

Molly celebrates 105th birthday

BlueWave Living's oldest resident, Ms Molly Bonamy, celebrated her 105th birthday on January 2.

Molly was born Jean Mary Sailer on January 2, 1913, at a home in Summer Hill, Sydney.

Her father thought Jean was too grown up a name for a little baby and she has been known as Molly ever since.

Ms Bonamy's father died when she was four years old and she grew up with her mother, grandparents and brother Geoff in Summer Hill.

She attended Summer Hill School and later the domestic science school and left for secretarial college at age 15.

Eventually she became a shorthand teacher at the same college, leaving some years later to pursue a career as a legal secretary.

As a young girl, she enjoyed movies, ballroom dancing and singing and was an accomplished soprano and soloist in her local Congregational church choir.

Ms Bonamy also enjoyed amateur dramatics.

At 28, she married Mr Geoff Bonamy, a young solicitor whose family had been friends of her family for many years.

They moved to Ashfield where they raised their daughter.

She was able to help him in his legal practice.

During World War I, Ms Bonamy worked part time as the secretary to a major based in Sydney and also made camouflage nets for the army.

Ms Bonamy was always involved in secretarial work for charity, both for the church and the Scottish Hospital in Paddington as well as several other organisations.

Ms Bonamy, her husband and daughter moved to Dover Heights, Sydney, in 1960 to be closer to relatives and they became involved in the local church at Vaucluse.

After her husband's death in 1978, Ms Bonamy remained in Dover Heights until 1999, when she moved to Umina to be close to her daughter and grandson.

At the age of 101, she moved to Blue Wave Living in Woy Woy.

Ms Bonamy has a daughter, Sue, a grandson, Geoff, and two great granddaughters, Sophie and Abigail.

She said it was a cause of constant amazement to her that she has lived to the age of 105 years.

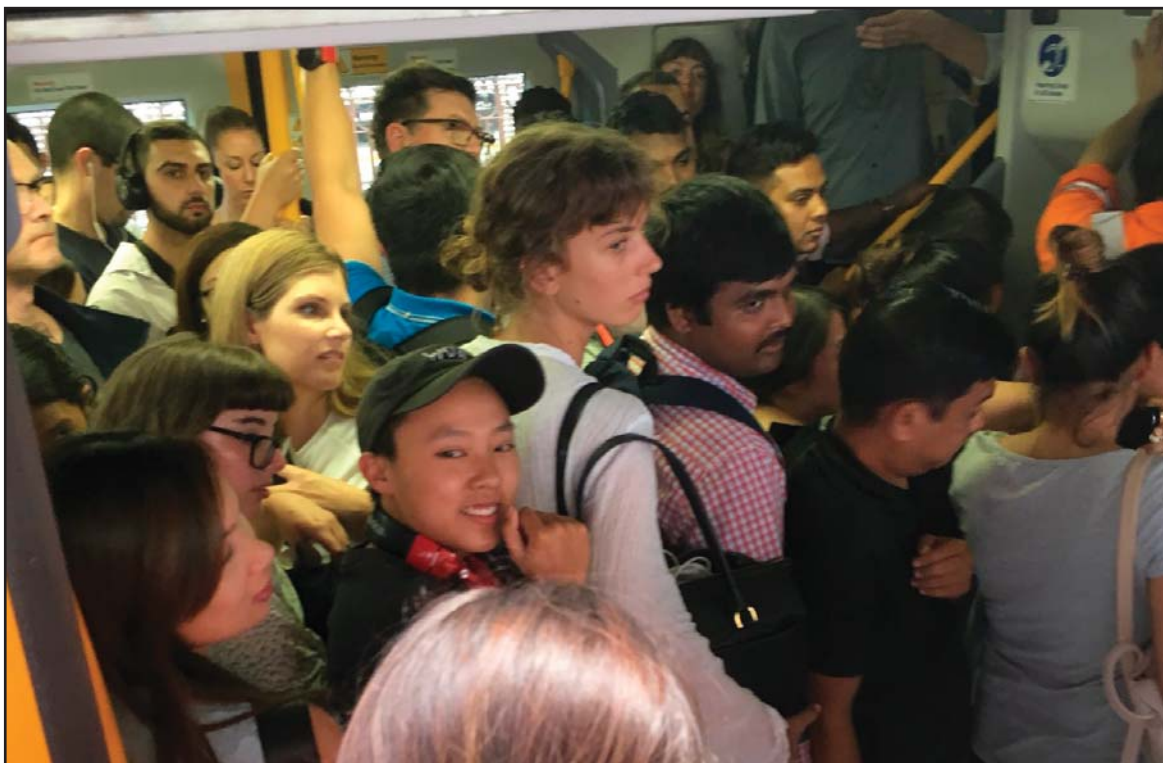
When asked the secret of her long life, she always says she doesn't really know.

SOURCE:

Media release, 22 Dec 2017
Kylie Scott, BlueWave Living



Ms Molly Bonamy is celebrating her 105th birthday this January



Factors combined for rail chaos

Trackwork, hot weather, driver shortages and a new train timetable with no room for flexibility combined to cause rail chaos and confusion for Woy Woy commuters on January 8 and 9, according to NSW Opposition Central Coast spokesman Mr David Harris.

Peninsula commuters were given advanced notice that buses would replace trains during off-peak periods between Berowra and Hornsby to accommodate track work.

This combined with a series of unexpected system problems, including the weather and staff absences, resulted in a meltdown that saw significant delays and cancellations, according to Mr Harris.

"I had people contacting me on social media who were due to catch their normal train home from work at 5:30pm who didn't get home until after 9pm," he said.

He said Opal data revealed that the majority of the Coast's commuters started and ended their daily journeys from Woy Woy station.

The Labor Opposition foreshadowed the impact the timetable would have on the train network when it obtained a Transport memo warning of massive delays in the wake of a

major incident, Mr Harris said.

"We warned the government that this new timetable would be a disaster for Central Coast commuters and the Minister laughed it off," he said.

"Our commuters have some of the longest travel times on the network and it is unacceptable that their service has declined and their needs are being ignored.

"It took some people more than twice the travel time to get home and they should be refunded to acknowledge the inconvenience caused by the government's lack of foresight and proper resourcing of the network."

According to Mr Harris, the suspension of services between Berowra and Hornsby meant that "when they got into strife they couldn't use any trains coming from the Coast or Newcastle because they were all terminating at Berowra.

"They have also sectionalised the network and drivers are now only qualified to drive on certain lines so drivers couldn't be used to add capacity to the system and vacant positions have not been filled."

Mr Harris said it was fortunate the problems occurred before the commencement of the school year but the problems could happen again.

"If it had happened when school went back it would have been a

huge disaster.

"The leaked memo told the government its new timetable would put the system at saturation and if there was an incident it would tip the whole system over because there was no spare capacity.

"We pursued this issue in the last week of parliament last year and the Minister laughed at us but all the drivers were saying there was no spare capacity.

