coast Philharmonia.

It is a wonderful space, but it's not really a public building as such. Peninsula Theatre is also

excellent, but the hiring costs are very substantial and it consequently lies vacant for much of the year.

Some consideration needs to be given to providing new, good, multi-purpose public buildings and ensuring that these are appropriately fitted out and available for use by the public for performances sponsored by the local community or intended for their benefit.

We can and will get by, but we also need to look where we are headed

Land needs to be put aside for these public buildings before it is claimed for other purposes.

SOURCE: Email, 13 Nov 2017 Ken Grose, Woy Woy

### Unanswered questions show need for transparency

One can only hope the extension to the deadline for submissions to the DA for Woy Woy Bowling Club (Sporties) will compel Central Coast Council to provide honest answers to a number of unexplained issues.

How is it that the Club was originally built on Community Land?

The community-owned land was then sold off?

With real estate prices rising on the Coast, the value of this land was recently reduced by more than \$7 million?

The 2014 site plans listed [part

### Forum

of] the land as public reserve?

The existing zoning will allow for what appears to be an excessive floor space ratio?

The land, which is zoned Private Recreation and recognised as flood-affected, meets the legislative requirements of Gos ford Local Environmental Plan 2014?

Openness and transparency are essential if citizens are to trust their elected representatives and governing bureaucracies.

Email, 14 Nov 2017 Marcelle Hoff, Ettalong Beach

### Lions Park entrance is a major asset

A typical traffic report of a trip along Brick Wharf Rd to North Burge Rd, Woy Woy, last week on November 17:

Vehicle: a mini shopping bus.

Excellent driving is required to turn into North Burge Rd, which is a narrow, single-lane road both ways.

Cars are always legally parked on both sides of the road.

More than 50 parking spaces are nose-to-kerb outside the Bowling Green and the club premises of Sporties.

The other side of the North Burge Rd always has cars parked there.

It is difficult, and sometimes impossible, to turn safely on this part North Burge Rd.

Lions Park entrance is the only safe turning spot for vehicles which our driver uses.

Lions Park entrance is a major asset which must be cherished and protected as open space.

It is very well used and enjoyed

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by locals as well as visitors from all areas and overseas.

It is vital to have unfettered

A small observation of some

Boaties with trailers, fishers (two fish cleaning tables), sea scouts, long boats, cyclists, children's playground, walkers, runners, photographers, surf life boat training, picnickers, Parks and Wildlife punt, rest area at times for truckies and tradies and so on.

The proposed high rise development at Sporties, with hundreds of extra vehicles, among many other concerns, must not be approved.

The recipe for a chaotic traffic disaster is obvious.



Again yesterday the ferry scraped the bottom, headed to Patonga and buses had to be marshalled.

The pressure is on and should be pressed harder but, please, over the past two years, there have been a number of press releases and statements from the State Government and office of Adam Crouch.

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funded the business study and made most of the money available. Now the Central Coast Council needs to put the plan in place, buy a dredger and start the work.

Central Coast Council has

a new set of councillors, a new

general manager, a new attitude and just need to get on with it, urgently.

In Queensland, Cronulla, West Australia, councils have done this so it is possible, practical and urgently needed.

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Email, 22 Nov 2017 Godfrey Franz, Gosford

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Letter, 22 Nov 2017 June Mitchell, Woy Woy

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### **New interview** room at Mary Mac's Place

Mary Mac's Place at Woy Woy has recently completed setting up an interview room thanks to the help of the local community.

Volunteers painted the room, and members of the community were involved in other ways.

washing and shower facilities and referrals to other services for the homeless and disadvantaged people on the Coast.

The renovation was а collaboration between Umina Rotary, Umina Bunnings, Umina Beach Men's Shed and Ettalong Carpets.



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### Information walk about bushfire hazard reduction



The Bluewave team at the Awards

The Bays Rural Fire Service team conducted a community information walk on Sunday, November 19.

The walk was designed to give community members insight into how the service planned a hazard reduction.

Community members who participated were also provided with information about how a bushfire behaves and were given an opportunity to walk through the bush to see the changes after a fire.

The morning commenced at The Bays fire station in Wattle Cr, Phegans Bay, with a discussion

covering topics including what is fire, what factors influence fire, what goes into planning a hazard reduction and why it may be cancelled.

The bushwalk took place down the Woy Woy fire trail to the water's edge and ended at the end of Taylor St.

Participants saw areas that had and had not been burned.

They were shown different fuel types and loading and brigade members explained what might affect how a fire would burn.

