

Sporties advertises for merger, as developer joins board

Sporties at Woy Woy has advertised through Clubs NSW for expressions of interest from registered clubs to explore the possibility of an amalgamation or merger.

However, the move was not mentioned at the Woy Woy Bowling Club's annual meeting held just days earlier, where a second director of redevelopment company Woy Woy Holdings, Mr Tony Altavilla, was elected to the Sporties board, joining Mr Rod Chippendale.

It was described as "a complete surprise to club members" by Woy Woy Men's Bowling Club life member Mr Ken Dixon.

"The Expression of Interest wasn't even raised at the meeting, which is mysterious," Mr Dixon said.

He said Sporties had circulated a statement on the back of the expression of interest document from its general manager, drawing members' attention to the decision made by the Board of Directors to advertise for expressions of interest.

The Clubs NSW Circular calling for expressions of interest stated: "In accordance with regulatory requirements, initial preference will be given to expressions of interest received from registered clubs located within a 50km radius.

"However, this does not preclude expressions of interest from registered clubs located outside the 50km radius also being taken into consideration," it said.

"The club leases the 7500 square metre property from a private owner.

"It currently has 900 members and 26 gaming machines.

"The club is about to enter a period of renewal with the landlord awaiting approval for a DA for the club site.

"The DA will turn the club's current premises into an over-55's residential development with provision for a club.

"The proposed club house will feature a bar, function room, restaurant with kitchen, outdoor dining, outdoor and indoor gaming and administration offices.

"It is also proposed to have an eight-rink, fully enclosed and climate controlled synthetic green and parking for 130 vehicles.

"Construction, pending DA approval, is expected to commence within the next 12 months and be completed within the next two years.

"During construction of the new clubhouse, there will be no ability to operate out of the Brick Wharf Rd site and as such, an ideal amalgamation partner will be able to accommodate the club's members during this time."

Clubs interested in expressing interest were told to contact Sporties at Woy Woy general manager Mr Kevin Jenkins.

The closing date for expressions of interest was Sunday, December 31.

The annual meeting saw the current chair Ms Di Elsom, deputy chair Ms Gaye Scarfe and treasurer Mr Rod Chippendale re-elected unopposed and two other nominees, Mr Eddie Burgess and developer Mr Tony Altavilla, elected unopposed.

Two other directors, Mr Jim Cassidy and Mr John Hughes, were elected from the floor.

Mr Cassidy was a former president of the registered club and current chairman and life member of the Men's Bowls Club.

Mr Hughes was also a former director of the registered club.

The bid for election by Mr Ross Cochrane was unsuccessful, missing out by just three votes.

SOURCES:

Interviews, 7 Dec 2017

Ken Dixon, Woy Woy

Men's Bowling Club

Ross Cochrane, Save

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Anthony Ball, Clubs NSW

Reporter: Jackie Pearson



Aerial view of development site

Planning failure used to justify non-compliance

An application to build three townhouses that do not comply with planning guidelines is being justified on the basis that the council has not followed the guidelines "on numerous occasions".

"It is clear that the numerical standards set out in the Development Control Plan have not been complied with on numerous occasions as there is strong demand for the availability of more affordable housing," the application for the development in Augusta St, Umina, has stated.

"There is a lack of large sites and development is constrained to smaller sites where setback requirements are difficult to achieve with economic yield of dwellings.

"Consequently, the numerical standards may be viewed as overly restrictive for satisfactory medium density development to take place.

"It is therefore argued that the proposed development should be considered an acceptable proposal as it is in keeping with the Plan objectives."

The application claimed that the council had recently approved similar non-complying developments on the same basis.

"Recently, the adjacent property (DA52076/2017) has been approved for a multi-unit development with similar design, setbacks and site cover.

"This application relied on previous precedents, where the setback standards were not complied with in the Umina and Woy Woy areas."

The three townhouses, costing \$700,000, would replace a single brick house.

The first townhouse would include a side entry on the ground floor, which would also accommodate the kitchen, dining, living, master bedroom, laundry, guest toilet and storage.

The first floor would include a lounge room, three bedrooms, linen and bathroom.

A ground floor courtyard would be accessed from the living room and the townhouse would also have two covered car parking spaces in a double garage.

The second townhouse would have one less bedroom, all three bedrooms would be located on the first floor and there would only be a single garage attached.

Townhouse number three would have the same four-bedroom layout and the first.

The proposed development, according to documents provided

in support of the application, does not comply with the Gosford Development Control Plan 2013 for ceiling heights and setbacks.

The 2.7 metre ceiling heights on the ground floor were described as a "minor departure" from the DCP.

The setback variances are of between 25 per cent and 40 per cent.

The developer has justified the variations by stating: "The proposal is in keeping with the DCP setback objectives, the LEP zoning objectives and Gosford Affordable Housing Strategy 2005.

"The proposed development will make available affordable medium-density residential housing for the community.

"The proposed setbacks are the most suitable solutions to the existing site constraints.

"The proposal will rejuvenate the site and complement the desired form, orientation and scale of surrounding properties."

The documents submitted to Central Coast Council to support the construction of the townhouses also argued the proposed development was compatible with the predominant existing and desired character of the locality.

SOURCE:

Gosford DA Tracker, 7 Dec 2017
DA5346/2017, Central Coast Council

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Rainy December needed

December's rainfall will need to be above-average if the Peninsula is to record its annual average for 2017.

The Peninsula's total rainfall for November was 54mm less than the monthly average according to rainfall data from Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

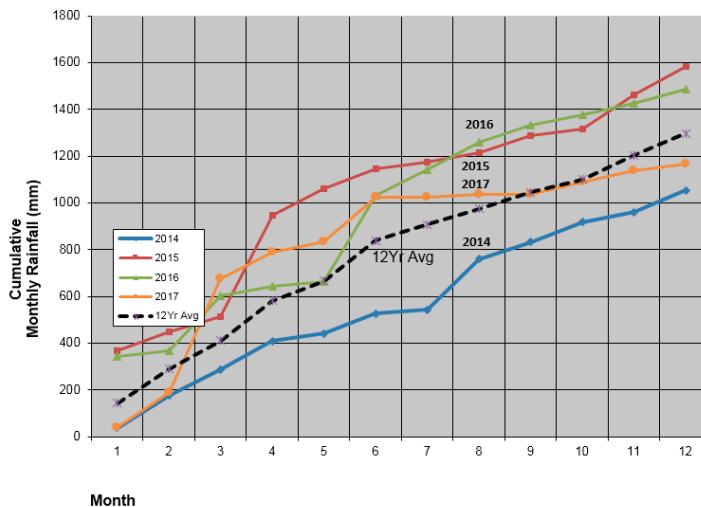
Rainfall recorded during the first eight days of December was 21.5mm but only one of those days, December 3, saw more than 5mm (17mm) fall on the Peninsula.

June was the last month when the Peninsula received more than the monthly average and was one of only three months (in addition to February and March) that saw more than the monthly average fall on the Peninsula.

The December average rainfall for the Peninsula is 92mm and 25.1mm had fallen by December 8.

However, even if December achieved its average, the total rainfall for the year would still fall

Cumulative Monthly Rainfall by Year



short of the annual average of 1296mm.

March was the stand-out month for rainfall, recording a total of 485.2mm, including 15 days with more than 5mm and representing 362.2mm or 294.5 per cent over

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SOURCE:
Rainfall data, 8 Dec 2017
Jim Morrison, Umina

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Dot Devine turns 104

Umina nursing home resident Ms Dot Devine turned 104 on Friday, celebrating with friends, family and staff.

Dot has lived through the Great Depression, both World Wars and the reign of 24 Australian Prime Ministers.

Dot was one of nine children, is the mother of two daughters and is both a grandmother and great grandmother.

"As one of nine children, we had to do many things around the house and especially so as I was predominately raised by my mother as my father died when I was just seven.

"After raising my two daughters, I also raised my two grandchildren from age four and five which kept me young and active," said Dot.

She worked as a machinist, making lounges and mattresses in the late 1930s.

Dot outlived her husband Henry but continued with an active life.

She was an active volunteer doing charity work for Meals on Wheels and Legacy in her older age.

"I loved working and had a great interest in sewing and knitting once I had children.

"I was also a champion dart player and enjoyed playing tennis and have a fond interest in

watching the professional tennis tournaments as well as listening to Judy Garland," she said.

Dot said she was not sure about the secret to living a long life but thought it came down to keeping the mind active.

"I have always had a strong passion for reading and love a good crossword challenge," said Dot.

Dot celebrated with a special morning tea with other residents members of her family.

Peninsula Village gave her a chocolate bouquet and huge cake for everyone to enjoy.

"Dot is a special resident at Don Leggett House and one who brings a smile to the faces of other residents and our staff on a regular basis," said Peninsula Villages chief Mr Shane Neaves.

"While Dot wanted a quiet affair it was only fitting to ensure that we marked this incredible milestone with a few sweet treats.

"Our centenary tradition is to give our residents a bouquet of flowers representative of their age, but with Dot receiving a huge bunch of gerberas for the last four years, we reverted to one of her favourite things, some good quality chocolate," he added.

Source:

Media Release, 28 Nov 2017
Katey Small, Brilliant Logic



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Tesch backs dredge cost-sharing

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has called for cost-sharing between Central Coast Council and the State Government to keep the Ettalong Channel open.

She said the safety of the Ettalong channel was one of her highest priorities.

"The loudest voice of the community at this point of time is about the dredging," Ms Tesch said.

"The impact that is having on the community, on the fishers, on the shops around Ettalong, and the

people who are then commuting, the kids who are picked up off the ferry who travel to school on the northern beaches, the tourists, and the people who are using the ferry to commute to work," she said.

"The tourist dollar is being lost and now I am having the voices from Hardys Bay coming to me about this.

"The yacht club is a huge voice on the income they are losing from people going out to compete with other yacht clubs and yacht clubs coming in to race and also the people who just visit the Gosford

sailing club to have lunch.

"So that is the impact of that dredging, the tendrils of that go across our community and the economic cost is significant.

"My fear is the ferry is not going to be able to operate in summer.

"It is already not operating in rough seas or low tides and the economic impact on our community of that tourist dollar is so important."

Ms Tesch said there was finally long-term funding on offer from the NSW Government that had been a "long time coming" and she hoped

Central Coast Council would agree to an ongoing 50:50 funding arrangement.

However, she said the emergency dredging off Little Box Head had not worked.

After the first lot of dredging, the ferry hit bottom two days after its completion, she said.

"The keel of our daggy old boat hit the bottom three days after the last lot of emergency dredging" the former Paralympian sailor said.

Ms Tesch said she had gathered and tabled in the NSW parliament, 500 signatures in support of a long-

term solution to keep the channel viable.

She said, if the Central Coast Council and the NSW Government were not prepared to enter an ongoing 50:50 funding arrangement, the Council needed to consider acquiring its own dredge.

