

## Holstein moves to revive Rawson Rd level crossing work

**Deputy mayor Cr Chris Holstein is planning to have Central Coast Council support the resumption of work to replace the Rawson Rd level crossing.**

Cr Holstein said he had submitted a notice of motion about the replacement of the level crossing which he expected would be debated at a February council meeting.

Cr Holstein said he would be calling on council to make representations to the NSW Premier, relevant Ministers and to Mr Scot MacDonald, Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast.

"The works are imperative," Cr Holstein said.

"I believe the rationale and reasons for discontinuing it were not substantiated enough and were not valid," he said.

The former Gosford Council, according to Cr Holstein, "went and did a gold ribbon solution on the pedestrian underpass, the road underpass works commenced and then the Government came back and said it was cost-prohibitive."

"I have an understanding of why the project was canned or put to the side and it was around dollars, but the option they were considering was farcical and not justifiable and about removing the project from the agenda," Cr Holstein said.

"Their reason for pulling out of it was that it was going to be too cost-prohibitive but it wasn't cost-prohibitive until they came up with the railway's solution."

"I think that was an excuse: They found the most costly solution and that sent the project away."

"At no stage beforehand had cost been an issue."

"Railways said what their requirements to construct the underpass would be and they were unrealistic conditions because they would not be prepared to see any closures of the line."

"They actually wanted to put bypass rails on either side of the underpass so the line could continue to operate while the underpass was constructed and that would be a physical impossibility."

Cr Holstein said he did not believe money already spent on roadworks at Bulls Hill was wasted.



Traffic waiting to cross the rail line and, inset, NSW Government's promise of 2018 completion

"There is still a definite need to have safer access, a formal secondary access to the Peninsula."

"We have seen it with what happened the other morning when we had a burst water main on Brisbane Water Dve."

"We have seen that with bushfires. We have seen that with road accidents."

Cr Holstein said his motion would include council writing to the leader of the NSW Opposition seeking his support if Labor won government in March 2019.

"The reality is we have had incidents at that crossing."

"It is not safe."

"We need a more effective and faster rail service and you are not going to get that if you still have level crossings."

"Movement of traffic on the Peninsula from north to south is a further consideration."

"The benefits of a Rawson Rd underpass go beyond the electorate of Gosford."

"It would greatly benefit the people who come from the Terrigal electorate via Maitland Bay Dve to use the M1," Cr Holstein said.

Member for Gosford, Ms Liesl Tesch, has vowed to continue to fight for the Rawson Road Level Crossing Replacement Project, a NSW Government project, which was due for completion in 2018.

Ms Tesch said the current NSW

Government would be bringing down its final budget before the March 2019 election in June.

She said she would be reminding the Government in the months prior to the budget that the Peninsula community "still wants a solution to the replacement of the dangerous Rawson Rd level crossing".

"Labor has agreed that, if elected in March 2019, we will replace the level crossing and I am now talking to engineers about alternative proposals that will cost less than the \$110 million that was this Government's last estimate," Ms Tesch said.

According to documents obtained by the Shadow Minister for the Central Coast, Mr David Harris, using the state's Government Information Public Access law, by October 20, 2016, the NSW Government had paid Gosford and Central Coast Council \$15.2 million.

Of that, \$4.1 million had been spent on project management and consultancy fees, \$5.8 million on the pedestrian underpass and adjacent road and footpath work and \$5.3 million on preparatory works and road construction at the base of Bull's Hill.

Funds were allocated up until June 2016 but the NSW Government appeared to get cold feet about the project much earlier

even though they kept paying Council's bills for work completed.

Payment claims had been submitted monthly by the Council and paid regularly by the NSW Government.

In February 2014, internal correspondence between officers of Gosford Council indicated a program for the replacement of the level crossing.

Construction of the rail underpass was to commence in December 2014 and was estimated to take 18 months with completion slated for mid-2016.

The former Council believed the level crossing would be closed in July 2017.

Its breakdown of stages and budgets estimated the total project would cost \$92 million but those plans never came to fruition.

Although a great deal of the information in the GiPA documents has been blacked out, cost blow-outs and a communication breakdown between Council and NSW Transport appeared to start in 2014.

In October 2014, NSW Roads and Maritime Services disputed Council's \$92 million estimate and claimed the total cost of the project would be \$130 million.

A project control group was appointed in late 2014 and it was at that time that Council received a directive stating that, "effective

immediately", all rail bridges within the rail corridor would be managed by Transport for NSW and that all road bridges over rail infrastructure would be managed by Roads and Maritime Services.

As a result control of the project was moved from Gosford Council to Transport for NSW.

Road works adjoining the proposed rail bridge at Bulls Hill were well under construction by February 2015, according to the correspondence.

Project timelines continued to blow out due to Transport for NSW reviewing all plans and decisions.

"Nearly four months has passed and I am now being advised that the plans will have to be reviewed by TPD," said one email from Mr Scott Burton, of Gosford Council.

"Historically, reviews undertaken by TPD take a considerable period of time."

"Combined with the fact that road works on site will now need to stop due to this delay, this places this project in a very difficult position of delivery within the State Government's expected timeframe."

In March 2015, according to the documents, a Brisbane based consultant produced an options estimate report for Transport for NSW on the project that incorporated the Woy Woy rail underbridge, Shoalhaven Dve underbridge upgrade and removal of Rawson Rd level crossing.

Six alternate designs were considered but the estimated cost information and risk analysis was completely deleted from the GiPA documents.

Gosford Council representatives were not included in meetings to discuss the various options with NSW Government representatives.

A final business case assurance review report was then prepared by Transport for NSW in June 2015 but its contents was completed redacted from the GiPA document.

**SOURCES:**

Interview, 23 Jan 2018

Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Interview, 24 Jan 2018

Chris Holstein, Central

Coast Council

GiPA emails and reports, 2014-2016

Clarinda Campbell, NSW

Roads and Maritime

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## No rain for past two weeks

The Peninsula has now had seven months in a row of below-average rainfall according to data collected by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

Between January 15 and January 25, not a single millimetre of rain was recorded on the Peninsula.

The wettest day so far has been January 9 when 24.7mm was recorded.

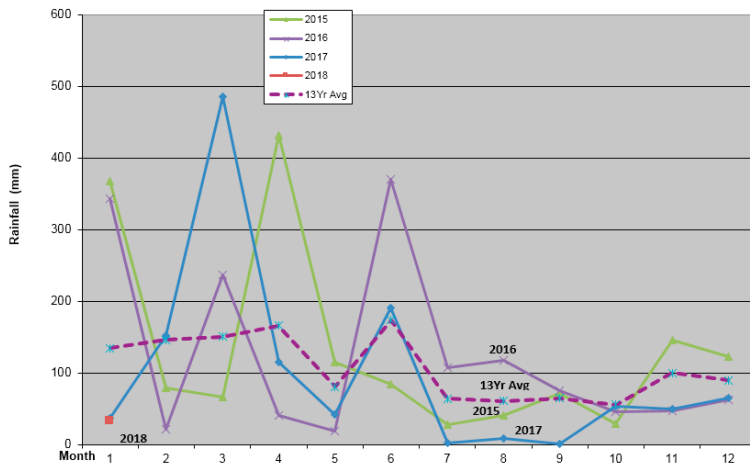
The only other rainfall since then was 1.4mm on January 10 and 0.4mm on January 14.

Without a very wet end to the month, the Peninsula's total rainfall for January could be 100mm or 75 per cent below the monthly average for January.

The Australian Bureau of Meteorology defines drought as rainfall over a three-month period being in the lowest decile of what has been recorded for that region in the past.

On that basis, whilst the Central Coast's dams are currently at healthy levels, the area must be

Monthly Rainfall



close to that BoM definition.

February, March and April are usually months of high rainfall on the Peninsula, according to Mr Morrison's monthly averages (146mm, 151mm and 166mm).

The year 2013 was the last time above-average rainfall was recorded on the Peninsula in February, March and April.

In 2014 all rainfall for all three months was below average, then in 2015 one out of the three months produced above-average falls.

In 2016 and 2017 rainfall was above average for two out of three of those months.

**SOURCE:**  
 Rainfall data, 25 Jan 2018  
 Jim Morrison, Umina

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# Water main break causes extensive traffic delays

**A large water main break on Brisbane Water Dr, between the Spike Milligan Bridge and the Boulevard intersection at Woy Woy, resulted in extensive traffic delays on Monday, January 22.**

The breakage occurred just before 10pm on Sunday, January 21, and traffic was directed to use a single lane, while crews undertook repairs.

Water was flowing into the Woy Woy channel from a pipe on the northern side of Brisbane Water Dr and a large hole formed on the southern side of the road between the road surface and the rail line.

Emergency repairs continued through the night and during Monday, resulting in major traffic delays with cars travelling from Gosford towards the Peninsula banked back to Tascott train station at some points during the day.

Cars travelling towards Brisbane Water Dr from Woy Woy and other parts of the Peninsula were also at a standstill as far back as the intersection of Station St and Ocean Beach Rd.

The Central Coast Council chose to communicate with affected residents via social media

using #CCCWater and did not issue any official media statement about the incident.

At around 11am on Monday, Council used Twitter to tell residents repairs were continuing.

"To allow us to undertake the complicated repair as quickly as possible, we are asking everyone in the Peninsula to conserve water this morning," the Council's social media feed said.

"Please delay any non-essential water use including clothes and dish washing, watering of gardens and water play," it said.

Due to the tidal influence of Brisbane Water on the location of the water main break, repair work to the water main and the road surface continued throughout Monday night.

Brisbane Water Dr reopened at around 9:30am on Tuesday.