SOURCE: Newsletter, 16 Nov 2017 Chris Francis, The Bays **Rural Fire Service**  Aged care provider was awards finalist

> organisation providing care to 139 residents, since 1989.

A local aged care provider has

attended an awards dinner

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BlueWave Living has 100 staff who benefit from flexible hours, education opportunities, scholarships and subsidised gym memberships.

The facility's staff wellbeing

focus has resulted in low staff turnover with some employees having worked in excess of 20 vears.

The Awards were attended by NSW Minister for Lands and Forestry Mr Paul Toole to celebrate regional NSW's high achievers and community contributors.

SOURCE: Media release, 17 Nov 2017 Kylie Scott, Bluewave Living

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Montgrove College girls from near Penirth cleaning graffiti on the Peninsula as part of their school's community service program

# Orchard Hills girls help clean up the Peninsula

Girls from Montgrove College, Orchard Hills, visited the Central Coast to participate in cleaning up graffiti as part of their school's community service

### program.

The girls went around in three groups and over a three-day period they tackled a number of graffiti areas around the Peninsula, served meals at Mary Mac's kitchen in Woy Woy and at a nursing home.

Most of the girls had never handled a paint brush or roller before and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

SOURCE: Media release, 17 Nov 2017 Vic Deeble, Rotary Club of Woy Woy

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# 90th birthday

School celebrates

Pretty Beach Public School's 90th birthday celebrations were a great chance to celebrate the history of the school, according to assistant principal Ms Kate Keyes.

"The 1920s theme and professional jazz band got everyone onto the dance floor," she said.

"The support from our generous community was overwhelming and

resulted in the event raising over \$2000.

"All of these funds will be used to support the students at Pretty Beach Public School.

"It is the first event of its kind run by the P and C for more than six years and took a lot of organising but was definitely worth it on the night," Ms Keyes said.

SOURCE: Newsletter, 16 Nov 2017 Kate Keyes, Pretty Beach Public School

### Learning about dogs

Students in Kindergarten through to Year 2 at Woy Woy South Public School attended the Responsible Pet Ownership Program to learn about keeping safe around dogs.

"We learnt how to identify if a dog is happy, frightened or angry and the rules to safely approach a dog and give it a pat," said principal Mr Matt Barr.

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"Always remember the four safety rules: stop three steps away; ask the owner if you can pat their dog; hold your hand out to let the dog smell your hand; and pat the dog's back.

"Everyone loved having Amanda and her beautiful dog Nova visit our school," Mr Barr said.

SOURCE: Newsletter, 8 Nov 2017 Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School



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### School raises issue of 'inappropriate cyber interactions'

Woy Woy Public School has spoken to a number of parents and children following "inappropriate cyber interactions" on internet-based social media.

"We are increasingly finding children of primary school age do not have the requisite life experience to enable them to deal appropriately with conflicts that arise on social media platforms," said assistant principal, Mr Dan Betts.

He said inappropriate interactions had occurred on websites including Facebook, Snapchat and Musically.

Parents have been advised to pay closer attention to their children's use of social media.

"We strongly recommend that if you decide to allow your child to access and use these forums, you encourage them to report any negative comments they receive to you, or better still, that you regularly monitor their interactions," he said.

The school's latest "positive behaviour for learning" program has focussed on being cyber smart.

"Teachers have been teaching their students about how to be responsible when using computers or devices," said Mr Betts.

"Lessons have focused on the importance of being careful not to damage hardware, only using applications that the teacher has directed students to use and only visiting websites that are relevant to the work students have been asked to do.

"Students have also been taught about the importance of telling a teacher or a parent if they accidentally open an inappropriate webpage.

"Next week, we will be teaching students how to be proud during eating time in their eating areas, principally by putting their rubbish into the bins provided.

"Students who successfully demonstrate positive behaviours when using computers or devices, and when putting their rubbish into the bin after eating their food in their designated eating area, will be rewarded with Win Bin tickets and stars on their Star Charts.

"Parents and carers are encouraged to discuss expectations with their children," Mr Betts said.

SOURCE: Newsletter, 16 Nov 2017 Dan Betts, Woy Woy Public School

### New furniture and equipment

Woy Woy South Public School has taken delivery of some new furniture with a future-focused design.

This furniture is currently in the learning centre and provides students with an alternate learning area that offers a different feel to the regular classroom environment.

Classes have the opportunity to use this room at their teacher's discretion and offers a venue for working together in a teamorientated space.

Plans are in place to fit out other key areas of the school with similar equipment.

The school has also purchased 32 new laptops for use across the school.