Ms Tesch listed the channel as her first priority in the latest Central Coast Newspapers video news (with closed captions).

SOURCE:

Interview, 26 Nov 2017

Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

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CEN is pleased to honour the efforts of a number of individuals and groups that have contributed to making the Central Coast a better place.

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Our Awards presentation was held on 23 November with the 2017 BAT Award going to John Andrews for his long-term commitment to the retention of Peat Island and associated lands as public lands for community use. He successfully led the submission to the National Trust to have the Peat Island Lands listed on the NSW Heritage Register. He has also been a past president of the Australian Plants Society (Central Coast Branch) and Deputy President of the Mooney Cheero Point Progress Association.



L to R: CEN Chairman, John Asquith, Giselle Coates, John Andrews, Stephen Goodwin (MDA)

Other Award recipients included:

- **Rookie of the Year** - Kanga Angy Residents Action Group. The KARAG has fought to protect the important floodplain, wetlands and waterways of Ourimbah Creek from inappropriate development by Transport NSW. This development will see 2 threatened species heavily impacted. These frogs are extremely rare - consequently they may join the every increasing list of frog species that are disappearing.
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- **Most Outstanding Community Group** - Mountain Districts Association. MDA, together with local experts, produced a comprehensive report to review the Mangrove Mountain Golf Course landfill. It highlighted the many failures in the process and the policy and statutory failures that led to the current situation which threatens the water quality of the drinking water supply for the Central Coast. This was a sustained effort involving detailed investigation and work. This issue was highlighted on the 4 corners report on 7 August, 2017.

We thank all our members, supporters and friends for their efforts throughout the year. We wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful holiday season!

John Asquith, Chairman

Kanga Angy Rail Yards The frog gets it....

In frog circles the Ourimbah Creek Floodplain is known as "Frog Central".

The extremely rare Mahony's Toadlet is just 20mm long and lives on the flood plain of Ourimbah Creek along with another rare and endangered frog, the Wallum Froglet.

We now know that both occur on the Transport for NSW Rail Facility Site. Both are protected by NSW and Commonwealth Laws but this has not saved them. Transport for NSW, are planning to obtain offset land with similar habitat as compensation for the loss of the Kanga Angy habitat. However, the chances of them



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King tides prompt renewed call to upgrade wharf

Recent king tides which have left Woy Woy wharf under water have prompted Central Coast Ferries to renew calls they have been making since 2010 for the upgrade of the wharf.

However, the call has been to no avail, according to ferry master Mr Tim Conway.

He said he was drafting yet another email to the Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch, Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks and to mayor Cr Jane Smith about the danger represented to ferry passengers when the Woy Woy Wharf is under water during high tides.

"It has been an issue for us since 2010.

"I have gone through all my emails and we have been expressing concern for a long time," Mr Conway said.

He said it should not matter that the king tides are intermittent and that the periods of time the wharf is under water are relatively short.

"Those conditions make it impossible to get passengers on and off due to the slant of the gang plank," he said.

"The wharf is 40 years old, the timber poles are rotten, the planks are lifting off and coming apart.

"The Council has cut the rot out of three poles so they can't be used to tie off the vessel.

"The Council put stainless steel



Photo: Daniel Rond

bands around the rotten poles to keep them together instead of replacing them."

Mr Conway said services may

have to be cancelled during high tides when the wharf is under water.

"We have a contract with the

NSW Government to deliver wheelchair access services and I have photos showing that we have been unable to get wheelchair

bound passengers onto our accessible vessels because the wharf was under water."

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According to Mr Conway, 80 per cent of Central Coast Ferries' passengers would be elderly or disabled.

He said the ferry company's government contract was to deliver passenger services between Woy Woy and Empire Bay via Saratoga and Davistown and that contract required the use of the Woy Woy passenger wharf.

Central Coast Ferries also runs history tours and lunch tours from Woy Woy Wharf and, according to Mr Conway, it is also used by the Lady Kendall and many private vessels.

"Boats come in to stop for lunch at Woy Woy and when they see they can't use the wharf they go back from where they come from or find somewhere else to go."

Mr Conway said he believed the lack of safety at the wharf during high tides was impacting on commuters, shoppers and tourists.

"Other wharfs have been completely rebuilt but when the Councillors inspected all the wharfs in 2010 Woy Woy was number one on the list to be upgraded and we are still waiting."

He said he had seen wharfs upgraded at Koolewong, Saratoga, Gosford and Ettalong but Woy Woy, one of the busiest, remained in disrepair.

Central Coast ferries carry

around 6000 passengers via the Woy Woy Wharf per month, a figure Mr Conway said would only represent a small percentage of the total number of people who used the wharf in any given month.

Central Coast Council responded to the concerns raised by the ferry company and members of the public during the recent King Tides.

"Central Coast Council is aware that when king tide events occur twice per year, Woy Woy Public Wharf can be covered in water for a brief period," a media release from Council stated.

"To improve the safety and useability of this facility, Council has adopted a concept plan for replacement of the wharf and associated infrastructure."

"These plans are being utilised to seek grant funding, with the latest application shortlisted for consideration under the Restart NSW - Regional Growth - Environment and Tourist Fund."

When successful in securing grant funding, design and construction for a new public wharf at Woy Woy will provide a fully accessible facility at all times."

SOURCES:

Interview, 8 Dec 2017

Tim Conway, Central Coast Ferries

Media release, 8 Dec 2017

Brian Bell, Central Coast Council

Reporter: Jackie Pearson

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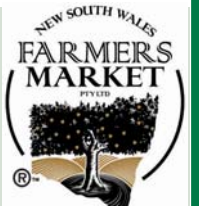
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Sporties proposal attracts more than 50 objections

More than 50 submissions have been lodged with Central Coast Council objecting to the proposal to redevelop Sporties at Woy Woy on the corner of Brick Wharf Rd and North Burge Rd, Woy Woy.

The number of objections is expected to result in the application being considered in an open council meeting.

Objections have been made on the basis of flooding, zoning and land use, height and floor space.

"Building a retirement complex on perhaps the worst intersection for flooding in Woy Woy can only be inappropriate," one objection to the development lodged with Council stated.

"In the seven years I have lived in the area the intersection and surrounds have been flooded and witches' hats on the roadway on quite a few occasions," it stated.

"Where the State Government dictates that certificates of title for the surrounding residential properties must include a caveat that they are in areas subject to potential flooding due to climate change, the Council has a multi-storey development proposal for the elderly which includes a basement carpark," it said.

"One wonders if a permanent bilge pump is to be located in the



Tidal inundation on Brick Wharf Road on December 6

carpark.

"The land is around one metre above sea level which means that any slightly higher than usual tide would have the proposed development in its sights, let alone

freak events or future planning for climate change."

Many other submissions objected on the basis of flooding and stormwater issues.

"Today, December 5, a large

spring tide flooded the surrounding area over the roads," one such objection said.

"The source of this flood water was the stormwater drain that is meant to be used to extract

rainwater from the development," it said.

Other objections were made on the basis of zoning, land use, and excessive height and floor space.

"The rezoning of the R2 land which will occur as necessary for this development will ultimately extend to the remainder of the properties on this waterfront stretch which is bounded by parkland and recreation areas on either end," another objection stated.

"This would ultimately destroy the ambience of the area and inevitably lead to the type of development inappropriate for this area," it said.

"The DA is not appropriate for the stated recreational use of the land as stated by Gosford Council and will inevitably impinge on its availability to the rest of the community (for example Scouts, boaties, picnickers etc).

"The DA is particularly unsustainable as the height and floor space ratios are much higher than the surrounding low-density residential area.

"Traffic is particularly heavy at certain times and the DA shows traffic and parking deficiencies for the development which is intended there, namely retail, 63 units and a licenced club.

"It would indicate that the traffic studies undertaken were not adequate for this proposal.

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Tidal inundation in the foreground and the light poles represent the estimated height of the proposed development



Sporties proposal attracts more than 50 objections

From P8

"The four-storey development planned which will cover most of the site has significant shadowing issues for residents and the general public in the park and on the walking path to the west of development.

"This development will result in loss of many recreational facilities such as the fishing club and three outdoor bowling greens, parking will be chaotic, there will overcrowding in many ways of a green open facility on the waterfront, shadowing will be significant and the whole development makes a mockery of the whole recreational purpose and use of the waterfront at this end of Woy Woy."

"I object to the notion that it would even be possible to have an underground car park in this area," another submission writer said.

"Engineering wise it may be feasible. In practical terms, we flood consistently even without storms. I fear that an underground car park would actually be a danger

to life in this area.

"Stormwater cannot dissipate through the current stormwater system as it is, the removal of the greens would take away any chance of natural seepage.

"I strongly object to the Lot currently zoned R2 being rezoned to allow development on this lot.

"This would set a terrible precedent for the properties in this area and would put the Council under pressure to rezone and allow other multi storey developments.

"The consequence of this to the area is significant.

"Lastly I object to development of the block of land that was previously Crown Land.

"This should never have been sold by the Crown to a private developer for development purposes.

"Crown Land is for the benefit of the community, not the profit of the few."

SOURCE:

Gosford DA Tracker, 7 Dec 2017
DA53119/2017, Central Coast Council

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Umina oval community garden to involve students

The operator of the kiosk at Umina oval has taken the initiative to involve young people with landscaping the area.

One such initiative is a community garden that Ms Gabby Greyem is coordinating with Brisbane Water Secondary College.

"In the New Year, students from the college will come out to Jasmine Greens kiosk and learn all about landscaping and development," Ms Greyem explained.

"The idea is to teach the kids new skills and to give them a sense of ownership to the garden.

"It's about linking them with the recreation precinct and encouraging a sense of responsibility and respect for community spaces," she said.

While Ms Greyem does not

have a confirmed start date for the work on the garden, she does have a \$2000 grant from Council to put towards the project and a local hardware store has come on board to donate to the cause.

"Hopefully this will help a whole range of young people understand how special community spaces can be," Ms Greyem said.

In another programs for children, Ms Greyem will run free cooking classes during the holidays.

"The aim is to provide affordable kids school holiday activities over the summer holidays that also feeds kids and reached them about nutrition and healthy eating," she said.

"We have partnered with the College Junior Campus.

"The NSW Department of Health and the NSW Department of Education are again supporting

Jasmine Greens to run these cooking classes."

Cooking class dates are Tuesdays, January 9, 16 and 23.

They will run from 10am to 12pm and again from 1pm to 3pm (two classes a day).

Classes are for kids aged seven to 12 years.

No exceptions will be made for younger or older children.

It will be construction cooking of sushi, salads and wraps plus making iced tea.

A maximum of 15 will be taken in each class for a donation of \$5 a child.

Bookings are essential (no turn-ups on the day), call Jasmine Greens on 4344 5398.