Member for Gosford, Ms Liesl Tesch said constituents had informed her that the trip from Gosford to Woy Woy along Brisbane water drive had taken over an hour due to the lane closure.

Ms Tesch said she had visited the site to attempt to get some more information directly from the workers.

"We have received no information from Central Coast Council,"

"They have tweeted but not made any official statement," she said.

"It reminded me of the scene in the movie The Castle - 'like the time I dug a hole'," she said.

"The situation was telling, not just about our local road system but our infrastructure has not kept pace with the population.

"We need our infrastructure to be upgraded in parallel with development and it is not just up to the State Government.

"If Council is approving development on the Peninsula, it needs to ensure, as part of putting together a new comprehensive Local Environment Plan, it addresses the payment of Section 94 contributions by developers to make sure they are paying their fair share to provide infrastructure to the population including the basics like water and sewer."

#### SOURCES:

Website, 19-23 Jan 2018

Central Coast Incident

Alerts facebook page

Interview, 23 Jan 2018

Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Reporter: Jackie Pearson



The hole at the side of Brisbane Water Dve near Spike Milligan Bridge



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## Councillor calls for banners in West St

Cr Richard Mehrstens has called for the return of banners to West St, Umina, for occasions like Australia Day, Easter and Christmas.

Cr Mehrstens said that several years ago banners flew for such occasions.

He said he was disappointed that banners were absent this Australia Day, a concern he said was shared by a number of locals who had spoken to him.

"It seems like such a simple thing, but having the banners flying on Australia Day contributes so much to the atmosphere and celebrations on the Peninsula for our national day," Cr Mehrstens said.

"Council put on great events at the Woy Woy Waterfront this year, but clearly by the number of people who have raised this matter with me, the lack of flag banners is felt by the community."

Cr Mehrstens took the matter to Council staff and asked questions about why the banners failed to fly for another year.

"When the banners hadn't been installed by early January, I asked questions hoping that it might prompt a review of the situation, but was told that the banners had deteriorated to such a state that they couldn't be flown," Cr

Mehrstens said.

"It's disappointing that the banners have been left to waste away in a storage room somewhere, and they weren't replaced in time to ensure that the community didn't miss out this year."

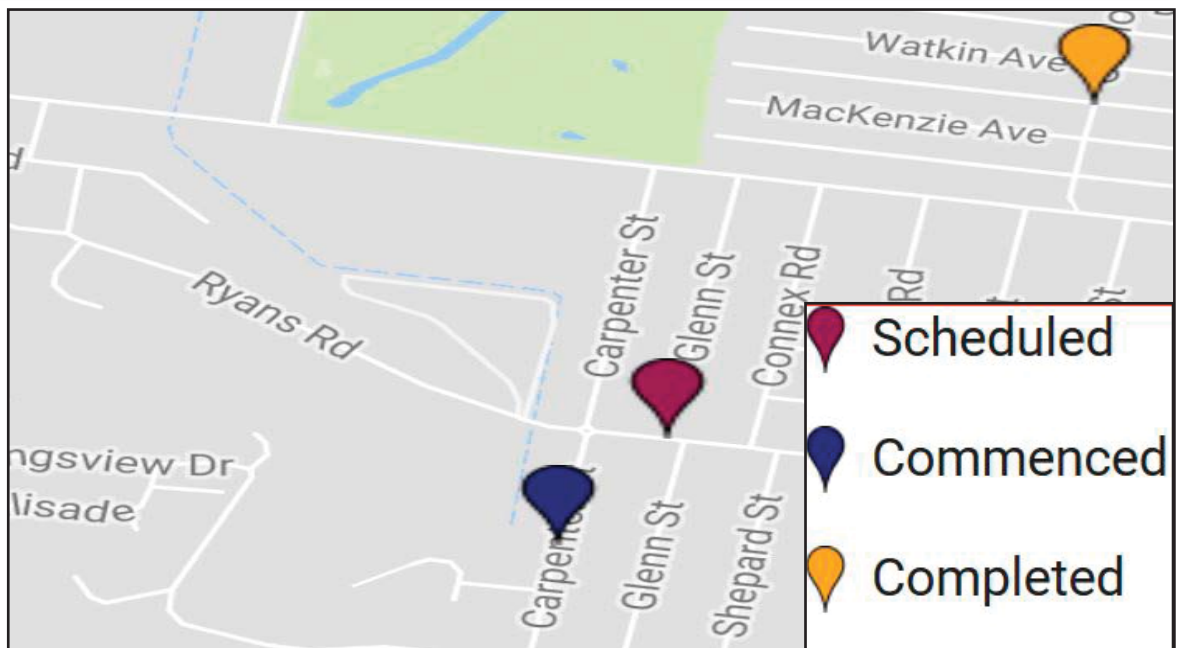
Council staff claimed budgetary restrictions were also to blame for the lack of banners, with traffic management during installation an expense left unfunded.

"If dozens of banners can hang along the Tuggerah straight and budget can be found for that, then I can't see why we can't have that on the Peninsula to celebrate Australia Day," Cr Mehrstens said.

"I will work with Council staff to ensure that the budget is available next Australia Day, as well as for other major celebrations and events in the future, to ensure that banners will again hang along West St."

Central Coast Council advised that its Community Partnerships Unit had recently undertaken a project to audit existing banner locations and related infrastructure, and that the local community will be engaged through the process to provide input into the design.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 24 Jan 2018  
Richard Mehrstens, Central Coast Council



## Ryans Rd construction starts after two-month delay

**The 37-week reconstruction of Ryans Rd, Umina, has started after a two-month delay.**

Central Coast Council has stated that it delayed the start date from November to January to avoid resident disruption over the festive season.

"The project remains on track for completion by June 30," according to the Council's online "roads and drainage projects mapping tool".

The full length of Ryans Rd will be reconstructed as part of this

project including street drainage, kerb and gutter, footpath, road pavement works and resurfacing of the road, the web page stated.

The work is part of a \$1.65 million pledge secured during the 2016 federal election campaign by Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks.

The funding was approved for upgrades to Ryans Rd and David Rd in Booker Bay.

Council committed an additional \$1 million to complete the works which consisted of essential

upgrades to drainage, kerbing, guttering and footpaths.

"The upgrades will improve safety for both motorists and pedestrians, linking pedestrian and bus facilities to existing services and offering local residents quality road infrastructure," Council wrote in a statement responding to questions from Peninsula News.

**SOURCES:**  
Website, 24 Jan 2018  
Roads and Drainage Projects Map  
Media statement, 22 Dec 2017  
Brian Bell, Central Coast Council

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# Council approves non-complying development

**Central Coast Council has allowed another development that does not comply with planning guidelines on the basis that nearby buildings do not comply either.**

The block of four flats in Booker Bay, costing \$958,000, has been approved by the Council.

"The setbacks from the eastern and western side boundaries are generally consistent with setbacks of other developments in the immediate locality," the council stated in its determination, despite them not falling within planning guidelines.

Last month, council received an application to build three townhouses in Umina that did not comply with planning guidelines which was justified by the applicant on the basis of the Council's planning failure.

The council had not followed its own guidelines "on numerous occasions", the application stated.

The Booker Bay development was opposed by local residents who presented a petition with 101 signatures objecting to the



*Aerial view of battle axe block at Booker Bay*

building.

Council's assessment reported that three public submissions and the signed petition had been received.

However, Council's digital DA tracker shows that nine submissions were received between August and October.

The report noted that the proposed project did not comply with planning controls for setback and articulation.

Deep soil setbacks required in the Gosford Development Control Plan 2013 are a minimum of two metres on side boundaries, with deep soil planting along front and rear boundaries.

Side setbacks for buildings up to two storeys are supposed to be a minimum of four metres with 3.5 metres to the external wall.

The Council has approved this project with deep soil alongside boundaries ranging from 900mm

to two metres, with 1.2 metres along the rear and foreshore area instead of the minimum six metres and 900mm side setback to the external wall instead of 3.5 metres.

According to Council's assessment, the variation is acceptable because "the proposal provides a reasonable setback to the foreshore that is consistent with the established building line between

neighbouring properties.

"The use of low impact construction in suspended floors and decks rather than extensive landfilling to elevate habitable floors is proposed.

"Proposed terraces, the pool and retaining wall, are considered not to compromise the privacy and amenity of neighbouring dwellings.

"The proposal is suitably articulated towards the waterfront.

"There are no monotonous exterior walls, the proposed bulk and scale does not compromise the scenic quality of the area and the building is compatible with the predominant pattern of buildings and gardens within the context.

"Each facade demonstrates a high level of articulation through varied setbacks, use of different materials and integration of internal courtyard-lightwells," the assessment report said.

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The Council stated: "The setbacks from the eastern and western side boundaries are generally consistent with setbacks of other developments in the immediate locality.

"Recessed courtyards are provided along the eastern and western setbacks ... to provide articulation to these elevations and deep soil areas.

"The reduced setbacks of the proposed development do not have any significant detrimental impact on the amenity of the adjoining properties particularly in relation to overshadowing as the site has a north south orientation.

"The reduced setbacks allow for each of the units to have opportunities for a view of the adjoining waterfront which improves the amenity within the proposed units.

"Whilst there is limited amount of deep soil area provided, the vegetation between the rear boundary and the water's edge will be retained."

The battle-axe land fronts Brisbane Water on the south side of Booker Bay Rd between Webb Rd and Davis St surrounded by one and two storey single dwelling houses.

The owner proposes to demolish the existing house and garage and replace it with a two storey residential flat building that will contain four three-bedroom units and four attached single garages.

Council stated it has dealt with community's objections to 10 car parking spaces by reducing the number to six.