SOURCE: Newsletter, 8 Nov 2017 Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School

RSL representatives assisted students to take the soil samples



Ms Liesl Tesch Member for Gosford with Ettalong Public School leaders and Ms Lynne Balfour, principal

# Students help collect soil for memorial

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch met with six school leaders from Ettalong Public School on November 19 to collect a soil sample from the Woy Woy War Memorial.

They were joined by the principal, Ms Lynn Balfour and representatives from the Woy Woy Ettalong Hardys Bay RSL subbranch.

The soil will now be sent to the new Hall of Service in Sydney's Hyde Park to represent servicemen from the Woy Woy area.

The upgrade to the Hyde Park Memorial will open next year to commemorate one hundred years since the end of World War I.

"It is a great honour that our school could be involved in this initiative that will stand for many years to come," Ms Balfour said.

SOURCE: Newsletter, 21 Nov 2017 Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School



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### Education



Woy Woy Public School students visit the shopping centre

### Students sing at shopping centre

Woy Woy Public School students from Kindergarten through to Year 2 have sung Christmas Carols and had a visit from Santa on a recent visit to a Woy Woy shopping

### centre.

They were invited to participate in the 30th anniversary of the Wishing Tree appeal at Deepwater Plaza on Wednesday, November 15.

"Our school is proud to be

#### involved with this community event and we look forward to entertaining shoppers again during December," said assistant principal Mr Dan

Betts SOURCE: Newsletter, 16 Nov 2017 Dan Betts, Woy Woy Public School **Ball games** carnival

Woy Woy South Public School had an excellent showing at the annual Southern Central **Coast Public School Sports Association 2017 Ball Games** Carnival.

Standouts for the school were the Stage 3 Boys Tug-O-War team who dominated throughout the day to end up winning the overall category.

Principal Mr Matt Barr congratulated students from Stages 2 and 3 for their participation and sportsmanship.

SOURCE: Newsletter, 8 Nov 2017 Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School

### International Day Celebration

Woy Woy Public School will celebrate International Day for People with a Disability on Tuesday, December 5.

Celebrations will include performances and displays at a morning assembly, followed by a picnic lunch with parents.

All community members are invited to join in the celebration. SOURCE:

Newsletter, 16 Nov 2017 Dan Betts, Woy Woy Public School



Students in 3K are ready for Christmas Exchange

### **Students write for Christmas exchange**

Students in class 3K at teacher Ms Karen Cameron. **Umina Beach Public School** is preparing for a Christmas Exchange.

"We have prepared 30 gifts and written letters that will be sent to 30 schools all over Australia," said 3K

"The schools we are posting to are suburban, rural and remote in

NSW. Queensland, Tasmania and South Australia. "We will receive 30 gifts and

letters in return.

"The letters will tell us all about the communities and schools that children come from," Ms Cameron said.

> SOURCE Newsletter, 14 Nov 2017 Karen Cameron, Umina **Beach Public School**

Pretty Beach Public School students' performance of their musical has received praise from assistant principal Ms Kate Keyes.

"I am extremely proud of all students at Pretty Beach and their spectacular achievement at this year's musical, Gold Fever," she

#### said.

School musical

praised

"I was so impressed with the talent shown by all students.

"Year 5 and 6 leaders dramatically told the story of the gold rush." SOURCE

Newsletter, 16 Nov 2017 Kate Keyes, Pretty Beach **Public School** 





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### Mary Mac's collects for Christmas hampers

A project is under way to collect non-perishable food items, cleaning items, toiletries, small gifts and other goods that will help those in need at Christmas.

Donated items will go towards stocking Christmas hampers distributed by Mary Mac's Place to those experiencing hardship and financial difficulty in the local community.

"Christmas time can often lead to additional hardship and financial strain for families and our Christmas hampers mean our people can re-prioritise their funds to other pressing bills like electricity and this lessens the burden of food and other expenses," said Mary Mac's Place director Ms Christine Burge.

"It also brings joy and brightens up Christmas time for these families and helps see them through our closure over Christmas," she said.

Last year over 260 people joined Mary Mac's Place for their annual Christmas lunch which food items donated at Deepwater Plaza also went towards.

"Our lunch brings people together and gives people a sense of a normal Christmas celebration," Ms Burge said.

Mary Mac's provide on average 80 plus hot meals to the needy, daily Monday to Friday, as well as essential services like washing, shower facilities and a vital link to services such as Legal Aid, housing and so on.

"Often members will visit purely for social inclusion as they live in isolation.

"Food donated during Deepwater Plaza's food drive also helps us stock our pantry for well into the New Year which means we can continue to provide this vital service.