SOURCES:

Interview, 6 Dec 2017
Gabby Greyem, Jasmine Greens Kiosk
Reporter: Dilon Luke

Radiotherapy scholarships presented

A Woy Woy resident has presented research scholarships on behalf of a foundation established by her father.

Ms Belinda Crestani was joined by the Member for Gosford, Ms Liesl Tesch to present the scholarships to University of Newcastle radiotherapy graduates, Ms Katie Sadler and Jack Bowman.

The Scholarships in Radiotherapy were funded by the Crestani Foundation, which was started by Ms Belinda Crestani's late father and presented at an annual awards night at the Central Coast Cancer Centre.

Ms Crestani congratulated the award recipients for their academic achievement.

University of Newcastle's Faculty of Health and Medicine deputy chair of research Dr Yolanda Surjan spoke to an audience of 60 guests.

She related her experience in

working with the late Mr Crestani at St. Vincent's Hospital over 20 years ago.

Mr Evio Crestani passed away in 2005 from cancer after treating patients for over 40 years.

"Katie and Jack will research aspects of cancer therapy at the Central Coast Cancer Centre under the supervision of Dr Surjan and chief radiotherapist Adam Chandler," Ms Crestani said.

"This will give the two young graduates the opportunity to study and work alongside senior radiotherapists at Gosford Hospital," she said.

Other awards went to radiotherapy graduates Sarah Docherty and Ben Alcevski, who for the past 12 months have been researching methods of cancer treatments at the hospital facility.

SOURCE:

Media release, 4 Dec 2017
Noelene Ryden, Scholarships in Radiotherapy



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Laine nominated as Volunteer of the Year

Woy Woy resident, Ms Laine Edwards, has been nominated for the NSW Volunteer of the Year Award for 2017.

"Laine is a natural leader and is well recognised in the local community as someone who freely gives back to improve the community and lives of others," said Centre for Volunteering communications director Ms Jilea Morrad.

Among her extensive list of achievements and volunteer experience, Ms Edwards has spent the last three years volunteering her time as a Max Potential coach, helping students to succeed academically and in their personal and professional lives.

"Laine is a real role model for all young people, but particularly young women," Mrs Morrad said.

Laine is also a volunteer member of North Gosford Private Hospital Community Advisory

Committee and has been since 2015.

She volunteers her time for five months every year to help young people better themselves and their potential which involves supporting youth to complete a Community Service Project of their choice.

In 2011, Laine was awarded a State Surf Life Saving medal for a First Aid competition.

Ms Edwards' was first recognised for her skills in leadership during high school when she became the recipient of the Long Tan Leadership Award 2012 as well as being St Joseph's College Vice Captain in 2013.

The award recognised Ms Edwards as an individual who displayed determination, mateship, teamwork, tenacity, compassion and leadership.

"This is the year that I met Laine through the program and I was blown away by the character, humility, spirit and the potential of this amazing young women," Mrs

Morrad said.

In 2012, Laine applied to walk the Kokoda Trail, and was successful in receiving the Gosford RSL Kokoda Youth Leadership Scholarship.

Since then she was a key note speaker Anzac Day 2013 and has represented Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenge at every Anzac Day and Remembrance Day services.

"Laine is clearly a high achiever, who is not out for herself.

"She encourages those around her to give back and be the best they can be," Mrs Morrad said.

"She truly is an inspirational young woman, who gives so much to others.

"She does this quietly and her only motivation for doing so it to make a difference in the world," she said.

SOURCE:

Media release, 7 Dec 2017
Jilea Morrad, NSW Centre for Volunteering

Canteens urged to go green

Schools on the Peninsula have received a "How Green is Your Canteen?" postcard aimed at reducing waste.

The postcard is part of a program sponsored by the NSW Environmental Trust and organised as a joint project of seven local organisations.

The groups involved are Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre, Kariang Eco-Garden, Tangaroa Blue, the

Community Environment Network, Central Coast Council, Australian Association of Environmental Education and Take3 for the Sea

"The challenge is all about reducing the single use plastic 'footprint' of our schools and championing plastic-free canteens," said organiser Ms Lisa Wriley from Kariang Eco-Garden..

"Schools can choose what steps they can take, from replacing plastic cutlery with re-usable (or compostable) cutlery, phasing out plastic straws, talking to their suppliers about reducing unnecessary plastic packaging or other alternative plastic reduction actions.

The first 50 schools to complete an online Green Canteen survey

(on Rumbalara EEC's website) will receive a gift of wooden cutlery or paper straws.

"Many schools canteens are looking for more volunteers.

"Avoiding single-use plastics is something we can all do.

"As anyone older than about 50 years can remember, life went on before plastic shopping bags, multi-pack chip packets, cling wrap, zip-lock bags and fruit poppas."

School canteens that can make some changes and share their story through info@take3.org by the end of Term 1, 2018 will go in the draw for prizes.

Ms Wriley said the former Gosford Council had encouraged schools to take action to reduce plastic waste through initiatives such as Waste Free Wednesdays.

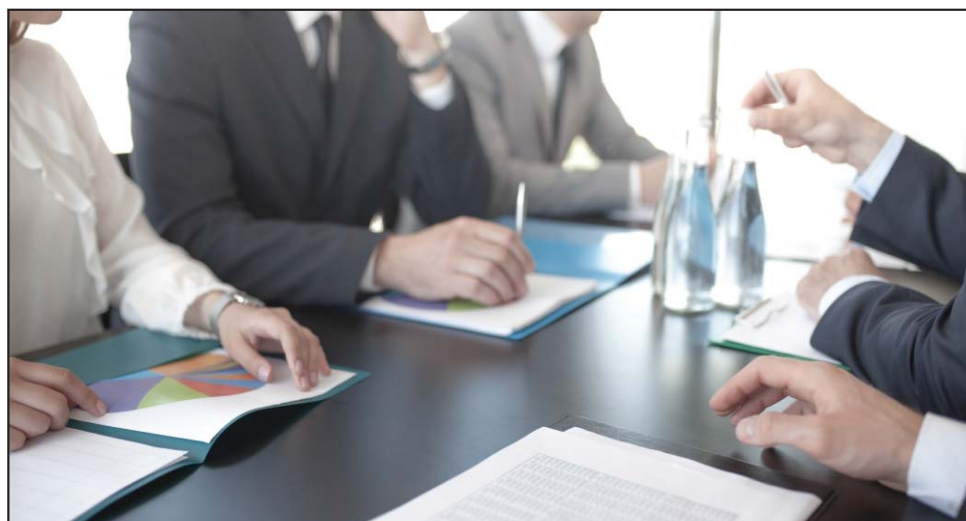
They were also encouraged to reuse and organic waste through composting.

The former Council supported such initiatives in local schools over many years.

The new project plans to build on that strong foundation, Ms Wriley.

SOURCE:

Media release, 8 Dec 2017
Lisa Wriley, Kariang Eco-Garden



Central Coast Council Revised Code of Meeting Practice

On **27 November 2017** Council resolved to publicly exhibit a proposed amended Code of Meeting Practice that provides for:

- Council meetings on the second and fourth Monday of the month from February to November, and the second Monday in December
- Meetings to alternate between Gosford and Wyong, and commence at 6.30pm
- Continued livestreaming of meetings.

As required by Section 253 of the Local Government Act 1993, the amended Code of Meeting Practice will be on exhibition for 42 days in order to seek public submissions.

A copy of the Code and how to make submissions can be found at **yourvoiceourcoast.com** – **currently on exhibition**. Or submissions can be emailed to ask@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

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Volunteers enjoying lunch at Ettalong Bowling Club

Club lunch for volunteers

Ettalong Bowling Club invited 140 volunteers for a lunch to acknowledge and celebrate their service to the Peninsula recently.

Ettalong Bowling Club chief Mr Tim McGavin welcomed the volunteers and spoke on the importance of volunteers to our community, acknowledging their dedication and commitment.

He also spoke of the partnerships and friendships created between the clubs and community organisations.

Senator Deborah O'Neill prepared and signed community award certificates to 15 volunteers from the Peninsula.

The certificates were presented by Senator O'Neill's representative Ms Anne Charlton.

Deputy Mayor Chris Holstein spoke on the importance of

volunteers to the community and commented that society would come to a halt without volunteers.

Volunteers in our community come from all walks of life and vary in ages from the very young to our elderly, said Cr Holstein.

The lunch was also attended by Cr Richard Mehrtens and Ms Brody Willets, representing the Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

Local groups that were represented included Umina Beach Men's Shed, Hospital Art Australia, Peninsula Community Centre, Umina PCYC, Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Group, Rotary, Surf and Water Polo clubs, Riding for the Disabled and Peninsula Village.

SOURCE:

Media release, 8 Dec 2017

Vicki de Carle, Vicki de Carle and Associates



Organiser Ms Vicki de Carle, Ms Anne Charlton, Mr Tim McGavin and Cr Richard Mehrtens

COAST COMMUNITY NEWS

home and business deliveries have commenced – Inserts welcome

Following seven years of publishing a separate newspaper focusing on postcode areas 2250, 2251 and 2260, Central Coast Newspapers has decided to take Coast Community News to its next natural stage, and set up a home delivery arrangement.

The program commenced on November 16, and the print run for Coast Community News increased initially to 24,000 copies. As more walkers come on board, the print run will increase by 300% to 44,000 copies, 42,000 of which will be hand delivered to letterboxes in 26 suburbs in those postcode areas.

This has made it possible to have brochures and catalogues included within the newspaper to help pay for the increased print run and high distribution costs.

Despite the 300% increase in the print run and associated distribution costs, advertising rates have remained unchanged, making advertising better value than ever.

Additionally, advertisers that take advantage of the new insert offer, receive a free advertisement in the paper to support their insert. A full distribution entitles the advertiser to a full colour, half page advertisement at no additional cost. A part distribution entitles the relevant business to a proportionally reduced

size advertisement.

Papers are not thrown into gutters or on driveways or lawns, but are being placed in letterboxes or, if delivering to a business, they are hand delivered to the reception area. There should be no wet weather issues unless letterboxes are not waterproof.