Council's assessment report stated: "The potential constraints of the site have been assessed and it is considered that the site is suitable for the proposed development.

"Subject to the imposition of appropriate conditions, the proposed development is not expected to have an adverse social or economic impact.

"It is considered that the proposed development will complement the locality and meet the desired future character of the area."

Booker Bay resident Mr Alf Quinten, who submitted an objection, said he was disappointed to find out the project had been approved via Council's website.

"We submitted the petition with 100 signatures but never had a response to it, other than a generic auto-response email," Mr Quinten said.

An his submission, Mr David Hewitt noted that the developer had recognised some privacy issues by scaling back the oversized balcony overlooking the rear of 370 Booker Bay Rd.

"Whilst we appreciate that the architect has recognized some of his earlier design issues, we are still in opposition to his revised plans as they only partially solve some of the privacy impacts," Mr Hewitt wrote.

"We still feel that the development does not pass the character assessment for its location due to its overall bulk and scale," he said.

Council's consent will lapse five years from December 21.

The developer will be required to pay a total of \$48,603 in Section 94 contributions which will be spent on roadworks (\$2850), open space land (\$7840), open space embellishment (\$20,816), community facilities (\$476), community facilities capital (\$7297), drainage for land (\$1952) and drainage capital (\$7372).

A construction certificate will not be issued until the Section 94 contributions, indexed quarterly for inflation, are paid.

Another condition of approval is that one unit will be nominated as an adaptable dwelling.

**SOURCES:**  
Letter, 12 Jan 2018  
Alf Quinten, Booker Bay  
DA52610/2017, Gosford DA Tracker



Millie the Labradoodle was shot with a spear gun

## Man refused bail on animal cruelty charges

**A man faced Gosford Local Court on Tuesday, January 23, on animal cruelty charges after allegedly shooting a dog with a spear gun in Woy Woy.**

Police alleged in court that a 45-year-old man forced entry into a home on Cogra Rd, Woy Woy, at about midday on Monday, January 21, and allegedly hit the dog over the head, causing several lacerations.

It was further alleged after becoming stuck between a fence and garage wall, the man fired a spear gun, striking the animal in the head.

Officers attached to Brisbane

Water Local Area Command were alerted and attended the location.

The 45-year-old man was arrested and taken to Gosford Police Station where he was charged with committing an act of aggravated cruelty upon an animal, firing spear gun in manner likely to injure person or property, and breaking and entering a house and stealing.

The Woy Woy man was refused bail.

The dog was taken to a veterinary clinic where she underwent surgery.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 23 Jan 2018  
Mick Fuller, NSW Police

# SCHOLTEN

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the former Ettalong Markets at Ettalong Beach  
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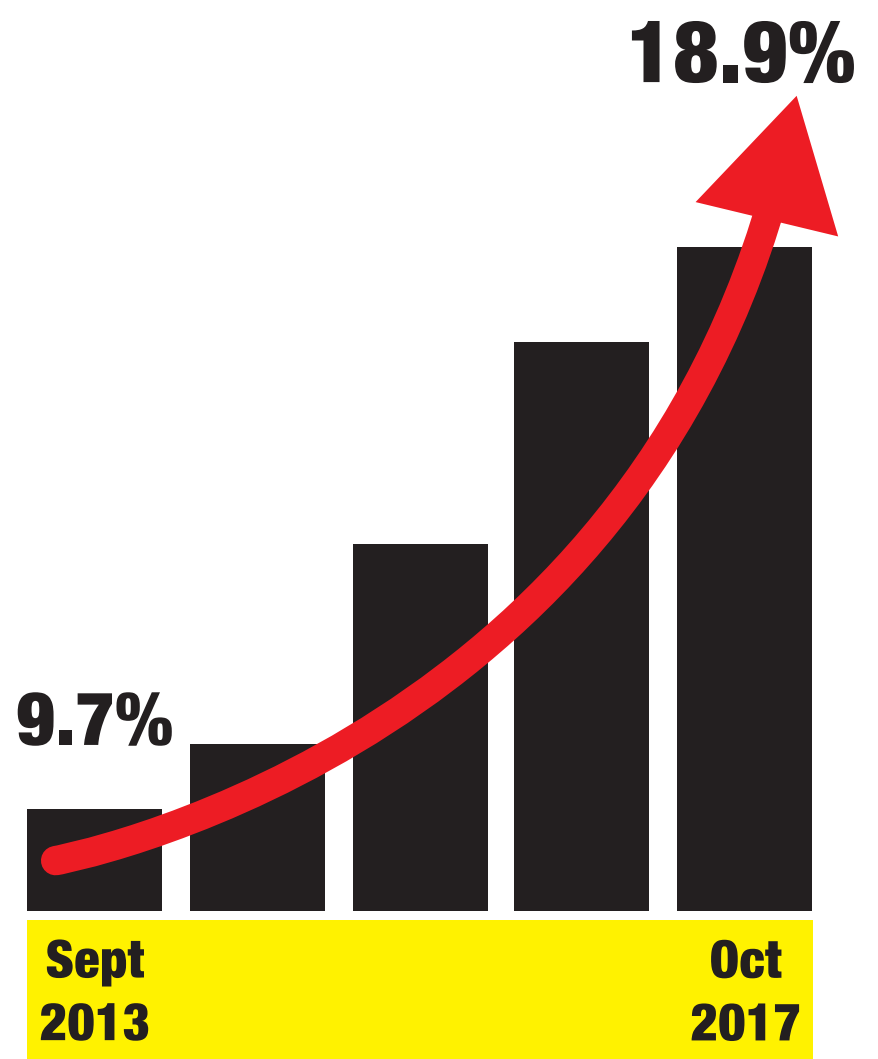
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**Peninsula residents should be cautious in dealing with any organisation selling "discount" solar energy packages door-to-door.**

That is the message from both NSW Fair Trading and the Central Coast Community Energy Association following reports of door-to-door salesmen being active on the Peninsula.

"Consumers should be suspicious of people who offer cheap deals or pressure them into accepting their offer," Fair Trading said in response to questions from Peninsula News.

"Door-to-door sales involve salespeople visiting your home to sell goods and services, including utilities.

"Often, these salespeople use pressure tactics to influence you into buying something you may not need or can't afford."

Central Coast Community Energy Association founder, Mr Jo Muller, said the association supported "powering the Central Coast with community-owned renewable energy".

Founder of the group, Mr Jo Muller said: "We want to educate members of the community to make sure that they make the right decisions and are not lured into some obscure deals because they have no way of comparing the offers," he said.

The association's website has useful calculators and it meets regularly to provide independent guidance about its options.

Door knockers from Smart

Energy Group appear to be currently targeting the Peninsula, with a "community bulk buy" scheme for solar installation.

On the card they leave, they advertise free "community installation", where in fact it appears payment is required for the installation over up to seven years, at an undisclosed interest rate.

While claiming to be "solar specialists" who will "provide a tailored solution for your property", they are not licensed solar installers, but sub-contract that out.

Similarly while offering to help arrange finance, they are not a licensed finance company.

It appears they even contract out their marketing and sales at times.

"Want to run a bulk-buy campaign for your community? Get in touch and nominate your community to be next to reap the rewards," the company's website states.

There are no technical or pricing details of the systems offered by the company on its website.

Mr Muller said "I have never heard of this company before and I am also concerned, especially as

their website is extremely blurry on information.

"An offer of finance might actually be a rip off as it may be much better to finance solar systems from an existing home loan at low interest rates."

Smart Energy Group managing director Mr Beau Savage confirmed his company was selling solar energy packages door-to-door on the Peninsula.

Mr Savage said the Smart Energy Group had been in operation for "about a year".

The group's door-to-door representatives have been leaving "Community Bulk Buy Savings Vouchers" in residents' mailboxes if they are not home when their door is knocked.

The voucher includes a Community Installation Fee of \$0 with a crossed-out Installation Fee RRP of \$2380.

Mr Savage said: "We work in individual areas at a time and bulk buy solar systems for that particular community so that we are able to reduce the overall cost for each customer.

"Solar can be expensive, so community bulk buys enable the cost of the system to be significantly reduced so that everyone can afford it.

"The reason we do door-to-door is because from our experience people prefer it this way and for Australia it's the most common method, however we also use other methods too."

Mr Savage said some customers pay off the cost of the solar installation over seven years and claimed that the costs, after the installation bulk buy "discount" range from \$2000 to \$4000 for systems from 3kW to 15kW.

"We don't [have a credit licence] as we aren't a finance company, but we are authorised to help the customers go through the finance company who are licensed to organise credit," he said.

NSW Fair Trading advised: "Always look up phone numbers in an independent directory when you wish to check if a request or offer is genuine, and don't be pressured into signing contracts without taking the time to weigh up the pros and cons."

According to Fair Trading, if you

ask a door-to-door sales person to leave immediately, they cannot return to your home for the same seller for 30 days.

If you decide to sign an agreement you must be given a copy that includes the salesperson's and supplier's contact details, total price including GST and how it is calculated and your rights to cancel the agreement if you change your mind.

Fair Trading said there is a cooling off period for door-to-door sales which means the purchaser has 10 business days to cancel the agreement if they change their mind.

According to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), if a salesperson has breached your legal rights you may be entitled to a longer cooling off period of up to three months.

Central Coast Community Energy Association provides advice about the costs of solar conversioni at cccommunityenergy.org.

With concerns about any door-to-door sales, contact NSW Fair Trading on 133220.

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# Council upgrades Umina Beach viewing area

**Central Coast Council has upgraded the Umina Beach viewing area and removed rubbish from the area, with the help of local surf clubs and community groups.**

"Council worked closely with the local community and surf club to find the best way to enhance this area and the results speak for themselves," said Council director Mr Mike Dowling.