"You can donate non-perishable food items, toiletries, small gifts and other goods from December 1 through to Christmas Eve at Deepwater Plaza, outside Coles Supermarket," Ms Burge said.

SOURCE: Media release, 22 Nov 2017 Jodie Elkin, Deepwater Plaza



### Mr Matt Lowe with Mr Russell Grove

of and support, and one that we should appreciate every day," Ms Lillico said.

Mr Matt Lowe accepted the cheque from Pearl Beach Progress Association vice-president Mr Russell Grove.

Mr Lowe said the money would be put toward their shed re-build and extensions.

> SOURCE: Media release, 23 Nov 2017 Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach **Progress Association**





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### **Rotary plans Opera in the Arboretum**

### Pearl Beach's annual Opera in the Arboretum will return on March 24.

The event will feature Greta Bradman, Deborah Humble, Alex Sefton, Virgilio Marino, Evgeny Sorkin, Francis Greep and The

Central Coast Chamber Orchestra, according to Woy Woy Rotary organiser Mr John Greenway.

Greta Bradman was a soprano, recitalist and concert and stage performer, he said.

This year, she made her debut

in the role of Mimi in La Boheme for Opera Australia, Lisa in La Sonnambula for Victorian Opera and took part in a national tour "Broadway to La Scala" with Teddy Tahu Rhodes, David Hobson and Lisa McCune.



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Mezzo-soprano Deborah Humble was one of Australia's most successful international artists, Mr Greenway said.

In 2004, Humble was awarded the prestigious Dame Joan Sutherland Scholarship and the following year, she became a principal mezzo with the State Opera of Hamburg.

Since 2015, Humble has appeared in Hamburg, Hong Kong, Boston, Singapore, Minsk, the UK, Melbourne, Brisbane and in Mexico City.

This year, she made appearances in Lille, London, Melbourne and New Zealand.

Mr Greenway said baritone Alex Sefton was a member of the **Opera Australia Schools Company** for two years, performing hundreds of times in hundreds of schools to thousands of students around NSW in productions of The Magic Flute and The Barber of Seville.

He grew up in Newcastle and acted with many theatrical companies.

Australian-Italian tenor Virgilio Marino has been with Opera Queensland since 2006 where he has taken many roles

Russian-born violinist Evgeny Sorkin was chosen at the age of 10 by Isaac Stern to perform a concert tour of the USA, said Mr Greenway.

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He attended the Moscow State Conservatorium and, after moving to Australia, studied with Associate Professor Alice Waten

at the Australian National Academy of Music and at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

Mr Greenway said pianist Francis Greep had gained an international reputation for his work as a vocal coach, recitalist, chorus master, continuo plaver and conductor.

Now based in Australia, he has worked for Opera Australia, West Australian Opera and Houston Grand Opera.

He has performed across Europe, North and South America, New Zealand and Australia.

Mr Greenway said the Central Coast Chamber Orchestra was a part of the Central Coast Conservatorium, a community based, non-tertiary institution, funded by the local community through tuition fees and assisted by the State Government.

Mr Greenway said that, for many years, the Rotary Club of Woy Woy through its Opera in the Arboretum event had provided the opportunity for young musicians of the Chamber Orchestra to accompany some of Australia's finest opera singers.

The orchestra will consist of more than 20 youngsters on a wide variety of instruments including violins and violas to flute, bassoon, French horn and clarinet.

Tickets for the 2018 event are available through Woy Woy Rotary Club.

#### SOURCE:

Media release, 22 Nov 2017 John Greenaway, Woy Woy Rotary





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### First fair for the Bays



Guests at the Umina Beach Rotary Club's inaugural Charity Gala Youth Ball

### The Bays Community Group is in the initial stages of planning its first Bays Fair.

The fair is aimed at bringing together residents from all three bays in an outdoor event with an environmental focus.

Group Vice president Ms Jill Napier said the idea for a local fair was prompted by requests from the community for an outdoor community event.

"We did a community survey of The Bays to ask people what they wanted and they were interested in having an outdoor activity and in particular having an event that focus on the environment," Ms Napier said.

The event is to be hosted on Sunday, March 11, on the Village Green in Phegans Bay.

The fair is aiming to provide a platform for members of the community to share ideas for protecting the environment as well as providing information on the work of The Bays Community Group and other local issues.

The event will also raise much

needed funds for the community group.

The organisers are aiming to keep the event localised and it is not expected to attract large crowds from outside The Bays.

"We aren't trying to attract hoards.

"We are just aiming at locals," Ms Napier said.

"We are expecting under one hundred people," she said.

Due to council insurance fees, The Bays Community Group is in the process of working around constraints on the number of stalls to be included at the fair.