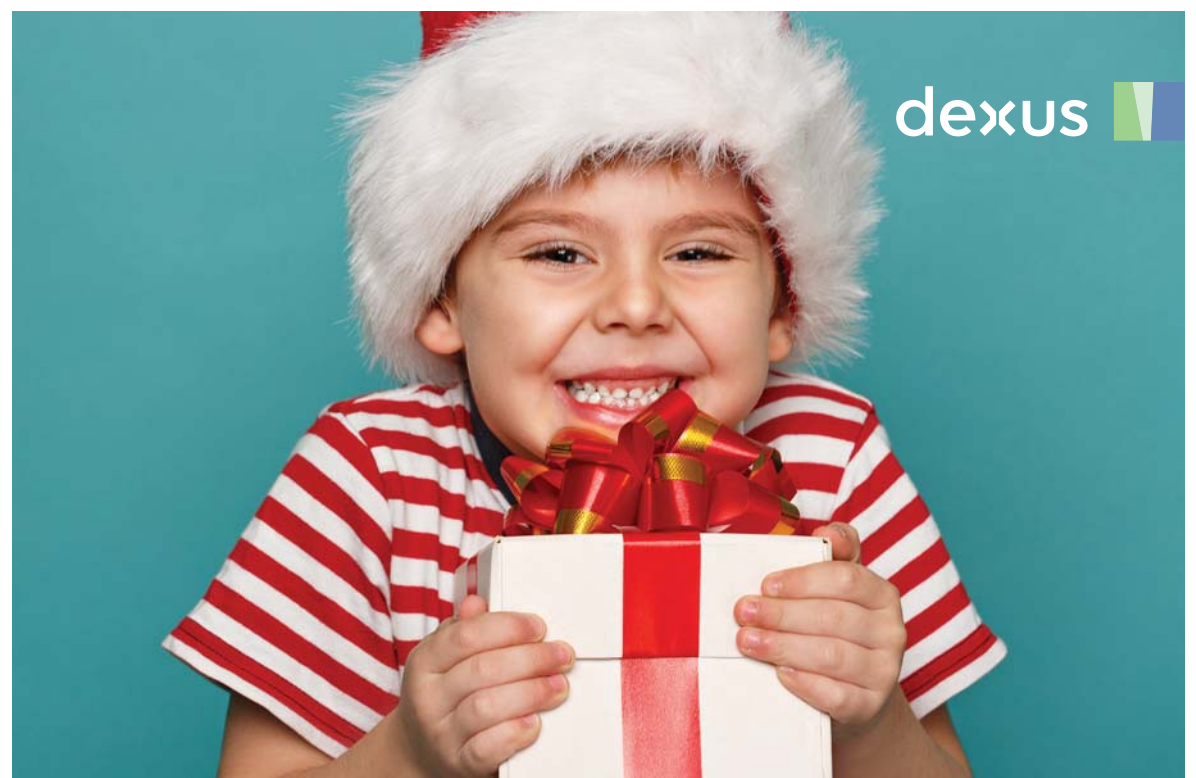
As the newspaper is highly regarded, after having built a loyal following on the Coast over 7 years, it is not being seen as junk mail and therefore reaches more homes than other catalogue distributions in those same areas. Inserts benefit from being included in such a highly respected publication.

In another novel move, the cost of inserts reduces for each other insert that is also included in the same distribution. This discount can be up to 33% off the single insert price.

At least 40 walkers are being employed to complete the distribution, as well as drivers to deliver bulk quantities to selected locations.

Well over 120,000 readers will now be better informed than ever by having this highly respected newspaper delivered to their home.

If you would like further information or wish to take advantage of this vast home delivery, feel free to contact me.



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Current planning strategy was obsolete before it started

In Peninsula News 140, of May 1, 2006, it was reported that the Draft Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy was adopted by Gosford Council – a strategy that has not been superseded since.

The report failed to mention that the Draft Strategy was outdated and obsolete even before it was adopted with amendments by councillors.

The PUDS assumed that the town centre would average four residential storeys above ground floor shops, applicable in four growth scenarios: 1. Uniform

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Growth - Lower Intensity; 2. Uniform Growth - Higher Intensity; 3. Current Controls, effectively no town centre development; and 4. Consolidated Growth, the recommended strategy;.

This changed from four storeys to five and six in Umina, Ettalong and Woy Woy above ground floor shops.

Therefore, information in the strategy does not apply to the three town centres due to the changed building heights and the impact this will have on all three town centres based on convenience, safety,

transport, road network, parking and services available.

The consultant's information was dismissed by the councillors except Crs Holstein, Brooks and Doyle.

Was it because they knew the motion adopted was not based on the findings of the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy and therefore could not be supported?

This continuing strategy is misleading, inaccurate and non-compliant, and should be referred for legal comment and possible action.

Letter, 6 Dec 2017
Norman Harris, Umina

We need sharply-focussed and sophisticated plans

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Much is being made of the upcoming Community Strategic Plan, as it makes its way through the turgid waters of the preparation process.

However, both Gosford and Wyong had a Community Strategic Plan, and what concrete results have we seen emerging from these plans?

My hope is that the independently-produced Community Plan for the Central Coast (CPCC) can be given a more action-oriented format and used as a template for policy identification at the next Council election.

However, this will still not provide the detailed technical structure required for day-to-day management of housing/ infrastructure/environmental co-ordination in specific neighbourhoods: these structure plans require comprehensive studies (not evident in the Gosford CBD planning now supposedly underway) and analysis in their preparation.

The pathetic lack of factual underpinning for the so-called Regional Plan underlines the weakness of the instruments on which we currently rely.

We don't need bigger plans: the Gosford Development Control Plan alone runs to 123 pages, and what good has that done us?

We need sharply-focussed and sophisticated plans that we can rely on over a reasonable period of time, not cumbersome documents that invite frequent spot rezoning and variations with no long-term goal.

It would be even better if the Council took an active development role, instead of sitting passively by and merely reacting to initiatives from outside parties, but that is probably asking too much of the limited imagination of our councillors.

Email, 17 Nov 2017
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

Sport: a religion that unifies all

In the recent census, it was revealed many Australians have no religion.

Not true, in my book.

Just about 80 to 90 per cent of Australians have a religion and its name is Sport.

There are many sects involved but the unifying mental and physical worship of it is sport.

It is a religion that unifies us all.

Emotional, honest and inspiring: Sport.

Email, 7 Dec 2017
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

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Wicks mails out misleading energy information

Lucy Wicks has done residents a disservice by mailing out to residents misleading information about the best solutions for reducing energy costs.

Although some good strategies were mentioned, the information sheet completely avoided mentioning the cheapest sources of energy - which are renewable energy sources - be they solar electricity, solar hot water and ambient heat.

It made me wonder why the information sheet was trying to hide the facts.

It also made me wonder why it would promote energy options which favour jobs at remote power stations owned by multi-national corporations, at the expense of bringing jobs to local renewable energy businesses.

Evidence and practice across the nation have shown that solar electricity is the lowest cost source of electricity for homes, and that is mainly why around 1.8 million homes have installed it.

Furthermore, large-scale wind and solar electricity is irrefutably cheaper than new build coal and gas-fired electricity generation.

It is a fact that renewable energy is already reducing wholesale electricity costs, which is why cost increases are lowest in states with the most renewable energy generation.

High prices are more to do with lack of network competition and energy market rules suiting traditional generators, along with gaming of the market by the incumbent generators and network operators.

The government would do us all a favour to change these things.

In our own home, our home energy costs have been slashed by using renewable energy systems, - by around 60%, and we are about to install an additional 5 kW solar PV system- precisely because it is the cheapest available electricity.

Indeed, net income can be made by selling electricity back into the grid by anyone.

Surrounding (ambient) air is another lesser known source of renewable energy which is also cheaper than gas or electricity purchased from retailers.

This heat from the air is

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harvested from air through reverse-cycle air conditioners on heating mode, and with hot water heat-pumps.

This form of renewable energy does not even need to be in the sun, and can harvest heat in the shade or at night.

More misinformation on the letter relates to the giant new battery in South Australia when it is compared to hydro-power.

The primary purpose of that battery is to stabilise the grid in the case of storms blowing down transmission towers as in the giant storm of 2016, or coal, wind and gas generators breaking down.

The battery should not be compared to Snow hydro. (They are completely different system types for different purposes).

However, batteries for home and grid scale are going to play a huge part in all our futures, and it would be more constructive for government ministers to promote inevitable futures than mislead by omission.

The employment opportunities in the inevitable energy system transformation are immense, and vastly bigger than traditional energy sources.

Another example of the super efficiency of renewable energy-heat pumps is illustrated where I work, where the Olympic Pool heating costs were found to be half the costs of gas - because the heat pumps harvest the surrounding renewable thermal energy at a fraction of the cost of gas.

For renters, there are schemes now available which reward landlords for installing solar power at a 10 per cent return on investment which is better than most rental property returns) while bringing residential and commercial tenants cheaper electricity.

Also, renewable electricity and hot water solutions are also being rolled out for all kinds of commercial and residential strata and apartment living.

I hope that, in the future, political representatives may be more honest and informative with publicly distributed handouts.

Source:

Email, Nov 28

Ian Garradd, Blackwall

NEWSPAPERS

Central Coast

Other Regional News - In brief

Peninsula News focuses on news specifically relating to 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 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

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Prime Minister inspects almost-complete Taxation Office

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull visited Gosford on Wednesday, November 29, to inspect progress on the Gosford ATO building and to meet with local business owners who have successfully expanded into the international market through

Redeveloped hospital will have an impact

The \$348 million, 11-storey Gosford Hospital Redevelopment project is continuing to take shape, and is set to be one of the greatest infrastructure developments on the Central Coast.

Friends of Gosford call for increased local control over the Coast's future

Mr Malcolm Brooks, former Mayor of Gosford and now Chair of Friends of Gosford Pty Ltd, has called for the abolition of the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation and the Joint Regional Planning Panel.

Council presents its annual report without audited financial statements

The naming of Gosford's Leagues Club field as Council's preferred site for the Regional Performing Arts and Conference Centre, has been listed as an economic achievement in Central Coast Council's annual report for 2016-17

Father Rod Bower arrested

Gosford Anglican Minister, Father Rod Bower, was arrested after chaining himself to the fence of the Prime Minister's Sydney residence, Kirribilli House, on November 27.

Mountain Districts Association receives Community Group Award

The Mountain Districts Association (MDA) has received the Community Group Award for 2017 from the Community Environment Network (CEN).

Council to present draft financial statements at Extraordinary Meeting

The draft financial statements of the Central Coast Council will be presented at an Extraordinary Council Meeting on Thursday, December 7.

Three waterways projects receive land care funding

Central Coast waterways are set to receive \$70,000 funding announced by Federal Member for Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks.

Coast Shelter has provided accommodation to 16,866 homeless men, women and children

To commemorate the success of clients, guests and volunteers over 25 years, Coast Shelter, with the help of Noel Fisher Photography and Philanthropy Australia, have produced a book to provoke discussion and change perceptions about

The full articles and more can be seen on line on our website www.centralcoastnews.net Coast Community News focusses on news specifically related to post code areas 2250, 2251, 2260 and articles can also be read and shared on your mobile phone by going to www.coastcommunitynews.com.au.

WYONG REGIONAL CHRONICLE

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December 5, 2017

Your independent community newspaper - Ph: 4325 7369

Council aims to change rail facility location to Warnervale despite key contract being let

Transport for NSW will receive a letter from Central Coast Council requesting that the site of the rail maintenance facility for the Central Coast be changed from Kangy Angy to Warnervale.