"Umina Beach now has a rubbish and vandalism free viewing area," he said.

"Residents and visitors will reap the benefits and have access to a cleaner, more inviting beach area free from debris and ageing infrastructure."

Mr Dowling said the community and Council had pulled together to deliver a great outcome and the feedback from local businesses was immediate and positive.

However, the feedback from Peninsula Chamber of Commerce was critical.

Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales said Council needed to shift its focus to the beachfront between Ocean Beach Surf Club and Ettalong Point.

"You can't go up there and put little plants in dunes and pretend that, in 12 months' time, all the sand is going to come back.

"All the money they have put into dune restoration over the years has basically been picked up by the high tide and thrown out to sea.

"We have to put in a new revetment wall.

"I am sick and tired of studies.

"We can pretend and we can pay lip service to the environmental process but it has clearly made no difference what so ever.

"This is a beach nourishment exercise. It has to be.



*The completed coastline protection joint venture work at Umina Beach in front of the surf club*

"We have to think seriously about promenading between the Ocean Beach Surf Club and Ettalong Point to put it to good use for the community instead of hiding our best asset behind a bunch of lantana and bitou bush," he said.

However, mayor Cr Jane Smith said the current upgrade work would continue after the school holidays and would include more new fencing, planting, new garden beds, mulching and top soils.

She said the upgrade had provided great integration between the built and natural environment

of the area, enhancing the visitor experience immensely.

"This is another example of Council working with the community and local surf clubs to improve the quality of life for its residents and foster community spirit," Cr Smith said.

"Our community has told us enhancing our natural environment, particularly our beaches are a priority and it is something we take great pride in delivering.

"The community has definitely taken ownership of these upgrades and are maintaining them to ensure

they continue to reap benefits for years to come."

Mr Wales commented: "I swim there every day and I was down there yesterday just doing my normal swim and there was so little beach that the lifeguard barely had enough room to get his shelter between the base of the dune and the high tide mark.

"That beach was packed and I was actually embarrassed by the state of the dune and the foreshore at a time when we are trying to attract visitors to the Peninsula.

"It seems the Council has very

little interest in doing anything to that beachfront," he said.

"I am tired of the attitude that Mother Nature will take its course. She is taking its course by stripping that beach of sand and dumping it out in the channel.

"Most of the population agrees that we should bulldoze all the scrub in the dunes and put in a promenade," Mr Wales said.

Mr Wales said the Chamber believed all three levels of government needed to contribute to the cost of building the proposed promenade.

"I believe the budget needs to be in the order of \$5 to \$6 million," he said.

"Look how unbelievably successful the promenading at Ettalong is.

"It is used on a weekly basis by thousands.

"The Ettalong beachfront cost about \$5.5million and in the scheme of things it is a modest amount and the public benefit is enormous for such a small investment that will last forever.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said she would love to be part of any project that would expand tourism in her electorate but that it was a medium-term priority behind delivery of basic infrastructure on the Peninsula.

Cr Smith said residents wishing to find out more about joining a Council supported Bushcare group could call 4325 8222 or email bushcare@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au.

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## Bays community group to hold Fair on the Green

**The Bays Community Group will hold its Fair on the Green from 10am to 2pm in Phegans Bay on Sunday, March 11.**

It will include kayak and stand up paddle board races for juniors aged 10 to 18 years and seniors over 18.

A musical talent quest will be held for young people aged between 10 and 18, with prize money on offer.

An entry fee of \$5 will be charged for these events with registrations open until Sunday, February 11.

The fair will also include stalls, games including a tug of war, the

Rural Fire Service fire truck and crew, sausage sizzle and a coffee van.

In the lead up to the fair, donations of baked goods including cakes, slices, biscuits and jams, plants and raffle prizes are being sought.

Offers should be made to Group president Ms Cathy Gleeson on 0409 302 102.

"We are also looking for someone with first aid training to volunteer their time for the duration of the fair," she said.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 17 Jan 2018  
Cathy Gleeson, Bays Community Group Inc



Looking towards the front north and western elevation

## Hotel applies for \$2 million renovations

**A local hotel has applied for permission to undertake a \$2 million renovation.**

The Empire Bay Tavern has applied to Central Coast Council for permission to undertake the refurbishment of its premises in Pool Close, Empire Bay.

The work would include a new children's play area, new dining terrace, refurbished outdoor sports area, a new gaming room and sports terrace.

Another application has been lodged to modify the kitchen and the waste disposal area located in the south-eastern corner of the tavern.

Reports prepared for the developer to support the application said the alterations were intended to deliver "an enhanced upgrade and high quality refurbishment of an iconic corner tavern to improve patron amenity through accessibility and the internal presentation through provision of more generous space for dining, children's play areas gaming.

"This will result in a substantial investment in a local establishment which will extend its economic life and improve its utility to the benefit of the local and wider communities."

Consent for the hotel was originally granted in November 1982 and since then various

refurbishments have been approved.

The hotel is on a 1.285 hectare allotment located on the south-west corner of the intersection between Wards Hill Rd and Poole Cl and has vehicular access via both road reserves.

It is located at the foot of Wards Hill which serves as "the gateway to the Killcare and Bouddi Peninsula".

The tavern currently operates as a bar, bistro, game room and bottle shop.

In more recent times, the current owners have upgraded the tavern and surrounds with interior redesign and landscaping and connected a reticulated sewerage system.

"Since the tavern was erected, the operations have expanded to include a commercial kitchen, large open internal dining area, outdoor-alfresco areas, kids play areas, gaming area, and bar surrounded by a hard stand area for vehicular access and parking."

The application stated: "The siting of the minor alterations to the existing tavern would be located entirely upon the cleared portion of the allotment within the 7(c2) zone and is regarded as a small scale development that would not be detrimental to the inherent natural attributes of the site and allow the maintaining of the scenic qualities

of the 7(c2) conservation zone."

However, the applicant has not included any additional parking spaces when the Gosford Development Control Plan 2013 requires 20 additional spaces to the existing 88 to cater for additional patronage.

"A Traffic and Parking Assessment has been prepared by SECA Solution that addresses the impact of the proposed development on the surrounding road network, as well as traffic access," the applicant's statement said.

"Parking beat surveys completed within the existing carpark indicate that during the busiest periods there were a minimum of 25 empty parking spaces available within the tavern carpark."

"Allowing for this the increased parking demands associated with the proposed expansion of the tavern can be accommodated within the existing parking provision," the traffic and parking assessment concluded.

The applicant also argued the proposal would result in positive social and economic effects through: the creation of employment during construction; and the creation of improved facilities and services for patrons to a local 'establishment'.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 16 Jan 2018  
DA53660/2018, Gosford DA Tracker

## Funding campaign for injured dog

**A crowd-funding campaign has been launched for the owner of the labradoodle that was attacked in Woy Woy.**

The day after the Go Fund Me campaign had been launched by Ms Fiona Crain of Animal Talent, the campaign had raised \$996 of its \$15,000 goal.

"Millie is a one-in-a-million dog – loving, loyal, friendly with other dogs and much-loved by her family and the local community.

"She is a dog with a big heart and sweet, gentle nature.

"Her injuries are extensive.

"She has a collapsed lung, a fractured skull and serious internal and skeletal injuries.

"She is receiving around-the-clock specialist veterinary care and may be facing further surgeries,"

Ms Crain wrote.

"This campaign has been started by the team at Animal Talent to enable the dog-loving community locally and worldwide to assist Millie's owner with the ever-mounting veterinary expenses which are already in the thousands and the cost of future rehabilitation.

"Millie is only three years old and just starting out in her life journey.

"Her owner is a hard-working everyday mum who wants to give her special girl every chance to survive.

"We would all want the same for our four-legged friends," she said.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 24 Jan 2018  
Fiona Crain, Go Fund Me Campaign

## Rescue helicopter called off

**A rescue helicopter was called to Pearl Beach on January 16.**

It was sent to help after a report that two people were in trouble in the water.

However, the Westpac

helicopter was called off just before arriving with news that a water police vessel was able to rescue the two.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 16 Jan 2018  
Barry Walton, Westpac Rescue Helicopter



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Fencing and risk warnings around Ocean Beach surf club



# Tie dredging to beach renourishment, says Chamber

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has called on the Central Coast Council to formulate a long term strategy to renourish and restore the beachfront at Ocean Beach south of Ettalong Point including rock packing and promenades.

"It is no longer practical to wait

for Mother Nature to reinstate the old beach profile," said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"Over the last 12 months, it has been clearly evidenced that tinkering with dune vegetation and shifting sand around with excavators has been largely useless and a waste of money," Mr Wales said.

"The Council needs to get

serious about tying in the dredging of the Ettalong Channel with major beach renourishment south of Ettalong Point as part of a permanent solution to the ongoing coastal erosion," he said.

"This may mean that we have to consider rock packing of the foreshore and major promenading between Ettalong Point and Ocean Beach Surf Club.

"You only have to look at the huge success that the Ettalong Foreshore upgrade has been to realise that a major capital investment is long overdue.

"Not only is the foreshore a major safety hazard, it is now becoming an embarrassment at a time when we are trying to attract visitors and tourists to the area.

"They wouldn't stand for this

state of affairs at Terrigal and nor should local residents.

"We have one of the best coastal views and safest beaches yet the foreshore looks like a war zone."

"The Chamber is calling on the Council to get on with job and put some serious money aside to fix the problem along with the Ettalong Channel dredging," Mr Wales said.