"If they lose one or two services or lines then everything crashes and so there is no guarantee it won't happen again."

NSW Opposition Leader Mr Luke Foley demanded refunds for affected commuters and the suspension of the new timetable.

Mr Foley said the Premier and her Transport Minister must accept that a lack of resources, particularly drivers, was the root of the problem.

He said that the new timetable should be suspended until more drivers and trains could deliver it.

SOURCES:

Media release, 10 Jan 2018
Luke Foley, NSW Opposition Leader
Interview, 10 Jan 2018
David Harris, Shadow
Parliamentary Secretary
Website, 10 Jan 2018
Train patronage data,
Transport for NSW
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

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Cloudy but not much rain

The first 12 days of January were humid but only 32.8mm of rainfall were recorded on the Peninsula by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

About 25mm fell in December after our last publication, resulting in the last three months of last year having close to the same rainfall as the last three months of the previous year.

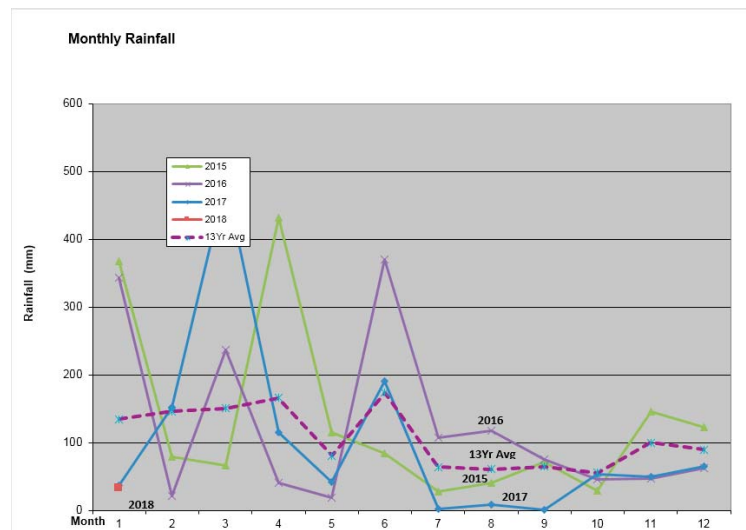
Although only halfway through the month, the graph also shows at this stage a similar start to the year as last year.

According to Mr Morrison, the Peninsula's average monthly rainfall for January is 135mm so 76 per cent of that will need to occur between January 13 and the end of the month.

January 2017 was similarly dry.

The total rainfall for the whole of January 2017 was 36.7mm, which was 74 per cent below the monthly average.

January 2016, however, was



extremely wet with 343.4mm collected in Mr Morrison's gauge.

We are unlikely to repeat the 2016 total for the month given that 140mm had already been recorded by January 8.

The good news is, based on historic data, it is relatively safe to plan outdoor events for Australia

Day.

January 26 has been dry for six of the past eight years.

The rainiest Australia Day in recent history was 2012 when 71.8mm fell on the Peninsula.

SOURCE:

Rainfall data, 12 Jan 2018
Jim Morrison, Umina

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

Woy Woy Little Theatre and Peninsula News would like to offer two readers the chance to win a double pass to its latest production, Australia Day, set to open at Peninsula Theatre on January 26 for a three-week season.

Theatre veteran, Mr Bruce Hyland has stepped into the shoes of Brian in this latest production of Jonathon Biggins' acclaimed satirical comedy.

Mayor of Coriole and head of the Australia Day committee determined to make the annual celebration one to remember, Brian has to juggle personality

clashes on the committee, last-minute setbacks and political machinations around his own bid for a Federal seat in parliament as the hilarious play unfolds.

Over the last 12 months, Australia Day has been the most performed play in theatres around Australia, with its poignant use of humour that allows the audience to laugh at things that would normally make them cringe.

Joining Bruce are theatre stalwarts Andy Kabanoff, Stephen Cummings, Rosemary Parsons and Terry Collins, and newcomer Loc Hua.

For your chance to win one of the two double passes write your full name, address and daytime



phone number on the back of an envelope and mail it to Peninsula News Australia Day Competition, PO Box 1056, Gosford, NSW, 2250 by 5pm on Wednesday, January 24.

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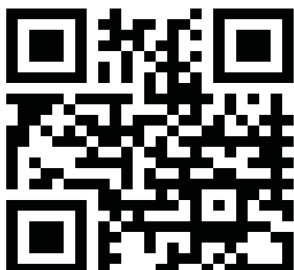
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Previous Australia Day celebrations at Woy Woy



Australia Day activities on Woy Woy waterfront

An afternoon and evening of festivities will be organised by Central Coast Council on the Woy Woy waterfront to mark Australia Day 2018.

The events are scheduled to begin at 2pm on Friday, January 26.

There will be an official Australia Day ceremony taking place at 3pm, followed by a performance by Central Coast family trio, Little Quirks.

Features of the day are expected to include the lantern

parade at 8:20pm which will begin at the CWA Hall and end at the tidal baths in Memorial Park.

A sail past will take place down the channel from Memorial Park to the Wharf which will include SES craft, historical vessels, dragon boats, outrigger boats, Putt Putt Regatta boats and Central Coast ferries.

An array of market stalls and food stalls will be provided in Anderson Park.

Among a number of other entertaining events, a flock of rubber ducks will race the length of

Woy Woy Tidal Baths, with the first duck to cross the finish line being proclaimed the winner.

Live music will include local artists playing throughout the day: Asha at 2pm, Jellyfish at 4:30, Steve Edmonds Band at 6:30pm and Dragon at 7:30pm, well as street performers showing off their talents.

The evening will be concluded with a fireworks display.

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 Jan 2018
Julie Vaughan, Central Coast Council

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Rawson Rd was only crossing with two fatalities

The Rawson Rd level rail crossing is now one of the most dangerous in NSW, according to the Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

Ms Tesch said the Rawson Rd level crossing was the only one in the whole of NSW to have two fatalities in 2017.

She said she the crossing needed to be replaced for safety reasons and to relieve increasing traffic congestion on the Peninsula.

She called for the NSW Government to fulfil promises it made during the by-election for the Gosford electorate in May 2017 when she was elected as the State Member.

One of those promises was a safety review of Blackwall Rd, she said.

She said the review was to consider how to improve signage, parking along the sides of the road and overall traffic flow.

The intersection of Allfield Rd and Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, was a particular choke point, she said.

"We received notification that work on the review would be carried out of a night but we have not received any further information," she said.

Anything that improved traffic flow would be welcome," she said.

SOURCE:

**Interview, 11 Jan 2018
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford
Reporter: Jackie Pearson**

Visit by NSW Maritime fails to result in fines

A visit to Ettalong by a senior NSW Maritime executive and five boating safety officers to deter unsafe jetski behaviour has failed to result in any penalties being issued.

NSW Maritime executive director Mr Angus Mitchell and five other officers patrolled Brisbane Water over the weekend of January 6 and 7.