"Save my frog," said Professor Mahoney

Professor Michael Mahoney, after whom the Mahoney Toadlet was named, has met with Kangy Angy residents in a last ditch attempt to stop the rail maintenance facility from being built at Kangy Angy.

34 memoranda of understandings signed by businesses wanting the airport to proceed

A new community association will be established, supported by a facebook page, dedicated to winning public support for the expansion of the Central Coast Airport.

Councillors vote down staff plans to expand Central Coast Airport

Central Coast's new Councillors have voted down staff plans to expand the Central Coast Airport at Warnervale.

Vote on rejecting airport public exhibition was not to avoid transparency

Independent Central Coast Councillor, Ms Louise Greenaway, has defended her decision to vote against publicly exhibiting a proposal to expand the Warnervale Airport.

Stop Glen Road Development Action Group calls for action from councillors

The Stop Glen Road Development Action Group has decided to lobby Central Coast Councillors, as it has been two months since K and P Gregory submitted their latest development application for a fourstorey boarding house in Glen Rd.

127 lot Glenning Valley subdivision approved

The Land and Environment Court (LEC) has made orders granting conditional consent to a proposed residential subdivision at 79 Berkeley Rd, Glenning Valley.

Wyong Road upgrade has been eight years in the making

Member for The Entrance, Mr David Mehan said he welcomed the installation of traffic lights on Wyong Rd at Mingara Dve, Tumbi Umbi.

29 units residential flat building at The Entrance under consideration

Central Coast Council is assessing an application to develop a residential flat building consisting of 29 units at 6 to 10 Battley Avenue, The Entrance, under the Affordable Rental Housing State Environmental Planning Policy.

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

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Zero evidence of council applying itself

Our freshly-minted, shiny-faced, brimful-of-ideas, democratically-elected councillors have now been in office for nearly three months.

In that time, they have just managed to discuss (but, of course, not reach a decision on) the idea of meeting twice a month, instead of monthly.

However, if the Council is applying itself to any of the pressing issues facing the city, there has been zero evidence of it.

During the election campaign, much play was made with the need for transparency and communication, but this principle seems to have taken a back seat, when it comes to keeping ratepayers informed of what is going on.

In particular, it seems that ward councillors are not being overly responsive to the local electors who put them into office, and one wonders why a ward system of elections was adopted at all, if the ward representatives are not going to be intimately involved

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with the specific concerns of their constituents.

For a start, why aren't we being told what our practically invisible Coordinator-General is up to?

Why aren't we getting progress reports on the Gosford CBD plan being prepared in the secret sanctum of the Government Architect's Office?

What about a full accounting of the usage of community facilities, especially those where local groups claim to be under pressure from new and onerous conditions

imposed by the Council: isn't the Council in place to support community activities, rather than to put everything on a profit-making basis?

When shall we see "precinct action" plans for locations in the city where Council initiative is needed to remedy defects or provide the infrastructure for future development.

When shall we see a competent analysis of the employment-housing nexus in the city, to set realistic goals for the next 20 years?

The questions are endless, but the responses picayune.

It would seem perfectly reasonable to expect that our full-time, paid mayor could present a state-of-the-city report to mark her first 100 days in office, detailing what has been achieved and marking out the steps immediately to be taken to set priorities for Council activities, beyond a weekly column of puffery in the Express Advocate.

Furthermore, there is far too much of the "commercial-in-confidence" excuse for concealing information from the public.

If a developer wants to keep information confidential, he should keep it to himself: anything submitted to the Council should be available to the people who make up the city and have the strongest interest in knowing what is happening, i.e., us.

What we are entitled to are open decisions openly arrived at.

Email, 1 Dec 2017
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

Do we have to wait another three years?

For years, the residents of the Peninsula have had to put up with no representative on Council.

If, perchance, you did spot a councillor somewhere their response was "I don't represent you", and they would disappear.

With the creation of the new bigger Council and a return to having wards again, I was looking forward to being able to, at last, talk to someone who understood the neglect we have endured for years.

Unfortunately, most of our new councillors don't live here and probably don't understand the

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frustration we have had to put up with.

The other day I tried to attract Cr Richard Mehrstens' attention. Just to say hello and "Congratulations on your election". Well, that didn't work. He was gone in a flash.

Now I am wondering just when and where I might be able to have a word or do I have to wait three years and hope we get some locals, next time.

Email, 6 Dec 2017
Fred Charles, Woy Woy

State Government will be to blame

Just a quick response to Godfrey Franz (Peninsula News, November 27):

Knowing enough about maritime law to get myself into trouble, there is no way it is the responsibility of the Central Coast Council to dredge the channel at Box Head.

It's been just several weeks since the last emergency dredging was conducted and already the sand is back into its position, causing a navigational hazard to marine users.

This area needs a major dredging operation with dedicated dredgers, not an excavator on a barge.

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The sand could even be pumped ashore to widen the beach at Umina or even Lobsters (National Park restrictions obviously may apply).

The buck-passing from the State Government is bordering on negligent as someone will be killed on this bar.

The Council is right to hold fast against pressure to pay for this operation.

It is a State responsibility or at a stretch a national responsibility?

The cost would be too great to expect Central Coast Council to take over and set a precedent for what will be continuous maintenance dredging.

The flow of water around Broken Bay ensures that sand will always build up in this area over a period of time.

It is why the surfing there is so good!

Experts need to be engaged and listened to, before someone is killed.

Any subsequent Coroner's report will lay the blame under law with the State Government, not Central Coast Council.

Source:
Email, 5 Dec 2017
Ross Cochrane, Woy Woy

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Youth forum hears from range of services

A Youth Leadership Forum organised by Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has heard from a range of local services.

These included Batyr, Headspace, Evolution Youth Services, RYSS, Brisbane Water Police, OzHarvest, local LGBT podcast wQrds and Max Potential.

The forum was held at Woy Woy Leagues Club on Wednesday, November 29, and was attended by students from across the Coast.

The forum aimed to connect and discuss ideas important to young people in the community and engage with specialised support

services to learn about mental health and domestic violence along the way, said Ms Tesch.

"To have so many local organisations into one room to talk to local young people about community building, health and wellbeing, and leadership was great.

"Speakers used their personal experiences to encourage participants to think about a diversity of opinions and to consider how others are impacted when making decisions.

"Students were also asked to think about what they want the Central Coast to look like when

they grow up.

"It's so important to include young people in planning the future of the Coast and I was excited to see some of the community building ideas so generously and creatively provided by the attendees," Ms Tesch said.

"We will collate these ideas and share them with Central Coast Council and our Local Area Health team to do our best to build stronger community supporting youth on the Coast."

SOURCE:

Media release, 30 Nov 2017
Richard Mehrrens, office
of Liesl Tesch

Elderly man recovers from swimming incident

An elderly man is recovering in hospital after he was pulled from the water at Umina Beach on December 3.

It is understood that the 70-year-old was swimming with his family when he got into difficulty just after 5:30pm.

He was pulled unconscious from the water by distressed family members.

A Umina Life Saving crew, who were conducting an IRB training exercise nearby, responded to the incident.

They radioed into the State Operations Centre and requested an ambulance to attend.

The relatively new radio operator

who fielded the call was a Central Coast local and was able to assist emergency services to the precise location with her knowledge of the area.

Initial First Aid treatment was provided to the man by the responding lifesavers until the paramedics arrived and took over.

Two Central Coast duty officers also attended to provide assistance and to ensure the welfare of the responding members.

Fortunately, the man regained consciousness and he was later transported to hospital to undergo further health checks.

SOURCE:

Media release, 4 Dec 2017
Liam Howitt, Surf Life Saving NSW

Teenagers charged with alleged assault

Two teenage boys have been charged after allegedly assaulting a man in Woy Woy.

Police will allege a 36-year-old man was approached by a group of four teenagers at a railway station in Woy Woy, just before 6pm on Tuesday, November 28.

As the group approached the man, a 14-year-old boy allegedly began to throw punches, hitting the man several times.

The man attempted to walk away when he was struck in the side of the head by a 15-year-old boy, causing him to fall onto the gutter of the footpath.

The group of teenagers fled the scene.

Emergency services were contacted and the man was treated for multiple facial fractures before being taken to Gosford Hospital,

where he was expected to undergo surgery.

Officers attached to Brisbane Water Local Area Command established a crime scene and commenced an investigation.

Following inquiries, on Wednesday, November 29, two teenagers were arrested and taken to Gosford Police Station.

The 14-year-old boy was charged with assault occasioning grievous bodily harm and affray.

He was refused bail and appeared at a Children's Court on Thursday, November 30.

The 15-year-old boy was charged with common assault and affray.

He was granted conditional bail and is due to appear at a Children's Court on Friday, December 22.

SOURCE:

Media release, 30 Nov 2017
NSW Police Media

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Rotary club hears of family support

Umina Beach Rotary Club were visited by advocates an organisation supporting youth and families involved in the criminal justice system, Shine for Kids.

Mr Dennis van Someren and Mr Stephen Morrell spoke about what Shine for Kids did and who it supported.

"Shine for Kids is one of the only national charities in Australia that works solely to support the children and families of people involved in the criminal justice system," Mr Someren explained.

"We work to lessen the effects of imprisonment on children and families.

"We believe in the power of early intervention to reduce the risk of intergenerational crime.

"The government spends \$4 billion building new prisons and \$1.5 billion each year to run them.

"There is a 70 per cent recidivist rate.

"The number of mothers going to jail has increased by 77 per cent.

"The politicians and bureaucrats are sweeping the problems of the children under the carpet," Mr Someren told Rotary.

"Just \$3 million each year goes towards Shine for Kids, forcing them to seek donations to keep going, just at the current level.

"Shine has 40 staff and 140



Mr Dennis van Someren and Mr Stephen Morrell visited Umina Beach Rotary Club to explain the Shine for Kids program to members

volunteers.

"These volunteers assist with transport and visitation programs, holiday activities, mentoring activities and education support.

"At least 40,000 people are in prison and at least 60,000 children have a parent in prison." According to Mr Someren, 20 per cent of these will follow their parents.

"They are victims," he said.

More than 5000 children participated in the Shine program in 2016.

Mr Morrell, a life coach for many years, joined the Department of Juvenile Justice and Shine for Kids over a year ago and has mentored hundreds of young people since.

"At the Baxter Detention Centre, there are 92 young offenders incarcerated.

"These young people have a 54

work twice a month in the program.

"On release, a young person is given \$170 and if no one is there to meet them, they are put on a train.

"They get to Sydney, go to where there are people they know and often buy drugs or offend again and return very quickly, to where they started.

"Interim houses are needed to bridge the gap between release from detention and a return to normal life," he said.

There are only two such houses in NSW.