Source:

Media release, 20 Jan 2018  
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

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# The Entrance dredging 'a slap in the face' - Tesch

The NSW Government's decision to spend nearly \$250,000 to dredge the Entrance Channel is a slap in the face to Peninsula residents, according to the Member for Gosford, Ms Liesl Tesch.

Ms Tesch said the State Government continued to refuse to fund the "increasingly dangerous" Ettalong Channel.

She said it was another disastrous decision by an out-of-touch and out-of-control Liberal Government.

"The Liberal Government has again let down the community and put politics ahead of people," Ms Tesch said.

"In the Gosford electorate, we've had ferry services cancelled, commuters and visitors inconvenienced, and boat captains investigated over ferries becoming stuck on the ever growing sand bar.

"I've tabled petitions, I've asked Questions on Notice to Ministers, and I've made speeches in the Parliament calling on the Government for just this sort of funding in Ettalong, but that has obviously been ignored.

"We've been told over and over

by the Liberal State Government that dredging is a matter for local councils and they wouldn't be funding it, so it's clear that the government must have ulterior motives in putting in \$225,000 for this project but ignoring the Gosford electorate."

Ms Tesch said the funding announcement was not about solving a dredging issue but about pork barrelling marginal seats.

"Funding dredging in The Entrance Channel over Ettalong is a shameless political decision by a Government struggling to stay in power," Ms Tesch said.

"This is just a desperate attempt to shore up Liberal Party support in a marginal seat ahead of an election due next year where they are facing plummeting community support."

With "the community paying the price for government incompetence", Ms Tesch said it was time to put the forgotten south back on the agenda.

"It's time this government stopped their blatant pork-barrelling and started paying attention to solving real issues in our communities."

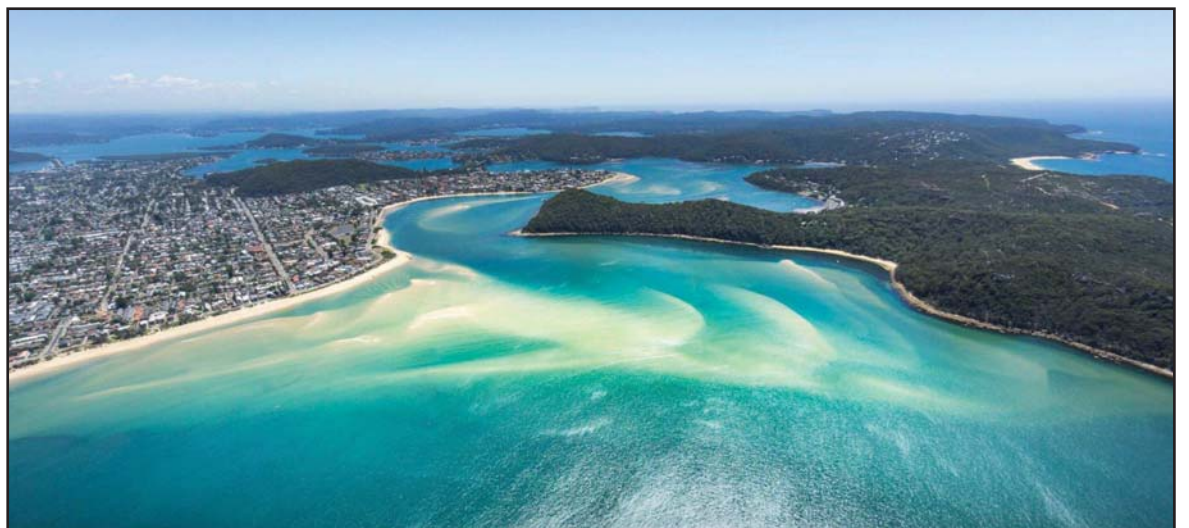
**SOURCE:**

Media release, 16 Jan 2018

Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Aerial view of the build up of sand in the Ettalong Channel by early December 2017



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One of the three potentially lethal tackle injuries suffered by pelicans and treated by local vets over the holiday

## Pelican rescue season 'most traumatic'

The Peninsula's pelican research and rescue service has called the summer of 2017-18 the most traumatic and demanding in 19 years of rescuing.

Ms Wendy Gillespie from Pelican Research and Rescue said she treated three potentially lethal injuries from fishing tackle in just two days in the week commencing

January 6.

"This year and particularly this holiday has been the most traumatic and demanding in my 19-plus years of rescue," Ms Gillespie said.

"I have at least 12 tackle impacted pelicans still requiring rescue in one location," Ms Gillespie said on January 14.

"Many other pelicans are sick

and dying due to the unresolved storm water drain issue," she said.

Ms Gillespie said she did believe there was "light at the end of the tunnel" as the NSW Government appeared to be taking greater interest in the plight of the local pelican colony.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 14 Jan 2018  
Wendy Gillespie, Pelican  
Research and Rescue

## Council lodges application with itself for library changes

Central Coast Council has lodged a development application with itself to create an exhibition space in Woy Woy library.

The site in Blackwall Road is zoned B2 Local Centre and planning controls allow internal alterations to the existing library.

Some of buildings on the site are listed as a local heritage item, but not the building that is the subject of the application.

"The site is located on the northern side of Oval Ave, on the corner of its intersection with Blackwall Rd.

"It is a flat parcel of land and is a rectangular shaped allotment.

"The proposed works will not impact on any of the existing services or trees located on site.

"The proposed works will only be within the rear library building located in the north western portion of the site, adjacent to the existing carpark.

"This building is a single storey building originally constructed in 1938, with alterations including the current main library space being added in 2002."

The application seeks approval for internal additions to create an

exhibition space for local history memorabilia and a media room.

"The proposed works make no modification to the external structure of the building but will include construction of internal partitioning and doorway.

"Modifications are proposed to the ramp entry to the space and associated stair and balustrade."

According to the application, the advice of Council's heritage officer was sought and no adverse impact on the heritage item found.

**SOURCE:**

Website, 24 Jan 2018  
DA53682/2018, Gosford DA Tracker

## Council to appoint interim general manager

Central Coast Council will hold an extra meeting on

Monday, January 15, to appoint an interim general manager following the resignation of current chief Mr Brian Bell due to illness.

Under the Local Government Act, the Council's governing body must appoint a person to be general manager.

The meeting will be held at the Wyong Council Chambers starting at 6.30pm.

The meeting will be open to the public and will be live-streamed.

A further meeting will be held to appoint an agency to undertake recruitment for a permanent general manager.

This process is expected to take at least three months.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 11 Jan 2018  
Jane Smith, Central Coast Council



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# Chamber opposes lower submission threshold

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce President, Mr Matthew Wales, said the Chamber was opposed to Central Coast Council's decision to reduce the number of submission from 50 to 15 for a development application to be referred to a Council meeting.

It is calling for the decision to be reversed.

"This is the last thing this council needs because it is simply going to choke up council meetings like the bad old days with development applications that have been referred to the meeting because of the number of objections," Mr Wales said.

"The chamber's view is that the staff should be able to undertake their jobs and merit assess these applications without having to constantly refer them to council meetings that adds weeks to the approval process," he said.

"Further to that, any two councillors can request an application come back to a council meeting regardless of the number of objections if they feel that application needs to be debated.

"So, once again, we are seeing a slowdown in the process which is going to further impede the orderly development we need in this city

when we can't even meet our current housing requirements.

"If it is a set of units, for instance, and it gets more than 15 objections, which is not difficult, then that set of villas or townhouses goes to a council meeting and that adds a month to the approval process.

"We have found from experience that a lot of the submissions that are made are not well founded and it is a requirement of the staff to consider only those objections that have a sound planning basis.

"But in this case, just because you don't like something, that sort of objection should not carry the same weight as an objection due to non-compliance.

"I was happy with the 50 submissions because councillors always had the right to call an application up anyway so I thought that was reasonable, knowing there was an ability to refer a matter."

"This is not the time for us to be throwing additional hurdles in front of a development.

"We are better and cleverer than that and the staff are eminently qualified to make merit based decision," Mr Wales said.

**SOURCE:**  
Interview, 11 Jan 2018  
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce  
Reporter: Jackie Pearson



## Traffic lights needed at roundabout, says Chamber

**The roundabout at the intersection of Rawson Rd and Ocean Beach Rd at Woy Woy needs to be replaced with traffic lights, according to the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.**

"The government cannot continue to ignore this intersection which is at absolute capacity and a major choke points on Ocean Beach Rd," said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"Duplicating the roundabout is not an option because of the service stations so we believe a signalised intersection will be necessary.

"The major congestion times are when traffic is coming from Umina of a morning and from Gosford of an afternoon and that is amplified during school times.

"You can almost guarantee at 8am in the morning and from 3pm in the afternoon you will crawl through there.

"I don't believe the State Government wants to put it as a priority because of the cost which is probably in the order of \$20 million.

"The RMS has told me it is not a priority.

"I don't believe they understand just how critical these projects are and certainly, when the seat is not a marginal seat, it's not a priority but they can't keep ignoring it.

"It doesn't matter which direction

you go whether you go down Blackwall Rd or Ocean Beach Rd you cop the same thing.

"They are State roads but I believe the Council has a role in advocating for State and Federal funds.

"The Chamber of Commerce shouldn't have to push this barrow and council play catch up especially when we've got a west ward and three of our own councillors who really should understand just how bad that intersection is."

Mr Wales said the Chamber would also be asking questions about the promised design work for Blackwall Rd, Dunbar Rd, Maitland Bay Dve and Woy Woy Rd.

"The NSW Government has done no work on their by-election promises to spend \$35 million.

"This was in compensation for

the Woy Woy underpass debacle but we are concerned there is very little information being provided about where these projects are at and we have no idea of what the timeline is.