Mr Mitchell said the RMS was there to monitor the conditions and acted according to water-goers' behaviour over the weekend.

Over the weekend, officers also "engaged" with water users about the responsible use of personal watercrafts and expected behaviour on NSW waterways.

The officers did issue multiple verbal warnings to jet ski operators and other personal water craft users for minor speed infractions, but not issue any penalties.

SOURCE:

**Media statement, 9 Jan 2018
Angus Mitchell, Roads and Maritime Services**

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John Asquith, Chairman

Celebrating Wetlands! - Is Porters Creek Wetland the most important wetland on the Central Coast?

Porter's Creek Wetland is valuable to the Central Coast for drinking water, flood mitigation, biodiversity and health of the Tuggerah Lakes. It is the largest freshwater wetland in the Central Coast Region and is located north west of Wyong urban area. The land is owned by Council.

The wetlands proper comprise a mixture of reed lands sedgelands and rushlands in areas of more permanent water inundation. It extends into the surrounding Melaleuca and Eucalypt swamp forests. The wetland was originally obtained by council to protect water quality in the Wyong River and Tuggerah Lakes System.

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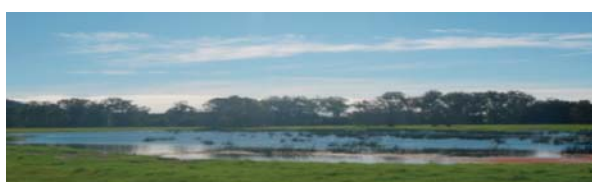
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Commuters describe four-hour journeys

Woy Woy commuters have described on social media travelling up to four-hour journeys between Woy Woy and Central when the rail system failed on Tuesday, January 9.

However, many commented that the train system's problems were ongoing and far-reaching, not just confined to a couple of incidents on two days in January.

Hardy's Bay resident Mr David Abrahams spent Tuesday, January 9, navigating Sydney trains to get to Woy Woy from North Sydney.

"I jumped on the T1 North Shore Line," Mr Abrahams wrote on the Good Old Woy Woy Facebook page.

"The train was stopped at Gordon and we were shuttled onto buses.

"It was chaotic.

"Bus contractors were bought in to help clear the backlog of people moving north and south.

"Many of us were shuffled onto a bus that ended up at St Ives.

"The driver apologised and we needed to cross the Mona Vale Rd and return to Gordon and try again.

"I squeezed onto another bus.

"A convoy of buses crawled slowly to Berowra, where a sea of passengers were deposited and guided down to platforms.

"After several trains passed by, the platform announcements were apologetic and admitted to not knowing when the next train would



Clr Jeff Sundstrom

stop.

"Eventually a train from the south stopped, though it was so full only a few of us could get on.

"We were all crammed in, standing, hot and thankful that we had eventually managed to get a ride home to Woy Woy."

The trip took three and half hours. "Everyone of the passengers and the staff were good natured.

"There was a sense that we all were suffering together," Mr Abrahams said.

Other Woy Woy-based commuters said the issues were not confined to one or two days.

"There have been delays just about every day, both ways, for the past seven days, since Tuesday, January 2," said Mr David Bugden



David Bugden

of Woy Woy.

"I left work at North Sydney at 4:45pm the other day and arrived home (Woy Woy) at 7:20pm," he said.

"It's not just Monday and Tuesday's problems," said Roslyn Jennings also of Woy Woy.

"On Christmas Eve at Woy Woy no one knew, including staff, what was happening after a broken rail north of Woy Woy," she said.

Central Coast councillor Jeff Sundstrom said: "I am not sure if outside of actual commuters it is widely known that trips between the Coast and Newcastle were also heavily affected.

"My son commutes to and from Kotara and his train trips were also delayed," Cr Sundstrom said.



Stephen Doherty

"He was late to work before Christmas too so we don't need extreme weather or staff shortages to upset the State Rail appcart," he said.

Other commuters commented that trains had been cut from eight to four carriages, including during major commuter times.

"I love the way the State Government choses to split eight-carriage trains into two four-carriage trains so it can say it doubled the number of trains without adding a single seat," he said.

"How about everyone who uses the service from four in the morning when the train has four carriages and is already overflowing at Woy Woy?" Ms Ness Cairns of Woy Woy said.



Ness Cairns

"I agree there are more four-carriage trains on the Central Coast line," Ms Jennings said.

Mr Stephen Doherty, also of Woy Woy, said the corridor has been poorly serviced for decades.

"What real work has been done to our corridor for decades?" he said.

"It is slower now than in the late 1980s and early 90s.

"Maybe I am just cynical but I feel they are trashing the network to later justify the privatisation of yet another state-owned asset.

"It is not beyond the scope of how they operate," he said.

SOURCE:
Website, 10 Jan 2018
Good Old Woy Woy, Facebook



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‘Train’ trip took three hours from Central

It took almost three hours for Ms Olivana Smith-Lathouris to get to Woy Woy from Central by 9am on the morning of Wednesday, January 11, due to track work.

Ms Smith-Lathouris needed to visit Woy Woy for a job interview and said she had done a similar journey on multiple occasions.

“To ensure my being on time, I checked the timetable only to be greeted by an alarming yellow warning sign ‘Track Work,’” she

said.

However, the extent of the delays was a shock to her.

The journey usually taking about an hour and a quarter took more than double this time.

“This morning however, my travel time was extended to just under three hours,” Ms Smith-Lathouris said.

“This meant waking up at approximately 5am to allow enough time to step in and out of the shower, shove half an apple in my mouth and run out the door,” she said.

Ms Smith-Lathouris, along with many other commuters travelling from the city to the Central Coast, boarded a train from Central to Gordon.

From Gordon Station, she waited 15 minutes for a bus which would arrive at Berowra Station 40 minutes later, just in time for her to catch yet another train to Woy Woy.

“By the end of the journey, I felt completely frantic and almost exhausted,” she said.

“I do not own a car and rely on buses and trains to take me to and

from university, work, internships and to visit friends and family,” Ms Smith-Lathouris said.

“I am greatly appreciative to have the option of public transport and accept that with a growing demand, delays and complications are unavoidable.”

“But for a journey to take double its initial time with three connections, it is understandable that there should be complaint and a demand for more efficient and reliable transport,” she said

SOURCE:
Letter, 11 Jan 2018
Olivana Smith Loutharis, Maroubra

MacDonald apologises for train disruptions

Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast, Mr Scot MacDonald, has apologised “to commuters and train users who were impacted by delays and disruptions to the services”.

“I am very confident the Government can learn from the challenges arising from recent disruptions.”

Mr MacDonald said: “The Government is committed to bedding down the extra services and providing the additional capacity Sydney and the Intercity Fleet needs.”

The NSW Government is investing in extra intercity services to the Central Coast and the Hunter, he said.

“The new \$2.3 billion Intercity Fleet is now a little over a year away from the commencement of roll out.