The Veterans Young Offenders Mentoring Program is a partnership between Shine for Kids, RSL NSW, Soldier On and Juvenile Justice NSW.

"Shine is looking for veterans to use their life and leadership skills to make a difference to the lives of young people, aged 10-21, involved in the juvenile justice system," Mr Morrell said.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 3 Dec 2017
Geoff Melville, Umina Beach Rotary Club

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Christmas - a time of 'Peace and Goodwill to men on Earth'

Well, let the celebrations begin!

Wow! What an amazing nation we have, and locally, what incredible people we have.

I know, as this practice has the privilege of serving our community and witnessing this first hand.

For this to continue, I really appreciate the words of wisdom shared in a poem used extensively in WW1 to assist in the treatment of PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder), this poem is named 'Desiderata' by Max Ehrman

A few lines from the Desiderata put it this way:

"As far as possible, and without surrender, be on good terms with all people

"Avoid loud and aggressive people, for they are vexations to the spirit

"Therefore be at peace with God

"Whatever you conceive Him to be".

Worth not just reading, but contemplating these words of wisdom, don't you agree?

In this practice, I see, day to day, the effects of confusion and starvation of the soul.

I suspect that the greatest evidence of this is the chronic activation of what is known as "stress physiology".

This manifests itself as chronic neck and back pain, headache and dizziness, due to chronic activation of the spinal muscle system, poor respiratory movements, rapid pulse, and many more signs.

If no action is taken, this eventually leads to chronic disease, mostly due to poor lifestyle choices.

We can all be involved

in decreasing this dilemma by caring for our neighbour in whatever way you are especially equipped to do so.

The message of Christmas is clear and comes about as a result of the incredible wisdom that is found in scripture.

Our bias against simple adoption and belief of the Christmas story of the three wise men and the birth of Christ is likely founded in our evidence based concepts and the need for irrefutable proof which is a resounding theme of the 21st century.

There is a concern, from my point of view, and it is this, that man will destroy himself with his half way cleverness.

This Christmas, don't throw the baby out with the bath water.

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Umina Beach Public School students decorated their school's tree at Erina Fair

Students decorate tree at Erina

Four Year 3 students from Umina Beach Public School travelled to Erina Fair on Monday, November 27, to decorate the school's Christmas tree in the annual display and competition.

"Our beautiful tree has been adorned with hand-crafted ornaments created by 3K, 3M, 3A and 3C," said teacher Ms Karen Cameron.

Members of the community have been invited to vote and contribute a gold coin donation

which will be used to support a nominated charity.

The tree and voting envelopes can be located near Rebel Sport at the shopping centre.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 5 Dec 2017
Karen Cameron, Umina Beach Public School

Ethics classes for all levels

Ethics classes were delivered to 120 students at Umina Beach Public School this year, making it the first year ethics has been available to all year levels from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Ethics classes provided an opportunity for students to discuss ethical issues in order to develop critical thinking skills and foster

collaborative inquiry.

"Children sit in a circle as we take a journey through such topics as forgiveness, laziness, sharing, pride, courage and rules," said ethics teacher Ms Debra Pittam.

The ethics curriculum from Kindergarten to Year 2 focused on developing skills such as listening to others, taking turns to speak and giving reasons.

During Years 3 to 6, ethics

classes have a strong focus of the development of critical thinking and discussion-based skills.

The school is currently seeking more volunteer Ethics teachers to join their team for 2018.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 5 Dec 2017
Umina Beach Public Schools
Website, 7 Dec 2017
Debra Pittam, Primary Ethics

Scholarships benefit Peninsula youth

Applications are being invited from Peninsula students for a new scholarship program that will cover their study costs in their first year of higher education.

Successful scholarship applicants will initially receive funding for one year and, depending on academic performance, the scholarship may be renewed to assist in the second year of their study.

Applications are invited from eligible students, starting their studies in 2018, which close on 29 January 2018 and will be assessed in early February 2018.

The scholarships will be offered by the Ettalong Beach Community Bank as part of the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Scholarship Program, which partners with Community Bank branches, Rural Bank and The University of Melbourne.

Ettalong Beach branch chairman Mr Mick Gage said the local scholarship program was launched because the branch believed local students deserved a fair chance to achieve their dreams.

"We know an investment in their education will help young people gain access to tertiary education and will yield great returns to the student, their families and the local community," Mr Gage said.

"This year, for the first time in the history of the program, applications will also be considered for students

wishing to undertake study at TAFE," he said.

"Ultimately, we want to be part of a system that transforms the lives of local students so we're committed to creating pathways to allow that opportunity.

"Our young people are our future and we believe they need the best support possible to achieve their dreams."

For further information, contact Ettalong Beach Community Bank branch on 4344 4206 or visit www.bendigobank.com.au/scholarships.

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 Dec 2017
Jeanette Polley, Ettalong Beach Community Bank

Principal receives award

Umina Beach Public School principal Ms Lyn Davis has received the John Laing award for her contribution to the professional development of colleague principals and aspiring school leaders.

The annual John Laing Awards for Professional Development acknowledge principals in every state and territory who demonstrate outstanding leadership in providing professional learning in schools.

Ms Davis said she was honoured to receive the prestigious award.

"I felt extremely humbled to be in the company of the other award recipients," Ms Davis said.

The Minister for Education, Rob Stokes, presented the award.

"This was one of those proud moments in my career," Ms Davis said.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 5 Dec 2017
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School

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College farm to get new cattle truck

Brisbane Water Secondary College is to get a new cattle truck and crate for its farm at Umina campus.

The College's current cattle truck will be replaced with a brand new 2017 Hino 300 series 917.

"There was a critical need within our school for this cattle truck and crate to be replaced," said college principal Mr Paul Gilmore.

"Our previous truck had been a great workhorse for the college community, but it had seen out its life.

"On more than one occasion, the old truck had broken down along the roadside, needing mechanical assistance before it could continue the journey."

The truck is being donated by the Ettalong Beach Bendigo Bank branch.

"We really wouldn't have any other way of funding this need within the existing school budget without this," Mr Gilmore said.

Ettalong Community Bank chair Mr Mick Gage said: "We're very proud that our first reinvestment back into our local community will be with Brisbane Water Secondary College and will directly improve the ability of agricultural students to learn and grow within their field.

"We identified the need for a replacement truck and crate and we're looking forward to seeing this donation play a role in the school's highly successful agricultural program.

"After 23 years of competition and many previous awards, 2017 saw the College take home the Sydney Royal Easter Show's Grand Champion Purebred Steer award," Mr Gage said.

"The college holds a unique position not just as the largest agricultural school by landholding in suburban Sydney, but also as they are only two minutes from a beach and three minutes from a boat ramp to Brisbane Water," Mr Gage said.

Source:

Media Release, 4 Dec 2017
Aaron Henry, Brilliant Logic



Excursion to Rumbalara Nature Reserve

Year 1 students from Umina Beach Public School recently had an excursion to Rumbalara Nature Reserve.

"Students completed crayon rubbings of man-made and natural features at the lookout picnic area," said deputy principal Ms Sharlene Percival.

"After that they designed their own maps of the area and included symbols for each feature and a key to unlock the symbols," Ms Percival said.

The students went on a bushwalk along the Flannel Flower Track and onto the Casuarina Track.

"Students stopped regularly

to observe animal homes and features of the bushland trees and sandstone and even got to sit in a small cave."

The students also visited the Rumbalara Education Centre where they learnt about local aboriginal shelters and were able to build their own gunyah, which is a small temporary home built by

aborigines in the area.

Students were also educated on local wildlife while participating in a treasure hunt to see the animals that lived in the reserve and their habitats.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 5 Nov 2017
Sharlene Percival, Umina Beach Public School

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Week 2

Mon 8 Jan	Club Umina
Tue 9 Jan	Inflatable Waterslides
Wed 10 Jan	Pizza Inn & Gosford Park
Thu 11 Jan	Clip and Climb
Fri 12 Jan	Gosford Fair

Week 3

Mon 15 Jan	Time Zone & Long Jetty Park
Tue 16 Jan	Inhouse Water Day
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Week 4

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Jill Meredith receives award for community garden

Ms Jill Meredith has been awarded a community service award by Member for Gosford, Ms Liesl Tesch, for her work establishing the Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden.

Ms Meredith, aside from being the garden's current coordinator, is a member of the Peninsula Environment Group. She is a registered nurse with over 35-years-worth of healthcare experience with a number of degrees including a Bachelor of

Nursing and a Diploma of Clinical Nutrition.

A jack of all trades, she has also run her own business, Coastal Health Solutions, for more than 21 years.

Ms Tesch said she was "proud to recognise Jill's contribution to life on the Peninsula".

"This is a well-deserved honour for Jill who has built a little bit of paradise in Woy Woy," Ms Tesch said.

"Whether it's at the garden, or at work in the health industry, Jill is always giving back to the community and I know that will continue into the future - making the Peninsula an even better place to live."

The Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden in Moana St, Woy Woy, is currently maintained by volunteers, who have the reward of sharing of produce amongst each other.

Ms Meredith started her push for the garden in 2011 to help protect important community land from being sold off.

Gosford Council gave its approval in January 2012 and, in less than 18 months, the garden was coming to life with timber garden beds, produce growing plants, herbs and a colourful mural.

The community garden group also provides education on environment sustainability, and information on how to design and create your own masterful garden.

Ms Tesch said she encouraged locals to get involved with a community garden near them and to sign up and become a volunteer.

"We have so many great local community gardens and getting involved with the Woy Woy Community Garden is a great way to get out and about, meet your neighbours and build something beautiful in your area."

"People can just sign up. There are no fees, and no need to have prior garden knowledge."

Ms Tania Haydn, who nominated Ms Meredith, revealed her friend's deep passion for nature and the community.

"The last six years has seen her build and maintain this garden, providing a meeting place for people of all ages, all cultures and all experiences to share the healthy activity of growing food." Ms Haydn said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 7 Dec 2017
Richard Mehrrens, Office of Liesl Tesch MP

Club members win awards

Five members of the Rotary Club of Woy Woy were recognised by the State Government when they attended an awards event at Parliament House in Sydney on November 29, for volunteers who took part in Graffiti Removal Days.

The recipients were: Maggie Payne, Vic Brown, John Greenway, John Steinbeck and Russell Grove.

The club, with the assistance from the public, has removed or painted over more than 100 square metres of graffiti in the Peninsula area.

This is the fifth year that the club has been involved, with Mr Greenway has been coordinating

local campaign throughout this period.

His award was for an outstanding contribution to the community.

"This vandalism, costs the State many millions of dollars and is a criminal offence that could get the offender a fine of \$1100.00 or six months in prison," said Mr Greenway.