"I don't want to be sitting at the next state election and find these projects are trotted out.

"They are all priority intersections and priority main roads and we supported these projects because they were on our list of priorities so it really is important that the State Government honours its commitments and has these roads and intersections investigated, designed and the works implemented."

**SOURCE:**  
Interview, 23 Jan 2018  
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce  
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

## Council meeting rescheduled

A meeting of Central Coast Council has been rescheduled for Monday, January 29.

Originally, it was to be held on Tuesday, January 23.

It is understood the meeting has been called to deal with the recruitment of a permanent general

manager.

As of Wednesday, January 24, the business papers for the meeting were not available online.

The meeting will be held in the Gosford Chamber at 49 Mann St from 6:30pm.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 23 Jan 2018  
Central Coast Council

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The farm of Brisbane Water Secondary College, Umina Campus, has taken delivery of a donated new cattle truck, which has already been put

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The truck, complete with a purpose built cage to carry livestock and feed to country shows and events, cost more than

\$80,000.

The project which took 12 months to complete, was initiated during a casual conversation between the school principal and a member of the Rotary Club of Umina Beach, at the annual AgFarm Barbecue, according to Rotarian Mr Ben Croft.

At recent country shows, the school has won major awards, with the new truck being a major factor in transporting competing cattle and feed to these events.

The new vehicle, donated by the Ettalong Beach Branch of Bendigo Community Bank, also attracted the interest of the other competing schools .

Source:

Newsletter, 15 Jan 2018  
Ben Croft, Umina Beach Rotary

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## Tesch looks at transport issues

Improving transport and infrastructure for Peninsula residents will be one of the Member for Gosford, Ms Liesl Tesch's main priorities for 2018, she has told Peninsula News.

Ms Tesch said she was currently working on a submission on the need to increase commuter car parking in Woy Woy.

"I need to be planning ahead past the March 2019 election," she said, based on confirmation that she will be Labor's candidate to recontest the seat in the NSW state election in March 2019.

"It will be really tough from a government perspective because we may need to put additional layers on the Woy Woy commuter car park."

She said there was "a plan to transform some of those layers into apartments because at some time in the future it will be cheaper to have automated vehicles".

"By 8am, there is currently a radius that is full of cars parked around Woy Woy station in untimed spaces.

"Many of them have a very long walk from where they are able to find a park to get to the station.

"Then we have the Mayor of Hornsby berating them because they drive and park in Asquith or Berowra," she said.

Another part of her transport proposals will be to fix what she considers to be the "broken" train system.

"Western Sydney has been given a lot more trains but we have been given a couple of new trains but no increase in the number of services," she said.

"The lead time for a train timetable change is 18 months so once we win government it will take 18 months to do the planning on the train line that is already at capacity.

"Then we will need to fix the North Shore line that has tracks that will not be suitable for our trains."

She also said she was looking into the adequacy of bus services to and from the Peninsula and exploring whether there needed to be express buses between train stations so commuters were less dependent on their cars and on commuter parking.

SOURCE:

Interview, 23 Jan 2018  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford  
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

## Mary Mac's receives Rotary donations

Mary Mac's Place at Woy Woy received 11 trolley loads of groceries and \$565 cash from the latest fund raising efforts of the Rotary Club of Umina Beach.

The Umina Rotary Club organised the fund raising activity in conjunction with a Umina supermarket.

Volunteers were on hand during the weekend before Christmas to collect donations of food, toiletries and money from generous local shoppers.

The donations enabled Mary

Mac's to continue to feed up to 90 disadvantaged people each week and to put together Christmas hampers for the needy.

Rotarian Mr Ian Johnson delivered the equivalent of 11 trolley loads and the cash to Mary Mac's before Christmas.

"It was wonderful to have the support of Aldi and to see the fantastic local community spirit supporting such a worthwhile cause," said club president Mr Mike Curley.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 5 Jan 2018  
Mike Curley, Rotary Club of Umina

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## Tesch pleased with support for youth festival

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has said she was pleased with the support for the Summer Youthfest held near the skate park at Umina oval on January 25.

"The event had a great response from community organisations," Ms Tesch said, mentioning the Umina PCYC and Regional Youth Support Services as two of the many community services who supported the event.

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy offered to run the barbecue as its first community service activity for 2018.

Ms Tesch said the festival was a great opportunity for local young people to connect with their community.

### SOURCES:

Interview, 23 Jan 2018  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford  
Newsletter, 21 Jan 2018  
Russell Grove, Rotary  
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### Coal mine approved despite risk to Coast's drinking water supply

The Planning Assessment Commission has granted consent to the Wallarah 2 underground coal mine west of Wyong, subject to conditions, despite admitting that the location is sensitive to the Central Coast's drinking water supply.

### Fireworks display makes international news

Terrigal made international news on New Year's Eve after the first fireworks display held at the popular seaside village in 17 years malfunctioned.

### Regional performing arts centre to be a priority for 2018

The Member for Gosford and the Deputy Mayor have both greeted the New Year with a renewed resolve to fight for a regional performing arts centre on the Gosford waterfront.

### Train strike planned for January 29

Transport NSW workers have announced that they will stop work for 24 hours from 12.01am

### Additional capacity expected to resolve train delay problems

NSW Liberal Upper House MP and Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast and the Hunter, Mr Scot MacDonald, says he "apologises to commuters and train users who were impacted by delays and disruptions to the services on January

### New train timetable labelled a disaster

The new train timetable is a disaster for the commuters of the Gosford electorate, according to its State member, Ms Liesl Tesch.

### Central Coast land values increase by 14.6 per cent

New data from the NSW Valuer General shows a 14.6 per cent increase in land value for the Central Coast.

### Rescission Motion on DA objections being reduced issued

Central Coast Councillor, Greg Best, has issued a Rescission Motion in relation to the Development Application objections being reduced to 15 from 50.

### Legislative Councillor enters number of objections debate

Member of the Legislative Council, Mr Taylor Martin, is calling on the Central Coast Council to reverse its decision which would see only 15 objections needed to be received for a Development Application (DA) to be automatically reviewed by

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# WYONG REGIONAL CHRONICLE

Issue 133  
January 23, 2018

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### Coal mine approval recommended to Minister despite risk to drinking water

The Planning Assessment Commission has recommended consent to the Minister for the Wallarah 2 underground coal mine, subject to conditions, despite admitting that the location is sensitive to the Central Coast's drinking water supply.

### Everywhere longwall coal mining goes beneath a riverine system, the riverine system is destroyed – Australia Coal Alliance

The fight is not over to stop the Wallarah 2 coal mine, even though the NSW Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) recommended, on January 18, that the revised mine development application be approved by NSW Minister for Planning,

### Harris calls on Premier to stop coal mine

Shadow Minister for the Central Coast, Mr David Harris MP, has called on NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian, to "step up and deliver on the Liberal's commitment to stop the Wallarah 2 underground coal mine".

### Wyong Coal to invest over \$800m in initial project development

Representatives from Wallarah 2 and Wyong Coal had, at the time of going to press, not responded to questions from the Wyong Regional Chronicle following the controversial decision by the Planning Assessment Commission to recommend

### Walarah 2 Timeline

Walarah 2 Coal Project outlined the project's history on its website:

### Council and politicians express concern over water supply

Central Coast Council has expressed its disappointment that the NSW Planning Assessment Commission has recommended approval of the Wallarah 2 longwall coal mine.

### Use of public land for research for public benefit to be promoted

Central Coast Mayor, Jane Smith, has called on her fellow Councillors to actively promote opportunities for research for public benefit to be undertaken on public land owned by Council.

### Norah Head Village Centre Masterplan adopted

Central Coast Council has adopted the Norah Head Village Centre Masterplan, which will guide public domain improvement works in the Village Centre as one of the key actions of the Toukley Planning Strategy.

### Public comment sought

An application for a two-stage, seven-lot subdivision at 225 Johns Rd, Wadalba, will be advertised for public comment from January 25.

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# Would road repairs spoil ‘vast eternal plan’?

Back in May, Central Coast Council announced it would conduct a survey of residents requesting information about the worst roads and biggest potholes in the area.

Having had experience of both the old and the new Councils over 30 years, I was a little sceptical and said so in your May 15 edition 419.

I suggested that this was nothing more than a stalling exercise to buy time, that nothing was going to happen and we would continue to have the worst roads and the biggest potholes in NSW.

Some friends said I was being harsh and to give the new mob a chance.

Well, they have had nine months and we have heard nothing and we have seen very little action.

Unfortunately, I was not included

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in the survey, so was unable to give my two bob's worth but surely anyone who drives along Blackwall Rd from Victoria St to the railway station can feel the pitiful condition it is in.

This is not some little back

street but the main thoroughfare of our town and is used by thousands every day to go to work, go shopping, visit financial institutions or just enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat with a friend.

One wonders what visitors to Woy Woy think as they thump and bump their way over this goat-track.

We have pride in our town and this is the welcome we have for them.

First impressions are lasting impressions.

Would it "spoil some vast eternal plan" if one night workers descended from on high and resurfaced it.

I know a lot of people would be very happy not to have their car being damaged, if this were done.

Email, 22 Jan 2018  
**Fred Charles, Woy Woy**

# Everyone is a Woy Woy town centre stakeholder

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I believe everyone using the facilities in and around the Woy Woy town centre is a stakeholder including commuters and motorists.

Matthew Wales underrates the importance of the rail hub's proximity to the town centre and future increases of commuters with the inevitable redesign of the interchange.

Strategic planning is needed, not lobbying by "key stakeholders" and the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

Similar to the Gosford CBD, Woy Woy renewal provides challenges.