Currently, the event is expected to host a food and coffee stall, children's activities, a kayak race and entertainment by local musicians.

The Bays Community Group is still awaiting Council permission to run the event but is expecting to gain approval.

SOURCE: Interview, 23 Nov 2017 Jill Napier, The Bays Group Reporter: Olivana Smith-Lathouris

### Charity ball exceeds fund-raising target

The Umina Beach Rotary Club's inaugural Charity Gala Youth Ball raised a total of \$30,677, exceeding the target of \$25,000.

Tickets were sold out days before the ball which was held on November 18.

Money was also raised through sponsorship and a silent auction.

The proceeds will be used to pay for the construction of two tiny homes to be used as learning spaces by the YC Group, formerly known as Youth Connections.

"We have been struggling to provide additional programs without a new building," said its chief executive Ms Claudia Devlin.

The Group had hoped to raise enough money for a second-hand demountable but had secured enough funding for two tiny homes.

"The Rotary Club of Umina beach decided to support young vulnerable people, so they decided to support us and do some fund raising," Ms Devlin said.

The creative direction of the ball, which was held at Gosford RSL, was coordinated by clients who also gave testimonies and performances during the ball.

The theme was "butterfly".

"We wanted it to be about having fun and showcasing our people," said Ms Devlin.

"They made the prizes. "They made the artwork.

"Everything was done by YC and the whole theme was that if you just believe, the journey may be rough and tough but, you will come through it as and emerge as that butterfly."

Ms Devlin said: "We have had a great partnership with the

Rotary Club of Umina Beach for many years thanks to our board member, Mr Pat Lewis, who is also

a Rotarian." "The Rotary Club of Umina Beach is eager to do it all again," she said.

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"There's a program to give

people a certificate in construction and I think it would be nice if young people could be part of the building of two new structures," she said.

SOURCE: Interview, 20 Nov 2017 Claudia Devlin, YC Group Reporter: Jackie Pearson



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Choir performs for Mary Mac's

The Frantastic Choir will hold a Christmas performance in aid of Mary Mac's Place on Thursday, December 7 at 2pm.

Choir director Ms Fran Kendall said the one-hour Christmas performance for family and friends would take place at the Walter Baker Hall on the corner of Victoria and Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy. "The program includes a melodrama, solos, trios, skits, chorale singing and concludes with a Christmas sing-along," Ms Kendall said.

Doors open at 1pm.

Entry is \$5 with a gold coin donation for afternoon tea, she said.

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SOURCE: Media release, 15 Nov 2017 Fran Kendall, Frantastic Choir

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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

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### 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 4307 9421

#### The NSW Justices **Association Inc**

Seeking volunteers for 8 community JP Desks Tuesday Deep Water Plaza 9.30am-1pm Wednesday Umina Library 10am-1pm Thursday Woy Woy Library 10am-1pm Free Insurance and training provided 0418 493 388 benefits@nswja.org.au

#### **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 recruit@volcc.org.au

#### 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

support and education. 7 groups across the Coast Providing practical experience and confidence 4321 0275 gaustralia.org.au

#### 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 reception@blu living.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

#### **Meals on Wheels**

Delicious meals delivered free Join us for a midday 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

#### **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

exp. necessary - School hours only. Mon to Sat 4340 0388

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

### Service Groups

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

#### **Cash Housie**

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

> **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**

**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 permi

#### 0408 416 356

#### **Peninsula Environment**

Group Environmental projects, (incl. Woytopia), Woy Woy community garden, 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.centralcoastgoju kaikarate.com.au

#### **Woy Woy Judo Club**

Mon & Fri - 5pm 7+ Novice Tue-Thur - 5 classes from 4pm Wed from 4:30pm Fri-6-7pm Women's BoxFitness 27 Bowden Road Woy Woy Min age 4 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.

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Cnr Broken Bay Rd & Beach St

Ettalong.