“That will also increase reliability and comfort for train users on the Central Coast.”

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 Jan 2018
Vincent DeLuca, Office of Scot MacDonald MLC



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Ocean Beach area is dangerous, says Mehrtens

A Central Coast councillor has described area of Ocean Beach south of the sandbags as being in a poor and dangerous state.

Council staff have confirmed that they believe people are systematically removing safety signs and fencing in the area.

The issue "must be a high

priority" for Central Coast Council and any candidate considering standing in the NSW or Federal election in the next one to two years, according to Cr Richard Mehrtens.

"From my early days, even before I started campaigning for Council, the state of Umina and Ocean Beach has been a huge point of contention," Cr Mehrtens

said.

"People are telling me all the time that they have fallen or a family member or they have witnessed someone fall down the eroded cliff face," he said.

Cr Mehrtens said he believed it was only a matter of time before someone was injured or the steep dune face collapsed causing injury.

"That would be a very poor

reflection on Central Coast Council so if there is money there it should be spent."

Umina Community Group director Mr Tony Winch said that, since 2015, erosion has led to the formation of a steep and unstable cliff face in the location of the former walking paths that were maintained by Central Coast Council.

He said the former pathways had been fenced off with wire and plastic netting, and temporary signage.

However, that did not deter locals and visitors from climbing over the fencing and climbing down and up the cliff face during the Christmas-New Year break.

"We would like to discourage that from happening," he said.

Central Coast Council has confirmed that people are ignoring and removing signs and fencing to gain access to the beach.

"The fencing is supposed to restrict public access to the beach via what used to be maintained walking paths," said Council director Mr Mike Dowling.

"Access points and paths can't be restored until the beach profile returns.

"Council is currently reviewing additional emergency options to prevent further erosion of the escarpment.

"Council is also underway with designs for the installation of new staircases in the area, which will need to be able to withstand further tidal inundation and potential future erosion."

SOURCES:

Interview, 11 Jan 2018

Richard Mehrtens, Central Coast Council

Media statement, 11 Jan 2018

Mike Dowling, Central Coast Council

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Tony Winch, Umina Community Group

Reporter: Jackie Pearson

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Tesch calls for Woy Woy wharf upgrade:

Member for Gosford Ms Leisl Tesch has called for Central Coast Council and the NSW Government to follow through with 2011 plans to upgrade the public wharf at Woy Woy.

Ms Tesch said she was concerned that the wharf posed a danger to ferry passengers when it was submerged, such as during the recent king tides before Christmas.

She said a concept design was considered by Gosford Council for

a bigger and better Woy Woy Town Centre Wharf in November 2011.

Gosford Council had been successful in receiving grant funding on a dollar for dollar basis from NSW Maritime under the Better Boating Program to undertake a study into the current and future usage of the wharf and identify future boating needs at the site.

"So what has happened?" asked Ms Tesch.

"Council has for many years sought to improve the current

infrastructure facilities of the existing Woy Woy Town Centre Wharf," a report to the December 6, 2011, meeting of Gosford Council stated.

"Council has been made aware of numerous conflicts between the activities of recreational boat owners, the local fishing community and the commercial ferry operators," the report said.

"Under the 2009-10 Better Boating Program Council was successful in receiving grant funding to undertake a study to

investigate options in upgrading the Wharf.

"Consultants were engaged to undertake the study which involved preparing concept layouts of the wharf area adjoining The Boulevard streetscape and to provide a report detailing the decisions made in preparing those layouts."

According to the report, a Concept Report was developed with representations from community groups and individuals.

Consultation also took

place with an array of NSW Government authorities including NSW Maritime, Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, Primary Industries, the Hawkesbury River Trawler Association, Police, Marine Rescue and the local commercial ferry operators.

A public meeting was held to gather information and assess the needs of the boating and general community and a vessel usage investigation was undertaken.

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the Concept Report and with assistance from the NSW Government, landscape architects were engaged to prepare images of three options to present to the public.

Council officers also submitted an application for grant funding under the 2011-12 Better Boating Program to implement stage one of the project but it is unclear whether the funding application was successful and the project appears to have stalled.

In August 2012, Gosford Council resolved to levy ferry operators an

annual fee for the use of its wharf infrastructure.

The levy was set at a rate of \$7000 per year for each ferry used for point-to-point regular passenger ferry operators.

Money raised from the levy was to be quarantined for "specific use to improve ferry-related infrastructure including the upgrade of passenger facilities but Woy Woy wharf was not mentioned".

Current Central Coast councillor and former Gosford councillor Chris Burke, who was present at

the council meeting in 2011, that resolved to apply for funding and place proposals for the upgrade of the wharf on public exhibition, said he could not recall the outcomes of the project but surmised that Council's grant application had been unsuccessful.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said: "Over the years there have been bits of money thrown at the Woy Woy wharf and waterfront, mainly for pre-planning work and cosmetic improvements to the

facility.

"As I understand it, there is an application before government for funding to redevelop the wharf from Central Coast Council," Mr Wales said.

"We support the application because it is a precinct that has a high tourism value and there is a practical necessity for ferries to be able to pull in to the facility at any time and not just at an appropriate point in the tide.

"So we do support that funding and we hope it gets through

government and money is provided," he said.

"It would also complement other things happening in the precinct including the upgrading of Fisherman's Wharf which is an outstanding facility now."

SOURCES:

Interviews, 11 Jan 2018

Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Chris Burke, Central Coast Council

Matthew Wales, Peninsula

Chamber of Commerce

Minutes, 6 Dec 2011, Aug 2012

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Reporter: Jackie Pearson



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Councillor questions need for study before action

Gosford West ward's Cr Richard Mehrrens has questioned whether yet another study is needed before action is taken to improve the amenity of Ocean Beach.

Cr Mehrrens asked questions of staff at the December 18 Council meeting based on his reading of the operational plan update that was tabled.

"The operational plan for 2017-18 says the Council will prepare a technical brief, undertake an assessment and commence coastal protection works by June 2018 as part of a three-year project subject to funding availability," Cr Mehrrens said.

However, he said that the Coastal Zone Management Plan was signed off by the NSW Government in 2017 and this had already been informed by a Coastal Zone Management Study, so the need for another study while the amenity of the beach continued to decline was questionable.

He said staff had informed him that an application for funding had been submitted to the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage for a study into long-term options.

"I also asked staff what would happen if Council did not get the funding and their response was that they would need to find ways to work the project into Council budgets," he said.

"People are already falling down the former walkways which are

now steep and sheer and attempts to close temporarily and partially with fencing haven't worked.

"That stretch from Umina to Ettalong should be one of the Central Coast's premier beaches and when people visit what do they see? Temporary fencing and people falling over."

According to Cr Mehrrens, "there are many simple things we could do to beautify the Peninsula."

"Right now, the new foreshore at Ettalong ends after 30 metres and it is such a disappointment to return to the 1950s walking path."