Letter, 18 Jan 2018  
**Norman Harris, Umina**

# Make the Peninsula accessible to all ages

It could be so valuable for many if we could to drum up some interest in this "accessible destination" concept.

It seems to me, a team of people who want to make a difference in a meaningful way could get together and do this.

This isn't only about elderly folks. This about providing opportunities for people of all ages.

The time is right.

I have written to the Member for Gosford, Ms Liesl Tesch, to encourage her involvement.

Prior to moving to the Coast, I

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was involved in local government as an independent councillor with the City of Sydney (2004-2012).

Among other interests, I worked with a committed group of people with disabilities, we provided advice to Council on Disability/Accessibility matters.

I am still interested in community issues and recently spent many months contributing to the Community Plan Central Coast document.

Certain business people on the

Peninsula are looking at ways to increase their income.

I was approached to contribute to their discussions.

I said we, the Peninsula, need to be a unique destination for tourists and suggested promoting our area as highly accessible for all ages.

To do so we would need to include better accommodation; specific adventurous opportunities for young people; easy access to national parks.

I would be interested to hear from others about this concept.

Email, 20 Jan 2018  
**Marcelle Hoff, Ettalong**

# We should all have the opportunity to participate

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**Matthew Wales has already decided that the Woy Woy Master Plan (possibly to be sighted some time in 2020, if the Council's not-to-be-relied-on schedule has any meaning at all) should concentrate on "residential accommodation that complements the retail and commercial base" ("Encourage development in Woy Woy, says Chamber", PN edition 436, Jan 15).**

This extraordinary degree of insight into a planning process that hasn't even been commenced yet perhaps matches Mr Wales's enthusiasms for other arbitrarily chosen planning directions (eg the Bangalow St Wharf) that are arrived at without any framework of analysis or consideration of options.

I could equally assert that the Woy Woy Master Plan should concentrate on achieving a dynamic and varied high-density residential precinct, with

whatever limited supporting retail and commercial development is appropriate, and have just as much chance as (I think more chance than) Mr Wales of being right.

It goes without saying that the present Woy Woy centre is a mess and that it isn't likely our Council is going to make much of an improvement of it, given the record in other cases.

Why it should take until 2020 to arrive at whatever end-point the Council has in mind is baffling, but let us hope that the process involves more than "property owners, local professionals and business people" who are, apparently, the only ones Mr Wales thinks are worth consulting.

There are other people in Woy Woy, and we should all have the same opportunity to participate in whatever decisions are to be taken.

Email, 16 Jan 2018  
**Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy.**

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## Peninsula housing affordability problem won't go away

Housing affordability is a hot topic.

It is a massive problem in Australia, particularly in Sydney which now ranks number two in the world for unaffordability with average house prices 13 times average gross household incomes.

Hong Kong is the most unaffordable, then Sydney and then Los Angeles in the latest report published by global analysts Demographia and reported by the ABC.

Hong Kong gets a score of 29, Sydney 13 and Los Angeles 9.

New York is down at six.

What this means is that it would take a first time buyer in Sydney almost 10 years to save for a 20 per cent deposit if they spent 40 per cent of their net income on savings alone.

It's unsustainable and the picture with units is not that much better.

So what about the Peninsula?

Is housing more affordable here?

Well it isn't.

The Peninsula's affordability index is just the same as Sydney's.

It's 13 and this is based on reliable data, not hearsay.

It uses the latest Bureau of Statistics data and data from realestate.com.au based on actual purchases.

It's not an opinion poll.

Look at it like this.

The whole Peninsula of Woy Woy, Blackwall, Ettalong, Booker

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Bay and Umina ranks at the top of the global hot list of unaffordable housing.

Forget the real estate hype. This is a real crisis.

The problem is twofold.

Yes, the rising prices of housing play their part but so too does the very low level income levels on the Peninsula.

How can you afford to buy a \$720,000 house if your household income before tax is about \$60,000 a year?

How can you pay close on \$20,000 or more a year on rent if your household income after tax is less than \$50,000 a year?

Interest rate increases are around the corner.

The problem will get worse.

But some talk about rising house prices with pride: "Look at what my place is worth now".

While others, especially younger people, talk about it with despair.

The Peninsula has a massive housing affordability problem and it won't go away.

If we ignore it, it will only get worse.

There are solutions but these require a clear rethink on what we want the Peninsula to be.

It's a fabulous part of Australia but a door, once open, is now shutting for far too many.

Email, 23 Jan 2018  
David Keig, Umina

I spat the dummy after reading the last Peninsula News (Edition 436, January 15).

It seems there are people who would like to see our rates used to clean the sand from the Esplanade.

Perhaps they are newcomers and haven't seen the innumerable letters published in this paper, about this very matter.

The truth is that this sand is largely there due to the ignorance and greed of some locals.

I have worked on the dunes as a volunteer since the group first started in 2000.

When an old house went on the market we knew that the next time we arrived, we would find poisoned or cut down banksias and leptospermums.

We have given talks. We have done letter box drops and we have beseeched Council to put up hoardings, to deprive the culprits of their required view, as is done in other jurisdictions, such as Woollahra in the Eastern Suburbs, but to no avail.

Our dunes were never a high dune system, such as you will find at Budgewoi, but were small, rolling ridges of sand which went back to the unique Umina Sandplain.

Due I suppose to ignorance, these dunes were built on and so little room was left for the sand on the beach to move around, to build and re-build, which is the normal work of beaches.

Our Peninsula beaches have been confined. Many mistakes have been made, like the placing of rocks near the boat ramp, the

## Our beaches are completely unnatural

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beautiful especially when in flower but it, together with scaevola calendulacea usually grow in the swales, or dips between the ridges.

There are only a few different species of plants on dunes, due to the harsh conditions at a beach with sun, salt and sand: such severe conditions as experienced the weekend before last, when the only visitors to Ocean Beach were kite surfers.

So, the present dune system on the Peninsula is manmade and therefore any problems are due to human intervention.

We are not allowed to plant any replacement banksias or leptospermums, because we fear for their lives and we must not impact on people's views.

Many people, just like the residents at Collaroy, believe that a sea wall is the answer to the erosion problems at the end of Barrenjoey Rd.

They seem unaware that a wall just makes for other problems as seen in examples around the world or in Australia, at the Bowling Club at Kingscliff, NSW.

You might notice the erosion at either end of the sand bags.

If left, the sand bags would become an island.

There are no taller shrubs here, in the extreme wind tunnel created by Barrenjoey Rd.

Australia Day has just passed, so perhaps we could think and learn now about the real Australia, which is disappearing from beneath our feet or before our eyes.

Email, 24 Jan 2018  
Margaret Lund, Umina

## A pity if commendable community plan came to nothing

Mr Van Davy is drawing the long bow a bit in his ambitions for the Council's Strategic Plan ("Open letter sent to Central Coast Council", PN edition 436, Jan 15).

For instance, it is expecting a lot that a Council that cannot even fix potholes would be able to exercise control over "legal wage rate payments and non-sexist, non-discriminatory work practices throughout the Central Coast",

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to mention just one item in the Community Plan Central Coast's (CCPC) list of goals.

I think that the CPCC might be better advised to limit its concerns to the main issues that galvanise local attention: housing, infrastructure, transportation, environment and not diffuse its efforts over so broad a plane that it is ineffective at all points.

It was my criticism of the

original CPCC manifesto that it incorporated too many issues of widely diversified importance and failed to arrange them in a coherent understandable framework that demonstrated the connection between them.

It would be a pity if an effort so commendable should come to nothing because it opens up too many avenues of criticism and fails to focus on the politically possible.

Email, 16 Jan 2018  
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy.

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# Bowling club to celebrate 100-year-old ex-serviceman

**Woy Woy Bowling Club is holding a special celebration in honour of local man, Mr Felix Seady, from 12pm on Sunday, February 4.**

Mr Seady has been a member of the club for over 20 years and has just recently celebrated his 100th birthday.

Mr Seady is a World War II veteran who escaped a German prisoner-of-war camp.

Following his escape, he was able to pass along vital intelligence to the British Forces which saw him receive a special mention from King George VI.

Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks is seeking a special congratulation for Mr Seady from the Queen.

Mr Seady has reflected on his long life in a letter to the Peninsula News.

"I was born in a small town, Uitenhage, in the Eastern Cape of South Africa, just inland near Port Elizabeth on the January 19, 1918.

"When the Second World War was declared I joined a unit of the South African Engineers named the 2nd Field Company.

"We were trained in the use of explosives, particularly land mines, used to destroy tanks and heavy vehicles.

"We were shipped to Egypt and became involved in desert warfare immediately.

"On my birthday in 1942, I had a narrow escape from being blown up by a German Springer Mine.

"This mine is buried deeper. It fires a charge into the base of the mine which blasts it out of the ground like a missile that explodes above the ground, killing everyone nearby," Mr Seady recalled.

"In my case, the secondary fuse failed. My guardian angel must have been sitting on it.

"One of our major operations was the capture of a fortress town

called Bardia, on the coast near Tobruk.

"It was very similar to the famous Tobruk with minefields and barbed wire etc.

"I was in command of one team of 12 sappers.

"My title was Sapper Sergeant," he continued.

"We went in before dawn under a barrage of artillery, occasionally a shell would land short. It was hair raising.

"We destroyed the mines with an explosive mat and cleared the barbed wire with four explosive torpedos.

"We made these ourselves, using a four-inch water pipe stuffed with TNT explosive, four meters long.

"They were called Bangalore Torpedos.

"They were pushed through the barbed wire, about two metres apart and detonated.

"The barbed wire was actually disintegrated.