The awards were presented by NSW Attorney General Mr Mark Speakman, Minister for Police and Emergency Services Mr Troy Grant and Government Whip in the Legislative Council Ms Natasha McLaren-Jones,

Source:
Media Release, 5 Dec 2017
John Greenway, Rotary Club of Woy Woy

Neighbour alert program for bushfire emergencies

The Pearl Beach Safety Advisory Group has recently initiated a program called Neighbour Alert.

The aim is to work together in a bushfire emergency, providing information to residents about fires affecting Pearl Beach.

So far, the group has recruited 40 volunteer street contacts who have been contacting their neighbours, and encouraging them to prepare their bush fire survival plan.

Over 200 households have registered to be advised of relevant information.

A highly visible emergency survival kit is now available, having emergency contact information

on the outside and an emergency survival check list inside.

The checklist is designed to help people pack the important items that they need to take with them in the event of a bushfire.

These bags are for sale for \$10 with a donation to be given to the Pearl Beach fire brigade.

"It's important we make early preparations for an emergency and these red bags provide a highly visible place to keep our bushfire survival plan and other emergency documents," said Mr Greg McPhee, a member of the Neighbour Alert team.

Source:
Media Release, 5 Dec 2017
Greg McPhee, Safety Advisory Group



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Plastic-free Peninsula group looks for logo

A new group trying to rid the Peninsula of plastic rubbish is looking for a logo.

It is currently running a competition to design a "Plastic-free Peninsula" logo for its coming campaign.

The winning entry will win a \$100 voucher.

Prizes include a stand-up paddleboard lesson, with runners-up prizes of a gift voucher from a Umina store.

The winning logo will feature on reusable shopping bags, coffee cups and window stickers.

Plastic-free Peninsula has been formed by a group of locals concerned at the amount of plastic ending up in local waterways.

The campaign will encourage local shoppers and store owners to switch from single-use bags to reusable shopping bags.

The group also hopes to encourage cafe owners to offer discounts for customers who bring

their own reusable coffee cups.

"Discarded plastic is not only ugly, but ends up in the sea, killing huge amounts of marine life and introducing toxic chemicals into the food chain," said group founder Mr Julian Bowker.

"The good news is Woolworth's and Coles are planning to phase out single-use plastic bags next year, but we want to encourage other Peninsula retailers to do the same."

"With the introduction of the container deposit refund scheme this month, there is now a fantastic opportunity to really reduce the amount of plastic ending up in our waterways."

Plastic-free Peninsula logo submissions should be sent to pplasticfree@gmail.com before December 15.

SOURCE:

Media release, 28 Nov 2017

Julian Bowker, Plastic free Peninsula



The Frantastics Choir

Choir presents Christmas performance

The Frantastics Choir presented its Christmas performance on Thursday, December 7, to a full house.

Choir director Ms Fran Kendall said she was pleased that the event raised \$750 for Mary Mac's

place.

"The audience was delighted with the variety and quality of entertainment and the delicious afternoon tea provided by Mary Mac's volunteers," Ms Kendall said.

"Ms Patricia Nissen delighted everyone with her portrayal of the old crone in the melodrama and her sensitive rendition of a Christmas poem," Ms Kendall said.

SOURCE:

Media release, 7 Dec 2017
Fran Kendall, Frantastics Choir

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Art by the Sea

The Killcare art show will run from opening night on 27th December 2017 through to 7th January 2018.

The art show is the main charity fundraising event for the Killcare Surf Club, who do an amazing job patrolling our beaches and keeping the public safe at the beach.

This years collection will feature high quality artworks from both renowned local and Sydney artists.

The art show is open from 10am - 3pm daily during the period, with breakfast and lunch available from Latitude 33 and Killcare Beach Kiosk.

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National Parks service seeks help with graffiti

The National Parks and Wildlife Service has asked members of the public to come forward if they have information about graffiti

on a sandstone plateau in Bouddi National Park. The graffiti was found by a member of the local community near Hawke Head Rd behind the sandstone.

Wagstaffe looking north towards Blackwall Mountain. The Service has yet to determine whether the graffiti could be cleaned off without damaging the sandstone.

Members of the public who have information about who may have been responsible, based on the "tag" used by the offender, should contact the National Parks and Wildlife Service with any information that may be useful.

SOURCE:
Media statement, 7 Dec 2017
Stephanie Childs, National Parks and Wildlife Service

Celebrate Christmas

Broken Bay Uniting Church

Sunday 17th December - 2:30pm **"Hard to be Merry"** service— for those who find Christmas a difficult time. [Ettalong Uniting Church]

Saturday 23rd December - 7.00 pm **Combined Churches Carols and Lessons** [St Luke's Anglican Church, Woy Woy]

Sunday 24th December - 6:30pm **Christmas Eve carols**, led by some of our young people [Umina Uniting Church]
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Christmas Day

7:30am [Ettalong Uniting Church]

9.00am [Umina Uniting Church]

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Umina Church: 346 Ocean Beach Road Umina Beach enter from Neptune Street

Contact: Church Office 4341 8536

or Rev Patty 4341 1024

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Annual West St Christmas parade

Member of the Peninsula branch of the Ulysses Motorcycle Club will participate in their annual Christmas parade at Umina will return on Saturday, December 23.

Commencing from 10am and led by the Highway Patrol, the Ulysses motorcycle club together

with the fire brigades from Woy Woy and Patonga bring Santa along West St, The Esplanade, and back to Oscar St.

Often there are 30 or more Christmas decorated bikes, along with Santa and his elves.

SOURCE:
Media release, 6 Dec 2017
Lois Jones, Peninsula Ulysses

Patonga post agency closes

The Patonga Beach Community Postal Agency closed permanently on October 31.

Any uncollected mail was transferred to the Umina Beach Post Office.

In the interim, the agency is seeking to install mailboxes at

the Patonga Progress Hall for the residents of Patonga Creek.

For residents who receive street delivery there will be no change and all carded parcels and letters will continue to be available at Umina Beach Post Office.

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Pizza shop may become licensed restaurant

A pizza shop in Colonial Mews, Woy Woy, could become a licensed restaurant if an application to Central Coast Council is successful.

The restaurant, at the intersection of Oval Ave and Blackwall Rd, would open 5pm to 11pm Monday to Thursday and 12pm to 12am Friday to Sunday.

The application states that the restaurant would employ one full time staff member and three casual staff.

In documents supporting the proposal, the applicant argued: "The site is surrounded by other retailers, cafe and bakery who all operate between the hours of 9am to 5pm.

"The proposed liquor license and change of use to licensed restaurant will have no detrimental effect to the adjoining properties, but will in fact have a positive contribution to the growing amount of surrounding businesses that are now trading of an evening (Link

& Pin, Young Barons, Woy Woy Fishermen's Wharf & Frankie's Rooftop).

"The application for changing the use to licensed restaurant will be carried out in accordance with the relevant standards, controls and Council regulations, ensuring that the nature of the building is enhanced and not compromised," the applicant claimed.

"The proposal will improve the services along town centre and will be positive to the local community.

"It will be an improvement to community by enriching the types of services offered in the neighbourhood.

"There are no changes proposed to the current external and internal conditions.

"The proposal has no impact to the adjoining properties," the applicant said.

SOURCE:
Gosford DA Tracker, 7 Dec 2017
DA53428/2017, Central Coast Council



Lights on Birdwood Ave, Umina

Photo Steve Reilly

Peninsula included on Christmas lights map

The Peninsula has been included on a website that maps Christmas light displays across the Coast.

Lentara Rd and Birdwood Ave, Umina, and Watkin Ave, Woy Woy, have been listed as "full street displays".

Other Peninsula locations include 7 Cuttlefish Pde, St Huberts Island; 47 Barrenjoey Rd, Ettalong; 8 Winifred Ave, Umina, and 224 Veron Rd, Umina.

Ms Katie Stokes said she started the website parents and carers.

"The whole reason I started Playing in Puddles was because I was finding it really difficult to find places to take my kids, or fun things for them to do on the Coast," Ms Stokes said.

"I hope the Christmas lights map will help families find the best lights near them and the idea was to take any stress out of planning what should be a fun experience with the kids," she said.

SOURCE:
Website, 27 Nov 2017
Interview, 6 Dec 2017
Katie Stokes, Playing in Puddles
Reporter: Dillon Luke

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1156.
Social Meetings 1.30pm 4th Wed
for demonstrations
4325 1420
publicity@artcentralcoast.asn.au

Central Coast Handweavers, Spinners and Textile Arts Guild

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Day and Night Groups
4325 4743
www.cottagecrafts.net.au

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0412 155 391
www.ebacc.com.au
ebacc_email@gmail.com

Hospital Art Australia Inc.

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kyle.macgregor@hotmail.com

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Wednesdays 9.30am
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0416 193 070 - 4340 1746

Country Women's Association Woy Woy

30 The Boulevard, Woy Woy
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woywoycwa@gmail.com

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Ettalong involved in Schools Spectacular

Ettalong Public School has recently been involved in the 2017 NSW Schools Spectacular.

Thirteen students from Year 4 to 6 participated as part of a choir consisting of 2700 students from across the state.

"We had a number of rehearsals that we had to attend in Sydney which meant really long days," said assistant principal Ms Stephanie Seddon.

Not only were the students required to sing, but also to learn choreography for each song.

"We had dance moves for every song and a different prop for every song," Ms Seddon said.

"It required a lot of brain power and focus every single time we went," she said.

This year's theme was Own the Moment, with a segment titled Imaginarium which focused

on fairy tales, another segment with a Pacific Island theme and section devoted to aboriginal and indigenous music and storytelling.

Demanding rehearsal and performance times did little to discourage the students.

"Our kids were absolutely wonderful.

"They did everything they were asked they didn't complain despite very long days," Ms Seddon said.

She said both the teachers and parents of the students were also enthusiastic and supportive.

"The school community and all the teachers have been extremely supportive especially because rehearsals have meant students have had to be pulled out of class.

"The parents of all the students have also been really supportive and a lot of them stayed in Sydney overnight and organised accommodation and that's a big ask," she said.

Ms Seddon said it was a thrilling experience and exciting opportunity for all the students involved and said it has even inspired some students to continue their passion for music and performance.

"They loved it.

"They absolutely loved it.

"They all want to do again.

"It has inspired a lot of the kids to work toward becoming solo performers."

The students worked with a number of other schools from around the State as well as conductors from the arts unit from the Department of Education.

Ms Seddon said there was no doubt Ettalong Public School would be auditioning again next year.

SOURCE:

Interview, 7 Dec 2017

Stephanie Seddon,

Ettalong Public School

Reporter: Olivana Smith-Lathouris

ATM to stay in Umina

An automatic teller machine will stay in Umina, despite the closure of the bank branch that housed it.

The Westpac ATM in Bullion St will close this week, but has been replaced by another in the front window of Peninsular Office Supplies on the other side of West

St.

The new ATM was operational from December 6.