"It was always going to be the start and the expectation was that future governments would continue along with the idea that Ettalong and Umina would be rebuilt," he said.

Cr Mehrrens said he would be fighting to see stages two and three of the foreshore redevelopment funded and was confident the two other ward councillors, deputy mayor Cr Chris Holstein and Cr Troy Marquet, would support his efforts.

"I have spoken with The Bays Community Group and they are keen for some sort of walk way from The Bays to Woy Woy."

"Many community groups tell me that there has, in the past, been at least some sort of planning done on such proposals."

"There have been concept plans, master plans, town centre plans but then they have been shelved because there has been no money."

"We have a State election in over 12 months and a Federal election within the next 18 months and I think any candidates should pledge money to address the problems of the Ettalong and Umina waterfront," Cr Mehrrens said.

SOURCE:

Interview, 11 Jan 2018
Richard Mehrrens, Central Coast Council
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

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Open letter sent to Central Coast Council

The Community Plan Central Coast group has sent the following open letter to the Central Coast Council.

Those of us who have laboured over these past 15 months to produce the Community Plan Central Coast have also assiduously participated in, and contributed to, the development of the Council's Strategic Plan.

It is our strong hope that the well-thought-out Council's Strategic Plan will be a competently prepared and well-structured plan which outlines a comprehensive "preferred future" for the Central Coast consistent with the expressed wishes of the residents of the Central Coast, and does not leave holes to be filled by distant policies from NSW and Federal governments who do not have the same insight as the researchers and coordinators of the Council's Strategic Plan

It should also be regarded by the Council as its most important planning document, not to be bent, not to be broken, not to be ignored or over-ridden by outside interests

such as developers or political parties through their factions or distant governments.

It occurs to us that, given the NSW Government's Central Coast Regional Plan 2036 is not based on a community consultation and is a self-confessed "NSW Government strategy for guiding land use planning for the Central Coast region" that there will be gaps in policy coverage, and even clashes in policy settings.

Under these circumstances, we at Community Plan Central Coast would reckon, prima facie, that the Council should deliberate, and steadfastly endorse the view that the contents of the Council's Strategic Plan should be operative and that all manner of strategies should be employed by Council to ensure its implementation.

These strategies may include Council approaches to NSW and Federal governments, or resistance to NSW and/or Federal government attempts to over-ride Council's Strategic Plan the preferred future as described by the community.

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Council may, in its relationships with other governments, choose to employ: submissions, media coverage, public debates, public opinion meetings, representations, negotiations, campaigning.

In short, Council should not assume that because the NSW Government has legislative authority over local government that that is the end to the expression of the Will of the People.

The Council's Strategic Plan, if competently constructed and a genuine representation of our preferred future rather than a Swiss cheese plan full of NSW and Federal government holes, will be worth fighting for, including pressing NSW and Federal governments to adequately fund the elements of the Council's Strategic Plan for which they are responsible.

With the 2017 election over, and the prospect of a clean Council now before us, it is time to look ahead, vision a preferred future, plan for it, and begin implementation.

The quality of the Council's Strategic Plan is, of course, crucial.

We understand that a draft of the Council's Strategic Plan will not be available until 27 February.

No-one seems to know the shape of the up-coming draft.

In the absence of information, we are somewhat concerned to ensure that the Council's Strategic Plan includes sub-plans for all our citizens.

For example, we know that there are about 2000 homeless Central Coast people only 10 per cent of whom are housed in emergency accommodation on any night.

We earnestly hope that the upcoming Council's Strategic Plan includes a detailed strategy to house these members of our community with particular attention to defence force veterans, victims of domestic violence, the mentally ill, amongst others.

The Council's Strategic Plan is the place to reveal the best thinking and planning for all areas of urgent need.

These include: the environment, involving a triaged analysis of current and future environment challenges that require urgent attention; Indigenous affairs, requiring a Council process which invites aboriginal input into all key policy areas as well as a comprehensive and internationally-informed youth policy.

The plan should also outline a comprehensive pensioners policy including advocacy to the Federal Government for an above-poverty line living pension for those who need it.

Our economy is another consideration which would require an economic policy with vision that includes a comprehensive smart city strategy and which identifies future areas of job growth and takes action to facilitate it as well as small businesses, who need an encouraging policy.

An education policy which advocates for a Central Coast

University and strengthened TAFE colleges, both geared to the futuristic needs of jobs, youth, and workers is needed, as is a plan which is supported by relevant organisations, for those with a disability.

A fresh approach to the establishment of an iconic cultural centre on the Gosford waterfront needs to be adopted, including both a 1000-seat concert hall and a smaller theatre for local bands, choral concerts, and a variety of artists.

The plan should demonstrate a persistent Council concern for, and oversight of, legal wage rate payments and non-sexist, non-discriminatory work practices throughout the Central Coast in order to support workers and families.

Health and hospitals need to be supported by a Central Coast-wide health policy including an analysis of the availability of, and requirements associated with: GP, specialist, dental, hospital facilities for strong and persistent advocacy to NSW and Federal governments.

A comprehensive and integrated roads and transport plan including: trains, buses, shared transport, freight, roads, kerbing and guttering, parking, pedestrians, cycling should be included.

Finally, climate change should also be targeted through a comprehensive plan to reduce carbon emissions and generate renewable energies as pursued in the Cities Power Partnership.

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Any system is better than this unwieldy, exclusive one

I would like to respond to the assertions from Bruce Hyland, Peninsula News (December 22).

Mr Hyland states that to make the system of electing our councillors more fair we should have a system of "15 one-member wards" and that "there should be no party affiliations shown on the ballot paper".

Such a system would ensure that only members of the Labor or Liberal parties or extremely wealthy individuals would have any chance of being elected.

He continues "a voter should have to fill in every box (or perhaps, a minimum number of boxes) in the order of preference: this will give every elector an incentive, at least, to know the names of the candidates".

Again the big parties or wealthy individuals would benefit by being

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able to flood the letterboxes of the electorate with how-to-vote cards and employ their members to stand at the booths spruiking their candidates.

Given that most people vote the ticket or simply vote to avoid a fine only the donkey would gain any benefit and chaos at the booth would be guaranteed. What fun!

Noting that the Labor Party has vowed to dismantle the forced mergers and a return to 10 member councils, a mixed member proportional or Hare Clark system would be a better outcome.

Any system, other than the Gosford Council we had before the merger, has to be better than this unwieldy and exclusive system.

Wards were never a good idea.

Email, 10 Jan 2018
Bryan Ellis, Umina

A ray of hope on the horizon

At last I see a ray of hope on the horizon.

Mayor Jane Smith's proposal, asking the Deputy of Planning to create a new zone to protect conservation lands, was unanimously endorsed at the NSW Local Government Conference.

This should see the expansion of our Coastal Open Spaces System lands extended throughout the whole of our new Council area.

This will mean that a new zone, E5 Public Conservation, will be applied to all public land designated as conservation land, presently not within National Parks or Reserves.