Woy Woy Ettalong

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Ettalong. Tues & Thurs 9am to

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Association Umina

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**Branch Meetings** 

2nd Wednesday 10am

**Craft & Friends** 

Wednesdays 9.30am

2nd and 4th Sundays 12.15pm

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**Country Women's** 

Association Wov Wov

Opposite Fisherman's Wharf

Craft & Friendship

1st and 2nd Wed 10am

Meetings 4th Wed 10.30am 4324

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### **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

1300 252 666 Meetings Sat 2pm Woy Woy Hospital Ocean Beach Road

#### **Arthritis NSW**

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

**Better Hearing Australia** - Central Coast Hearing loss management

11.30am Paula 4344 9199

### **Prostate Cancer Support** Group (Gosford)

Last Fri, Terrigal Uniting Church, 380 Terrigal Drive, Terrigal 9.30am to 12 noon 4367 9600 www.pcfa.org.au

**Riding for the Disabled** Horse Riding as a therapy for those with intellectual or physical disabilities Volunteers required. No previous

0412 517 520 **Peninsula Day Branch** 1pm 2nd Mon CWA Hall Woy Woy 4341 9946

#### **Central Coast Greens** Active regarding ecological sustainability, social & economic iustice, peace & non-violence. grassroots democracy & getting Greens elected 3rd Thur, org.au

y, 0412 164 082 0414 635 047 www.ccsoaring.com.au

#### **Ettalong Toastmasters**

We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth 2nd & 4th Tue, 7:30PM, **Ettalong Diggers** 

#### **Gosford RSL Women's** Auxiliary

For women over 18 years. Raise money for welfare of veterans and their families 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

### If you would like your Community Organisation listed here,

see www.duckscrossing.org or www.centralcoastnewspapers.com for the forms or contact Central Coast Newspapers on - 4325 7369

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.

### **Club** plans to raise funds through to **Christmas**

Umina Beach Rotary Club plans to continue its 2017 fund raising activities right up to Christmas.

Club president Mr Mike Curley said the inaugural Central Coast Youth Charity Gala Ball reached its fund raising target.

Club members who had been responsible for organising the new interview rooms at Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy.

The job was completed with donated services and products.

The Umina Beach Rotary Club also joined forced with the Patonga Hotel to hold a fund raising event for Mary Mac's Place at the Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club on November 25.

In a final push for the year, Rotary members will be at Umina Aldi on December 16 and 17 to collect food, toiletries and cash for Mary Mac's.

"All of this helps them to support and feed 70 to 90 disadvantaged people a day," he said.

SOURCE: Newsletter, Mike Curley, Rotary Club of Umina Beach The voluntary coordinator of the Wagstaffe Ridge Local Services Land weeding project, Dr Helen Monks, wants Peninsula residents to be on the lookout for the weed cotoneaster this summer.

Cotoneaster is a woody weed which flowers from September through to February.

franchetii, Species include pannosus, lacteus, glaucophyllus, horizontalis and buxifolius.

Stems on the perennial woody but straggly shrub are reddish.

Leaves are furry, have a midgreen upper surface and a silver lower surface, always occurring in groups of three.

Flowers are small, white, often insignificant, densely clustered and highly attractive to bees.

Fruit are numerous round red to orange berries, visible in autumn and winter.

Seeds are spread by fruit-eating birds

Thickets of the weed appear under tall trees, on roadsides and elsewhere displace local plants and shade the soil.

Call to control

cotoneaster

The weed causes native habitat to be lost and helps other weeds invade.

To lessen eff ort over time, control work has been scheduled in autumn and winter before flowering.

Dr Monks said residents could remove seedlings by hand if they could get all the roots out cleanly.

"If the roots are too tough, cut the stem close to the ground and paint with herbicide," she said.

"Stems of large plants can be injected with herbicide (or slice lengthwise through the bark to the sappy layer and paint with herbicide).

"Any plants with seeds should have the seeds clipped off directly into a bag, prior to cutting and poisonina.

"Bag any that fall to the ground. "Put the bag contents into your green bin.

"Leave any plants without seeds upside down so their roots dry out and the plant will die.

"Always follow up after a few months to remove any germinating seedlings."

SOURCE Media release, 21 Nov 2017 Helen Monk, Wagstaffe

### **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

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 St Vincent De Paul Society

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### A LEWE For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257 performance for family and

### Tuesday, Nov 28

Good Morning Ettalong, Carpenters with Lisa Budin, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club, doors open 10:30am for 11am show, bookings essential

### Saturday, Dec 2

Santa's arrival at Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy, 10am to 2pmDave Graney, Hardy's Bay Club, 8pm bookings essential

The Whispering Jack Show, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club, doors open 7pm, dinner served 7:30pm, show starts 8:30pm, bookings essential

Dave Graney, Hardys Bay memorial Club, 8pm

Shaun Wilson, Margarita Daze, Umina, 6pm

Neighbourhood Christmas Celebration, Hardys Bay Community Church, waterfront on Araluen Dve, 5pm to 7pm

friends, Walter Baker Hall, Cnr Victoria and Blackwall Rds, Woy Woy, 2pm

### Friday, Dec 8

Salt House Theatre Company presents Charles Dickens 'A Christmas Carol', Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, bookings essential, 7pm, and December 9