Mr Mike Waller of Peninsular Office Supplies said he was delighted to partner with Westpac to make the ATM available.

Email, 5 Dec 2017
Mike Waller, POS

The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Thursday, Dec 14

Ben Woodham, Bayview Hotel, Woy Woy, 8pm

Friday, Dec 15

Tony Remedios, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 7:30pm

Saturday, Dec 16

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

Outlaw Avenue, Bayview Hotel, Woy Woy, 8:30pm

Michael Wilks, Bayview Hotel, Woy Woy, 4:30pm

Slam Tango, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 7pm

Sunday, Dec 17

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

School's Out Surf's Up Market, Killcare SLSC, Beach Drive, Killcare, 10am to 4pm

Nathan Cole, Bayview Hotel, Woy Woy, 3pm

Murray Ferguson, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 3:30pm

Thursday, Dec 21

John Larder, Bayview Hotel, Woy Woy, 8pm

Friday, Dec 22

Mark Boughton, Woy Woy

Leagues Club, 7:30pm

Saturday, Dec 23

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

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, St Luke's Anglican Church, 151 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, 7pm

Sons of Mercury, Bayview Hotel, Woy Woy, 8:30pm

Matt Jeff, Bayview Hotel, Woy Woy, 8pm

Karaoke, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 7pm

Sunday, Dec 24

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

James Brennan, Bayview Hotel, Woy Woy, 3pm

Merryl Steele, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 3:30pm

Tuesday, Dec 26

Ben Woodham, Ettalong Beach Hotel, 3pm

Wednesday, Dec 27

Killcare SLSC 9th Annual Art by the Sea, major charity fundraising event for Killcare SLSC, Killcare Surf Life Saving Club, Beach Drive, Killcare, 10am to 3pm daily until January 7, opening night on December 27 from 6pm to 8pm bookings essential

Friday, Dec 29

Jimmy Gannon, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 7:30pm

Saturday, Dec 30

Big Yellow Moon Band, Hardys Bay Club, 7:45pm

Smokin Rosie, Bayview Hotel, Woy Woy, 8:30pm

Greg Sherar, Bayview Hotel, 8pm

Soul Station duo, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 7pm

Sunday, Dec 31

The Camry's and DJ Daddy Long Legs, DJs Rusty and Boonge, 5:30pm to 12am

The Hops Rock n Roll Duo, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 3:30pm

Tuesday, Jan 9

Coding for beginners, Woy Woy Library, ages 7 to 14, 10am to 12pm

Kids' Summer Cooking Classes, Jasmine Greens Kiosk, Umina, 1pm, bookings essential

Monday, Jan 15

Drive in craft and movie, Woy Woy Library. 2:30pm to 4pm

Tuesday, Jan 16

Sharpie Tie Dye to Teens, Umina Library, 2:30pm to 4pm

Peninsula directory of services, contacts and support groups

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

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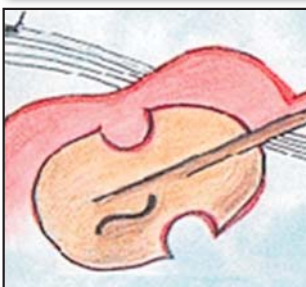
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As Central Coast Newspapers are community newspapers, the cost of advertising not for profit organisations' events is subsidised. This makes them the same rate as non business advertisements.

A mono 5cm advertisement only costs \$33. Each additional cm costs \$6.60 as does colour, and/or a photograph or a logo. Private advertisements need to be paid for at the time of booking.

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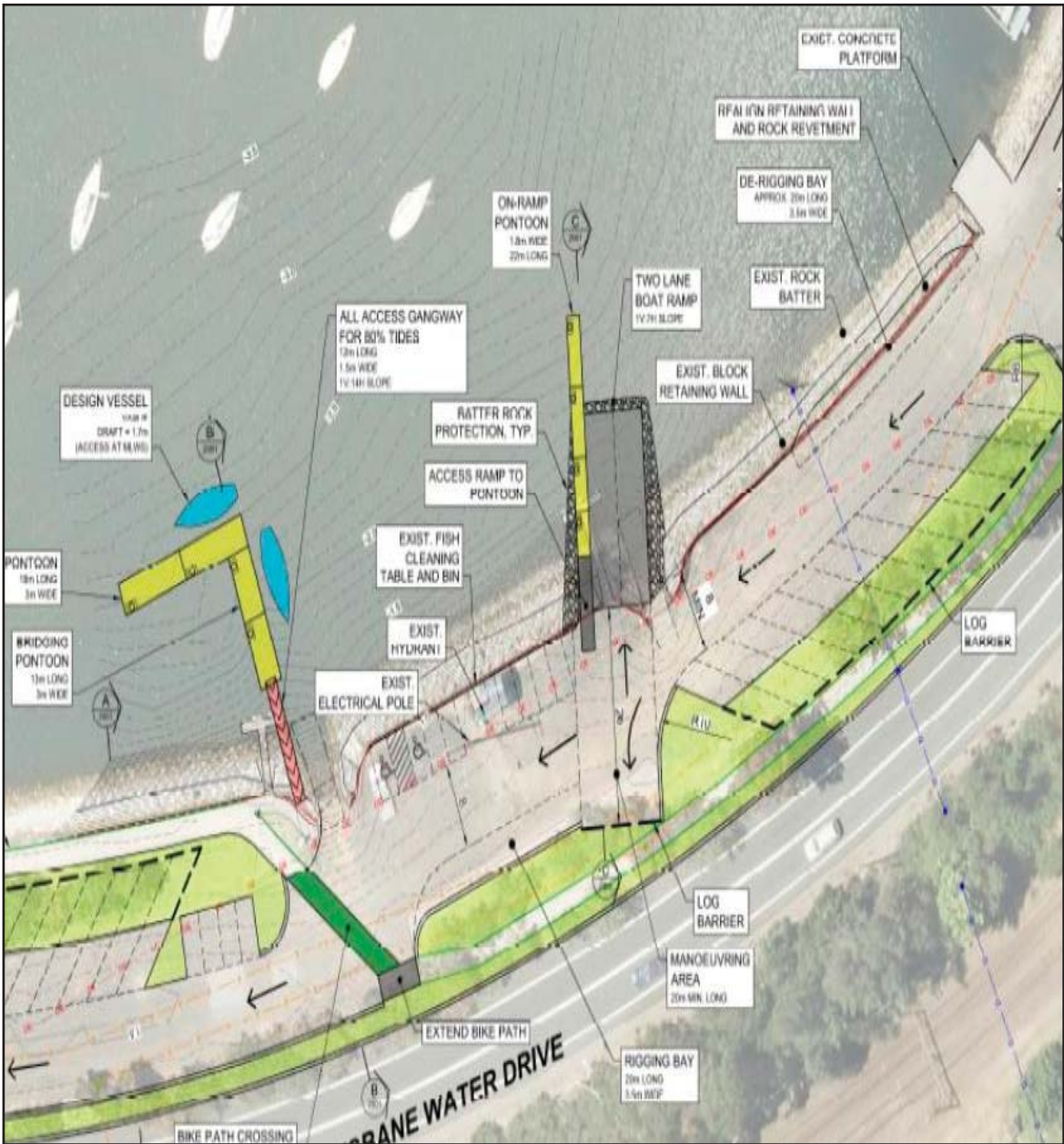
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Work starts on boat ramp

Construction commenced on the \$1.48M Kooilewong boat ramp and foreshore upgrade

on December 4. Central Coast Council claims the upgrade will provide more user-friendly aquatic infrastructure

and increase usage capacity now and into the future.

The work includes construction of a dual-lane boat ramp with on-ramp pontoon, creation of an L-shaped sailing pontoon, car parking improvements, and landscaping and ancillary works.

This project is jointly funded by Central Coast Council and the NSW Government's Boating Now Program.

SOURCE: Website, 4 Dec 2017 Central Coast Council, Facebook



Zara is rookie of the month

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club member Zara Smithers has won the Rookie of the Month award for November 2017.

Ocean Beach SLSC nominated Smithers for her commitment to her patrols and training, along with her dedication and assistance

she was provided to the Seagulls Nipper Inclusion program.

As part of her win, Smithers received a \$50 gift card and congratulations from Surf Life Saving Central Coast.

SOURCE: Website, 6 Dec 2017 Surf Life Saving Central Coast Facebook page

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Umina lifesavers have standout performances

Two Umina Surf Life Saving Club members have had standout performances representing Australian Surf Life Saving.

Ms Rachel Wood and Ms Jemma Smith, have had a great overseas campaign with impressive results representing the country and Umina.

Ms Wood attended both the German Cup in Germany and the Orange Cup in The Netherlands, in the last week of November and first week of December, for the Pool Rescue Competition.

Her young team won the overall team trophy in Germany while she set a world youth record in

the 100m Rescue Medley at the Orange Cup.

Ms Wood also set another world youth record in the 200m Super lifesaver event while in New Zealand a few weeks earlier.

Ms Smith represented Australia in the Opens Team at the International Surf Rescue Challenge at Mt Maunganui in New Zealand.

Her team won overall points and took out the championship which attracts competitors from around the world.

SOURCE:

Media release, 6 Dec 2017
Richard Braddish, Umina SLSC



Savannah Patterson and Mollie Murphy after their epic sea kayak trip

Gold awards in Duke of Edinburgh scheme

Two Umina Surf Life Saving Club members have achieved gold awards in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

The gold award status takes 12 months of commitment to earn.

Savannah Patterson completed tasks such as surf patrols, water safety, after school care, and

assisting elderly in nursing homes.

Her main journey task was a 45km sea kayak trip from The Lakes Surf Club to Umina Surf Club over four days.

Mollie Murphy completed the gold Duke of Edinburgh Award in August.

She did volunteer work at

St Vincent de Paul and visited aboriginal communities in Warnum.

She also completed skills such as ironman training and driving.

She also kayaked 45km over four days with Savannah Patterson.

SOURCE:

Media release, 6 Dec 2017
Richard Braddish, Umina SLSC

Birthday combined with presentations

Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club celebrated its combined 58th Birthday and Presentation Day on November 14.

Multi-coloured balloons decorated the room.

Everyone was welcomed and invited to have morning tea before going to the rinks to enjoy a game of bowls, according to club publicity officer Ms Carol Hadley.

"A nice lunch of chicken and salads, accompanied by a bread roll, was served after the game," she said.

The birthday cake was cut by

patron and life member Ms Nancy Griffith, president Lorraine and life member Ms Elaine Manning.

Awards were then presented to the 2017 Champion Bowlers and runners-up.

Other awards presented were Consistency Award and Encouragement Award, which both were won by Ms Therese Causby.

Vinnies was chosen as charity of choice this year to receive toys brought in by the members.

SOURCE:

Media release, 24 Nov 2017
Carol Hadley, Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club

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