At last, our Council is a leader and we can be justifiably proud

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of the local initiative to start and develop these lands, which enable wild life to move more safely through larger areas and to move

away from the coast to feed, when necessary, at different times of the year.

It is just unbelievable that at last it will be extended throughout the Central Coast, thus giving consideration to the needs of other animal species that share this space with us, wildlife that is part of the real Australia.

At last, we seem perhaps to have a Council that seriously considers a number of elements that constitute a pleasant and healthy region, not just development, hard surfaces and money.

For the first time in nearly 50 years, I am looking forward with some optimism to the future.

Letter, 11 January 2018
Margaret Lund, Umina

Sand creates hazard on footpaths

Periodically, the Council sweeps up the sand from the gutters along Ettalong beachfront.

Could they try to do the same for the footpath?

This path is shared by cyclists,

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walkers and dogs who all have to continually dodge the sand and each other.

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Chiropractors' Association of Australia (CAA) President, Dr Andrew Lawrence, advises parents that spinal health problems can often go unnoticed.

However, poor posture, back pain or "growing pains" need not become an accepted part of everyday life for your child.

"When choosing a backpack for your child, choose one that allows for even distribution of weight across the back.

Otherwise, the backpack can place unhealthy stress on a child's spine", Dr Lawrence

said.

School can be a challenging time for any child, so ensuring they are as comfortable as possible is important for their physical and mental development.

Dr Lawrence said, "Despite the increased use of technology in schools, schoolchildren still overload their backpacks with textbooks, sports and other gear, or simply do not wear them correctly."

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Plans for sand study supported

Plans by Central Coast Council to complete a sand movement study at Ocean Beach have been supported by Umina Community Group spokesperson Mr Tony Winch.

The Council has applied for a grant from the Office of Environment and Heritage to complete the study.

"The idea of that study is to give a more detailed piece of evidence for the beach so the study is available to anyone offering future solutions and about how we can best accelerate the restoration of the beach," Mr Winch said.

"The beach will eventually restore itself and allow access again," he said.

Mr Winch said his belief that

the beach would "restore itself" was based on his understanding of the Coastal Zone Management Plan that was signed off by NSW Minister for the Environment, Ms Gabrielle Upton, in mid-2017.

"The Coastal Zone Management Plan involved a lot of study of the beach and what is happening to it and it came to the conclusion that the beach is a growing beach so it is not a long-term recession," Mr Winch said.

He said the ongoing lack of public walkways to the beachfront east of the Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club to Ettalong Point would not be permanent.

"The most recent conversation I have had with Central Coast Council is not that they have gone for good."

Mr Winch said it was two years

since the enormous sandbag wall was built at Ettalong Point and it was achieving the results expected.

"The sandbags were seven deep and now you can only see two, it shows the process does happen, the beach does repair, but it is a slow process," he said.

The "immediate and future risk of erosion to the dunes; public safety due to steep erosion escarpments; windblown dune erosion and dune ecology" were the first hazard to be addressed in the Coastal Zone Management Plan for the area east of Ocean Beach Surf Club to Ettalong Point.

The Plan lists seven "management actions".

One key management action listed is repair of beach access ways and revegetation of the dune following erosion in large storm events.

Dune management is to be undertaken "as per standard dune management practice.

The plan also said "consolidation of beach access ways along Umina Beach" should be considered.

The work is the responsibility of Council and Dunecare and the cost is within budget allocations.

According to the Coastal Zone Management Plan, "beach scraping" is to be undertaken "following storm events to build the dune crest level and revegetation".

This involves pushing sand from the beach berm to the toe of the dune escarpment.

Council is supposed to complete the work "after storm events as required" and, again, according to the plan, funding was within budget allocations.

Council is responsible for collapsing the steep eroded escarpment and revegetation following erosion events.

The severely eroded section of the beach between the surf club and Ettalong point has been fenced off for over a year but an excavator has not been used to collapse the dune escarpment and no revegetation has been undertaken in accordance with the techniques of the Coastal Dune Management Manual.

The Coastal Zone Management Plan also identified the need for immediate scraping of sand along the beach from areas with an excess of sand as an interim measure but this work does not appear to have been undertaken.

Investigations and approvals were to be completed in Year 1 of the plan, understood to have been 2017-18 with works to follow immediately after in combination with dune management activities.

The Plan required \$50,000 for interim works another \$50,000 for investigation and approval and \$350,000 a year as a recurrent cost depending on the method of nourishment.

SOURCES:

Interview, 10 Jan 2018

Tony Winch, Umina

Community Group

Gosford Beaches Coastal Zone

Management Plan, 3 Apr 2017

Reporter: Jackie Pearson

Accident proves need for train guards - Tesch

An accident that occurred at Woy Woy train station on December 28 was evidence that the NSW Government should not remove guards from trains, according to the Member for Gosford, Ms Liesl Tesch.

"The swift action of the train driver, the guard and platform staff ensured the best possible outcome for the women who became trapped between two carriages and the platform," Ms Tesch said.

She said the guard immediately identified that the women had fallen

between the train and platform and reacted swiftly.

The guard and driver uncoupled the two carriages that the woman was trapped between and she was able to be freed.

Ms Tesch said the unnamed woman was taken by ambulance to Gosford Hospital with minor injuries.

"This is a good example of why the State Government should not remove guards from our trains," she said.

SOURCE:

Interview, 11 Jan 2018

Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Reporter: Jackie Pearson

Six tonnes of sand to be sculpted

Six tonnes of sand will be delivered to Deepwater Plaza to create sand sculptures these school holidays.

Mr Jino Van Bruinessen from Sandstorm Events will sculpt the sand into three creations throughout the shopping centre on Monday, January 15.

"Jino was born and raised in Holland and moved to Australia 31 years ago," said Deepwater Plaza centre manager Ms Deb McKilligan.

"What started as a one-off

independent sand sculpture in 1992 has unfolded into a series of annual sculpting events including over 20 major Australian events and national championships," she said.

"Jino transforms the sand into a mermaid, a pod of dolphins and a sand castle.

"The sculptures will come tumbling down on January 29, just before school returns," Ms McKilligan said.

SOURCE:

Media release, 9 Jan 2018

Deb McKilligan, Deepwater Plaza

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Project success for retirement village and graduate

A National Disability Insurance Scheme project at a local retirement village has proved rewarding for both the village and the graduate, the village has claimed.

The latest graduate from the program, Mr Shah McPherson, has worked at Peninsula Village for just over 12 months, helping and caring for residents of the village.

"It was a rewarding experience for both parties," said chief

executive Mr Shane Neaves.

"The confidence Shah gained from engaging with residents and leading technology and computer classes has led him to securing a job that he begins next year.

"The residents have really enjoyed working with him and Shah has imparted so much knowledge to our team and residents."

Mr McPherson's placement was part of a joint initiative between Peninsula Village and employment specialist Breakthru where he joined the village's leisure and lifestyle team to assist with resident activities and events.