#### Saturday, Dec 9

Crawfish Stew, Patonga Beach Hotel, 8pm

#### Sunday, Dec 10

Jam with Top Cat, Hardys Bay Club, 2pm to 6pm

### Thursday, Dec 14

Ben Woodham. Bavview

Null and Void, Hardys Bay Club, 7:30pm

### Sunday, Dec 24

The All In Christmas Jam, Hardys Bay Club, 3pm to 6pm

#### Saturday, Dec 30 Big Yellow Moon Band, Hardys Bay Club, 7:45pm

Sunday, Dec 31 The Camry's and DJ Daddy

Long Legs, DJs Rusty and Boonge, 5:30pm to 12am

#### Tuesday, Jan 9 Coding for beginners, Woy Woy Library, ages 7 to 14, 10am to 12pm

Drive in craft and movie, Woy

Woy Library. 2:30pm to 4pm

Monday, Jan 15

Tuesday, Jan 16

Saturday, Dec 23

#### Sunday, Dec 3

Blues Jam at Hardys Bay Club, 2pm to 6pm

### Thursday, Dec 7

Ben Woodham, Sounds on West, West St, Umina, 6:30pm Frantastics Choir Christmas

Hotel, Woy Woy, 8pm

Saturday, Dec 16 Bobbapalooza - Skoolz out for Summer, all bands from 2257, Hardys Bay Club, 7:30pm

### Sunday, Dec 17

Deck Sessions, Green Mohair Suits, Hardys Bay Club, 3pm to 6pm

Sharpie Tie Dye to Teens, Umina Library, 2:30pm to 4pm Monday, Jan 22 Summer Storytime, Woy Woy Library, 10:30am to 11:30am

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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### Classifieds



### **Killcare surf club** rookies go to camp

Two Killcare Surf Life Saving Club rookies participated in a youth development camp at Broken Bay on November 11 and 12. Zac Webb and Nael

Malik travelled with 60 other rookies from all over the Central Coast by ferry to the Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre for the annual Rookie Camp.

may need assistance and time to get things back on track.

be taken to court to do so.

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Leon, Ettalong Beach

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"We went straight into the

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activities," Zac said.

"On the first day, we did activities such as high ropes, raft building and archery," he said.

"We received an inspirational talk from a

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guest speaker.

"We got up early on Sunday to receive a talk from the facilitators about opportunities in Surf Life Saving.

"After the goal setting talk from the facilitators, we received rides on the RWC's and then headed back off home."

SOURCE: Newsletter, 17 Nov 2017 Peter Bagnall, Killcare Surf Life Saving Club

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### Sport

### Fitness program awaits funding approval

A program that has been offering free fitness classes at the park adjacent to Umina Oval since August 2014 is waiting for funding approval by Central Coast Council.

The program, Live Life Get Active, was started in 2014 by former Olympian Ms Jane Flemming and her partner Amanda King.

"Our whole vision is to improve the health of Australians who can't afford to do very much to improve their own health including retirees and single mothers," Ms King said.

"Those are the people who have got a higher risk due to obesity, diabetes, pre-diabetes and depression and a lot of the depression is associated with the health but also a lack of connectivity with the community," she said.

"We have an interlinking strategy that looks at nutrition, fitness, motivation and community. "This is about getting people and showing them how fun getting

and showing them how fun getting fit can be and offering them a nonintimidating environment.

"Our average member is a 37-year-old mum.

"In the case of Umina, we've also got retirees or people who are doing part time work who don't have big incomes.

"Everything we offer is completely free of charge and there never will be a fee. "We supply all the equipment and all our trainers are certified level 4, all have full insurance, and all are fully trained.

"We get funding from commercial partners or funding from Council or from grants and we have just started to approach Primary health Care Networks.

"We went to the then Gosford Council and asked them if they would be interested in providing a camp in the area because we knew there were high levels of disconnectedness and at-risk people.

"Gosford Council funded the Umina camp for two years and then with the new Council coming on board we approached them again and they wanted us to apply for the grant which we have done and I think that was due to come out at the beginning of November but it has been delayed to the beginning of December," Ms King said.

When the Umina camp was fully funded, members could participate in yoga, cross training and boxing for 45 minutes from Monday to Friday.

Until the funding situation is resolved Live Life Get Active

is maintaining yoga on Friday mornings from 9:30am to 10:15am.

"We prefer to do the three activities because cross training is a really good cardio exercise, boxing is really good for toning, and yoga is good for flexibility and stress relief.

"The Umina camp is packed so we are just very hopeful that it will be a positive outcome.

"It is run in a good area near the beach because it's got parking and we have a really group group of people there.

Ms King said 28 to 30 people participated in the Umina camp every day it is run.

"We open up our bookings on a Wednesday night and the week is fully booked by Thursday lunch time," she said.

Ms King said the idea for Live Life Get Active came from reading a report that said 60 per cent of the population would be classified as obese by 2025 and "our children would be the fattest generation there had ever been.

"By 2015 we were going into communities where the obesity rate was 70 per cent already and our focus is on reducing risk and improving mental health so people feel more positive about themselves.

"We have measured outcomes and the Umina camp started at a five out of 10 rating for positivity and went up to an eight out of 10 in terms of positivity over a 2.5 year period.

Ms King said Central Coast Council had been very helpful.

"It has just taken a little bit longer than they anticipated so we are just waiting to hear that we were successful in obtaining grant.

"We started in Umina on August 18, 2014 and when we turned up, the mayor was there and it was pouring with rain and all of a sudden people came out of their cars and we went under the shelter and we had a full camp working out in the rain," she said.

Some 959 people have signed up for the Umina camp from all over the Peninsula.

Those people collectively lost 106kg over the 2.5 years and 805cm from their waists.

"That is only 51 per cent of the camp recording their achievements," she said.

SOURCE: Interview, 23 Nov 2017 Amanda King, Live Life Get Active

### Charity bowls at Sporties

Sporties at Woy Woy hosted its monthly Charity Bowls event on November 19 and raised a total of \$1370.

Around 46 bowlers attended as well as representatives from the Woy Woy Leagues Social Club.

The Woy Woy Bowling Club has now raised over \$12,000 for Central Coast Kids in Need this year alone, and does not include donations from Woy Woy Lions and the Social Club amounting to around another \$1000.

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

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

The money is used to defray

the costs of accommodation while the children are receiving their treatment.

The funds raised are also used to cover travel costs, equipment requirements and pharmacy accounts.

The next charity bowls event will be held on Sunday, December 10. **SOURCE:** 

Media Release, 21 Nov 2017 Ken Dixon, Woy Woy Bowling Club

Australian Government Bureau of Meteorology

### WOY WOY, NEW SOUTH WALES November 2017 Daily Weather Observations

 Temps
 Rain
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 Sun
 Max wind gust
 9am
 3pm

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### Umina boxer set for the Commonwealth Games

Umina PCYC boxer Anja Stridsman is set to represent Australia at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in April 2018.

Strdisman won a Gold medal at the Australian Amateur Boxing Titles held in Punchbowl in the 60kg elite female division which qualifies her to represent Australia at the Commonwealth Games.

She had two bouts and won both on points.

Her selection as part of the Commonwealth Games team adds to her international experience.

Stridsman previously won Gold at the World Ringside Tournament in America as well as several other

a international tournaments.

Her latest win is even more remarkable considering she seriously injured her knee competing in an international tournament in Poland just before the Australian Titles and had surgery immediately following her win at the Australian Titles.

Coach Mr Joel Keegan said: "Anja is a strong chance for a medal".

Keegan has trained multiple State and Australian Champions at his gym at Umina PCYC including World Junior Champion Satali Tevi Fuimaono.

> SOURCE: Media release, 20 Nov 2017 Paul Covi, Umina PCYC



# New equipment brings pool to Olympic standard

New starting blocks and an electronic timing system have been installed at the council's Woy Woy pool making it the only aquatic centre on the Central Coast or Newcastle to have Olympic standard timing equipment available to swimmers.

The \$135,000 funding for the purchase and installation of the equipment was made possible through Stronger Communities Funding, established by the NSW Government to provide merged Council's with funding to kickstart the delivery of projects that improve community infrastructure and services. Mayor Cr Jane Smith said she was delighted to see this investment in the Peninsula Leisure Centre, one of Council's busiest leisure and recreation facilities.

"The Centre attracts over 440,000 patrons per year and the new equipment will make it an even more attractive option to the competitive swimmers in our community.

"The funding has enabled the installation of new starting blocks including a starting ledge for backstroke, a new electronic timing system and boards for both swimming and water polo competitions. "Access to this Olympic standard timing equipment and new starting blocks means our swimmers will be doing their daily training under the same conditions as they will be competing at representative swim meets at venues like the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre," Cr Smith said.

"This will allow them to be better prepared, comfortable and confident in how to use the equipment and could potentially lead to improved times and greater representation at State and National meets from Central Coast swimmers."

SOURCE: Media release, 22 Nov 2017 Jane Smith, Central Coast Council



Anja Stridsman from Umina on right

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