Breakthru employee Mr Grant Tomkins attributed Mr McPherson's success to his social development at Peninsula Village and the growth he experienced leading the computer education classes.

"The partnership between Peninsula Villages and Breakthru with Shah this year has been hugely successful and Breakthru are now on the lookout for someone to replace Shah at the Village to continue the good work Shah has begun," Mr Tomkins said.

"We are excited Shah secured employment next year and wish him all the best in his next role," said Mr Neaves.

SOURCE:

Media release, 8 Jan 2018
Katey Small, BrilliantLogic

Program to reduce risk of falling

A free program aimed at teaching seniors about dealing with falls and how to undertake daily activities in a safer way will take place in February through Peninsula Village, Umina.

Stepping On is a seven-week program and is an initiative of the NSW Department of Health, presented by Adssi HomeLiving Australia at Peninsula Villages.

The program is designed for older people who are living independently in the community and who have fallen or are fearful of falling.

Participation in Stepping On gives older people the confidence to undertake their everyday activities more safely and independently, to

reduce their risk of falling.

"If you've had a fall, or are worried about falling, this free program will help you build skills, strength and confidence to prevent future falls," said program coordinator Ms Fay Huckstepp.

To participate in Stepping On, attendees must: be 65 years or older and live independently, be able to walk independently or with a walking stick.

This program is not suitable for people with dementia or with neuromuscular conditions.

Interested parties should contact Adssi HomeLiving on 1300 578 478 to register.

SOURCE:

Media release, 9 Jan 2018
Kristin Whitney, Adssi
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0412 155 391
www.ebacc.com.au
ebacc_email@gmail.com

Hospital Art Australia Inc.
Meet every Tue and Fri
9am-2pm - 109 Birdwood Ave,
Umina - Painting and Canvas drawing. Volunteers welcome
hospitalartaaustralia.com.au
0431 363 347

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National Parks Association Central Coast
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www.coastcommunityconnections.com.au
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3rd Tues 10.30am
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2nd Mon Umina Beach Bowling Club 7.30pm 4342 3676

Ourimbah/ Narara Branch
Niagara Park Primary School
7.30pm 1st Mon
0410 309 494
kyle.macgregor@hotmail.com

Woy Woy Branch
Everglades Country Club
7.30pm 2nd Mon
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belindaneal@bigpond.com

Peninsula Day Branch
1pm 2nd Mon
CWA Hall Woy Woy
4341 9946

Central Coast Greens
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3rd Thur,
centralcoast.nsw.greens.org.au
centralcoastgreens@gmail.com

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Woy Woy
www.brisbane-water.bridge-club.org

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War Memorial Club,
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4342 1107

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Craft & Friends
Wednesdays 9.30am
2nd and 4th Sundays 12.15pm
0416 193 070 - 4340 1746

Country Women's Association Woy Woy
30 The Boulevard, Woy Woy
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Ph: 0411 434 785
woywoycwa@gmail.com

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Encourage development in Woy Woy, says Chamber

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce wants to see a new masterplan for Woy Woy “focus on planning controls that encourage residential accommodation that complements the retail and commercial base”, according to president Mr Matthew Wales.

Central Coast Council expects to have a new Woy Woy Town Centre Masterplan in place by June 2020.

“The Chamber encourages Council to create a working committee of key stakeholders including property owners, local professionals and business people so that the aspirations of the local business community are reflected in the debate,” he said.

“We need a new urban planning and design approach to the town centre so that we can attract new investment and create attractive opportunities for existing property owners and outside investors.

“The town has all the right ingredients to support multi-level residential accommodation which has been a feature of other town centres along rail and transport corridors yet for a variety of reasons, this type of development has been shunned in Woy Woy.

“Woy Woy town centre has the potential to be a vibrant major growth centre and we applaud Council’s commitment to the new Masterplan.

“Woy Woy is in a prime position to capitalise on key assets such as the waterfront precinct, the rail

interchange and national store brands and yet has failed to attract substantial new development in recent years,” he said.

“It has been disappointing in recent years that Woy Woy has failed to attract new mixed use-residential development in the town centre close to the rail hub.

“The new Masterplan is essential for the long-term viability of the Woy Woy town centre,” said Mr Wales.

SOURCE:

Media release, 11 Jan 2018
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Peninsula directory of services, contacts and support groups

Ambulance, Police, Fire 000

Emergency

Ambulance, Police, Fire 000
Police Assistance Line 131 444
Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000
Woy Woy Police Station 4379 7399
Energy Australia 13 13 88
Gas Emergency 131 909
Gosford City Council 4325 8222
Marine Rescue NSW - Central Coast 4325 7929
SES - Storm and Flood Emergency 132 500
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Organisations
Mingaletta 4342 7515
Aboriginal Home Care 4321 7215
Drug & Alcohol rehab 4388 6360
Accommodation
Dept. of Housing Gosford 4323 5211
Cassie4Youth 4322 3197
Coast Shelter 4325 3540
Pacific Link Com Housing 4324 7617
Rumbalara Youth Refuge 4325 7555
Samaritans Youth Services 4351 1922
Youth Angle • Woy Woy 4341 8830
Woy Woy Youth Cottage 4341 9027
Animal Rescue
Wildlife Arc 4325 0666
Wires 1300 094 737
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Peninsula Community Centre 4341 9333
Men's Shed Cluster Inc 0413 244 484
Counselling
Centacare: 4324 6403
Relationship Australia: 1300 364 277
Interrelate: 1800 449 118
Family and Relationships
Centacare Gosford 4324 6403
Central Coast Family Support Service 4340 1099
Horizons (For men with children) 4351 5008
Uniting Care Burnside Gosford 1800 067 967

Health

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Ambulance Text Mobile 106
Ambulance GSM 112
Gosford Hospital 4320 2111
Woy Woy Hospital 4344 8444
Sexual Health @ Gosford Hospital 4320 2114
After Hours GP Help Line 1800 022 222
Legal & Financial Help
Financial Counselling Service 4334 2304
Tenants' Advice and Advocacy Service 4353 5515
Woy Woy Court 4344 0111
Libraries
Gosford district:
Umina Beach 4304 7333
Woy Woy 4304 7555

Problems, Habits & Addiction

Alcoholics Anonymous 4323 3890
Narcotics Anonymous 4325 0524
Professional support phone services:

Mental Health Line 1800 011 511
Beyondblue 1300 224 636
Domestic Violence Line 1800 656 463
Lifeline 13 11 14
Kids Help Line 1800 551 800
Griefline 1300 845 745
Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467
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Busways 4368 2277
City Rail 131 500
Welfare Services
Gosford Family Support 4340 1585
Meals on Wheels 4341 6699
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Drive in craft and movie, Woy Woy Library. 2:30pm to 4pm
Summer Sand Wonderland at Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy, daily until January 29

Tuesday, Jan 16

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

Wednesday, Jan 17

Family Food Fiesta, Mexican Food and activities, Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, 10:30am to 1pm, bookings essential

Saturday, Jan 20

The Punk Rock Hillbilly, Hardys Bay Club, 7:30pm

Sunday, Jan 21

Jam with Top Cat, Hardys Bay Club, 2pm

Monday, Jan 22

Summer Storytime, Woy Woy Library, 10:30am to 11:30am

Wednesday, Jan 24

Games Maker, Umina Library, 10am to 11:30am

Thursday, Jan 25

Summer Youth Fest, Umina Skate Park, gaming, activities,

sports tasters, support, food and freebies, 2pm to 7pm

Friday, Jan 26

Australia Day Breakfast, Wagstaffe Community Hall, 8:30am

Pearl Beach Kids Club Australia Day Races for six to 14 year olds, Memorial Hall

Australia Day live music and entertainment, lantern parade, games, market and food stalls, The Foreshore, Woy Woy, 2pm to 9:30pm

Australia Day on the Terrace, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club, with Aussie Rock sing-a-long, 12pm to 3pm, bookings essential
The Australian INXS Show and Wild Thing The Australian Divinyls Show, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club, bookings essential

Australia Day with Driftwood, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club, 12pm open with band from 2pm

Woy Woy Little Theatre Presents Australia Day, Peninsula Theatre, 8pm, bookings essential, also Jan 27, Feb 2, 3, 9, 10 at 8pm and Jan 28, Feb 4, 10, 11 at 2pm, bookings essential

Saturday, Jan 27

Troubadour Folk Club presents Jitensha, Duo from Canada, CWA Hall, The

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Sunday, Jan 28

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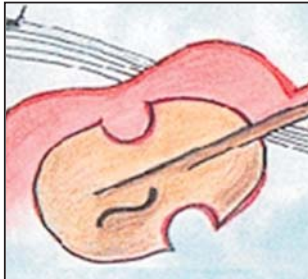
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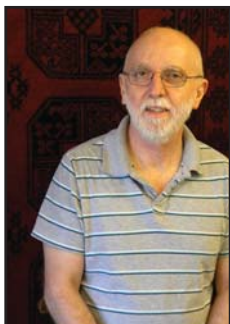
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New electronic waste contractor engaged at the tip

A new electronic waste contractor has been engaged at Woy Woy in an attempt to recycle more of the component parts as well as to produce an income stream for the council.

"More of the items' parts are also being recycled including circuit boards, plastic and metals, reducing the impact on our landfills," said mayor Cr Jane Smith.

"Previously, we were required to pay for e-waste items to be recycled, but now Council is being paid with funds able to be redirected towards community assets and services."

Cr Smith said the new contractor used Swiss-designed technology packed in a 40ft container to break down the e-waste including flat panel displays, smart phones and laptops.

"The process uses an innovative system to break down and separate parts including the extraction of mercury from LCD backlighting tubes," she said.

"E-waste can pose major

problems when not disposed of correctly, with toxic chemicals such as mercury and lead causing possible pollution and contamination.

"Through this new engagement, residents can now drop off up to 15 household e-waste items at either of our waste management facility at Woy Woy."

The new e-waste contractor, Toxfree, aimed to maximise e-waste recycling and reduce the amount of electronics ending up in landfill.

Cr Smith said this was an excellent initiative and encouraged residents to take advantage of this free service.

Items accepted include desktops, laptops, monitors, modems, keyboards, cables, drives and related accessories, printers and scanners, kitchen appliances, cooling and heating devices, audio equipment, electronic tools, electronic garden equipment and mobile phones

SOURCE:
Media release, 3 Jan 2018
Angela Walsh, Central Coast Council Media



Woy Woy Little Theatre's cast for Australia Day

Little Theatre performs satirical comedy Australia Day

Jonathon Biggins' satirical comedy Australia Day will be performed at Peninsula Theatre by Woy Woy Little Theatre opening on Australia Day, January 26, for a three-week season.

Theatre veteran Mr Bruce Hyland is playing the lead role of Brian, the Mayor of Coriole and head of the Australia Day committee determined to make the annual celebration one to remember.

Brian has to juggle personality clashes on the committee, last-minute setbacks and political machinations around his own bid for a Federal seat in parliament as the hilarious play unfolds.

"Brian is a stereotypical small

businessman in a regional city where climate-change denial, disrespect for aborigines and opposition to change is the norm," Mr Hyland said.

"He is a firm believer in the free market, until the free market actually affects him adversely.

"He probably thinks of himself as honest, although he's quite prepared to act illegally, if it suits him.

"He espouses the tradition of mateship, but will abandon a mate if it's advantageous to him.

"It makes him an interesting character to play, because you want the audience to recognise his faults while sympathising with the predicament that he finds himself in.

"Many of the elements of the

play will seem very relevant to residents of Woy Woy," Mr Hyland said.

Ms Terry Collins who plays Maree said: "Over the last 12 months, Australia Day has been the most performed play in theatres around Australia, with its poignant use of humour in a way that allows the audience to laugh at things that would normally make them cringe.

"Joining Bruce in the production are theatre stalwarts Andy Kabanoff, Stephen Cummings, Rosemary Parsons and myself, along with impressive newcomer Loc Hua."

The production is directed by Graham Vale.

SOURCE:
Media release, 10 Jan 2018
Terry Collins, Woy Woy Little Theatre

Permanent dredging solution is supported - Tesch

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has said support for a permanent solution to the ongoing siltation of the navigation channel was coming from "across the community".

She said a petition with 1000 signatures would be delivered to the NSW Parliament in support of a permanent solution to the dredging of the navigation channel that provides access to and from Brisbane Water from Broken Bay.

Ms Tesch said she had already tabled over 600 signatures on a petition in 2017.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president, Mr Matthew Wales said: "There is a fair bit of evidence the emergency dredging has been fairly ineffective.

"We don't want to see any more funds wasted on a stop gap measure when Central Coast Council has a long-term plan that will solve the dredging issue," he said.

"The submission made

to government for funding incorporated that plan which includes dredging, renourishment of the beach and removal of sand from the system.

"More importantly there is acknowledgement that ongoing funding must be put aside for ongoing maintenance dredging.

"Hence, they included the cost of the purchase of a dredge in their proposal.

"We think that is a good thing but we hope it doesn't complicate the process for the funding," he

said.

"We are still holding our breath on the funding application for the Ettalong dredging and we have been urging the government to deal with that application as quickly as it can."

Ms Tesch said: "I can't wait to table another 1000 when parliament recommences for 2018.

"I have collected the signatures by approaching people on the street and in local clubs," she said.

Residents from Hardys Bay and Killcare as well as from Ettalong,

Booker Bay and Woy Woy had signed the petition.

"I am looking forward to a NSW Government or Central Coast Council announcement that they have found a permanent solution to the safety of the channel," she said.

SOURCE:
Interview, 11 Jan 2018
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford
Interview, 11 Jan 2018
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
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