"Our tanks and trucks poured through the gaps and within two days the enemy surrendered.

"I was honoured by the British King for my participation in this action and awarded a Mention in Dispatches.

"We were in a defence line at Gazala, just west of Tobruk, when Rommel attacked us by going deep into the desert.

"I was left behind with six Sappers to destroy the pass at the top of the defence line.

"Unfortunately, once we had done that, the Rommel tanks had cut off our escape route and we were the only prisoners-of-war of our company, housed at Stalag IV in Germany, just south of Hamburg.

"We were privileged to witness the 1000 bomber raids over Germany.

"The American Airforce by day and the RAF by night.

"It was difficult to realise that

1000 bombers occupied the sky from horizon to horizon and it went on without stop for 24 hours.

"Of course, the daylight bombers were spectacular with their vapour trails.

"These bombers certainly caused the German Army to put an end to the conflict," Mr Seady said.

Mr Seady also reflected on his time imprisoned at Scheissen Block.

"Our toilet at Stalag IV consisted of a concrete tank about 20 metres by 10 metres by four metres high.

"The top was covered with wood with rows of rectangular holes for us to use.

"No roof nor walls.

"The contents of this concrete tank were pumped by hand into a tank on wheels drawn by a cow.

"The odorous and messy operation was done by a squad of five Russian POW's.

"The contents were sprayed outside the Stalag on a vegetable farm

"The vegetables seemed to thrive on the organic fertilizer.

"Our food was a soup and the vegetables were from the farm.

"Very tasty," he joked.

"Early in 1945, we heard that we were going to be moved northwards to the Baltic Coast.

"What's more, there would be no transport. We would be walking.

"That was the final straw.

"Another South African POW was a good friend said to me, that we must escape on the march and I agreed.

"It would be dangerous because we would be shot if we failed.

"Then God stepped in with a better plan.

"The Stalag consisted of three compounds each housing a few thousand POW's.

"We were to be evacuated one compound a day.

"We were in number three compound and would be the last.

"We watched the evacuation of compounds one and two.

"After these were completed, the dogs were brought in during the evening into compounds one and two and checked for escapees, then again checked the next morning," Mr Seady said.

"When night fell, we dug a small trench under the single fence between compounds two and three.

"We slid through easily, being sleek and thin.

"We filled in the evacuation and smoothed over the earth.

"We then dug a small trench under a selected bungalow; the bungalows were two feet above the ground to prevent tunnelling.

"Then our secret weapon, anti-lice powder.

"The Germans gave us this vile smelling powder to kill body lice, which was bearable.

"Most POWS never used the powder, they preferred the lice so there was plenty of lice powder available.

"We sprinkled copious amounts of lice powder under the bungalow.

"When they brought the dogs in, the dogs would not go under into the lice powder as we lay in our shallow trench in the middle under the bungalow.

"The same happened the next morning with the dogs.

"We laid the powder under the bungalow until that night.

"Then we set out westwards toward the invasion forces.

"We were lucky to come across a storehouse with some food and we never moved in the day until we noticed some British tanks on the road.

"We called to them in English and they responded.

"We came out of hiding, with our hands in the air.

"They made such a fuss of us and radioed for a transport.

"We told them there were no German armoured vehicles in the area and we were then transported in a jeep to a nearby airport, and then flown to England.

"After a few weeks we were flown

to South Africa in an old Dakota.

"It took five days, then home," Mr Seady recalled.

"The army gave me leave, pending demobilisation, and I slowly returned to normal.

"On demobilisation, I went back to work for the South African Railways, who had kept my job open, but with a difference.

"I had been promoted as a draughtsman in the Chief Engineers Head Office in Pretoria.

"I continued my studies, part time at night at the Technical College and eventually obtained an Engineering Diploma and a Technical Teachers Certificate.

"I had applied for a grant to attend University, but to no avail.

"The National Party won the 1948 elections and South African ex-servicemen were not the flavour of the decade.

"Even before the Nationals got in, we received no help whatsoever.

"So ended my war experiences, which played a major part in my life.

"So many of us went to war, experienced traumatic episodes and came back quite different people.

"I still keep up membership in ex-service organisations and enjoy our regular get togethers where we share memories of those times.

"Writing this account was mainly for my family, but it has made me realise that fellow ex-servicemen would also enjoy sharing this narrative," Mr Seady concluded.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 12 Jan 2018  
Anne Jenkins, Woy Woy Bowling Club

## Registered club promotes responsible drinking

**A local registered club has been promoting a new responsible drinking campaign in the lead-up to Australia Day.**

According to Club Umina, the Club promoted Roads and

Maritime Services' anti-drink driving campaign, Plan B, said club manager Mr Paddy Quigg.

"Plan B promotes a clear message to patrons and the local and broader communities for the need to actively consider an alternative way home when out drinking with family and friends," he said.

"All bar staff of Club Umina exchanged their traditional club uniform for black t-shirts with the message 'RBT means you need a Plan B' and actively promote the message to patrons face to face and with the aid of social media.

"The Club intends to stage and promote such events throughout 2018 as a clear message that Club Umina does not promote or condone drink driving," he said.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 23 Jan 2018  
Paddy Quigg, Club Umina



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## Justice support volunteers sought by disability service

Intellectual Disability Rights Service is seeking volunteers to help provide support for people with intellectual

disabilities attending Woy Woy courthouse.

"The Service could not operate without volunteer support," said outreach officer Ms Jacqui Gunst.

"Justice Support volunteers are comprehensively trained in how the court and police systems work and how to help a person with an intellectual disability make sense of it all.

"Our volunteers are committed to respecting our client's views and wishes and are assertive but respectful in advocating for the person.

"Volunteers make a real difference to the court experience for our clients, enabling them to understand what is happening and to exercise their rights," Ms Gunst said.

The Service provides state-wide justice support to people with intellectual disabilities who are in contact with the criminal justice system.

The Central Coast Outreach Sector provides support at Woy Woy, Gosford and Wyong courts.

"We provide free personal

support to victims, witnesses, and defendants (alleged offenders) with intellectual disability at court, during legal appointments, and at court related processes such as mediation and youth justice conferencing.

"Support is also provided at police stations and correctional centres," said Ms Gunst.

The service has a "rights focus" and the main role of the support person is to assist with communication and understanding of processes, improve access to legal advice and representation, as well as to provide some information and referral.

"Our aim is to reduce the disadvantages people experience in the legal system due to having intellectual disability," she said.

The Service provided training for volunteers, people with intellectual disabilities, police, court staff, lawyers, disability services and any other interested organisations and services.

SOURCE:

Media release, 19 Jan 2018

Jacqui Gunst, Intellectual Disability Rights Service Woy Woy



Police and emergency services vehicles closed Florida Ave and Miami Ave, Woy Woy on January 20

## Peaceful outcome to 'seige'

Police and emergency services worked to achieve a peaceful outcome to a "siege" in Florida Ave, Woy Woy, on January 20.

A middle-aged resident, understood to be seriously ill, made threats to harm himself and others.

Police subsequently secured the area

After several hours of negotiations, the man was willingly taken by ambulance.

Neighbours were evacuated and Florida and Miami Ave were closed to traffic during the incident.

No one was injured during the incident and police said it was resolved with a satisfactory outcome achieved.

SOURCE:

Website, 21 Jan 2018

Central Coast Incident

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Interview, 24 Jan 2018

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## New service 'established' at Killcare

**A service aimed at offering new classes and activities to local residents is now, after six months, "firmly established" in the Killcare community, according to its creator.**

Community Connect was formed with the aim of bringing together local teachers, facilitators and other professionals with local families and surf club members who could benefit from more locally-based recreational services, said coordinator Ms Lisa Mount.

Running out of Killcare Club's upstairs auditorium and adjoining conference room, Community Connect has regular weekday classes including the Bouddi Kids Choir, Sunrise Yoga, knitting groups and Yoga for Blokes.

Launched in July 2017 at the Pretty Beach Community Markets, with more than 20 local teachers, the service has continued to attract local musicians, artists, fitness and other professionals to share their offerings with local residents.

"Community Connect is another

place where people can go to enjoy social connection, learning opportunities and access a range of activities and resources from dance classes and Pilates to creative writing and Lifeline counselling," Ms Mount said.

"This last service is a free one, and is offered every Wednesday evening at 8pm by Killcare Surf Life Saving Club president and trained Lifeline counsellor, Mr Peter Bagnall."

Ms Mount said: "Many of the classes invite both kids and adults along, as a way of encouraging adults to give something new a go and be willing to do that in front of a younger crowd, while simultaneously being available as a mentor and trusted adult for the community youth."

"The new year timetable has new additions such as Beginners Guitar with Mick King, singing groups and Tai-Kwan-Do."

Ms Mount, a local mum and surf club member, said she was inspired to create Community Connect after finding it hard to adjust to the Central Coast.

"I'll be brutally honest and say

that Community Connect was inspired by my own struggles as a young single mum on the Coast.

"With my family back in Sydney, two young boys, little financial resources and a lack of social opportunities, I remember wishing there was somewhere I could go with the kids on those days where I didn't have a lot of cash, when I needed to see a smiling face and where I could access something for me without traipsing all around the coast," she said.

"Learning new things really helps us to build confidence and get positivity happening when we've been through hard patches."

"I guess it offers enough of a distraction, in a positive, life-generating way, to pick yourself up out of any rut you're in and take that next step in life."

"I initially joined the Killcare surf life saving club for these very reasons, I was at a real low point."

"Over the next few years, the people I met, the coaching and mentorship I received as a patrolling member and surf boat rower, and the acceptance I received from Patrol 1 (who I now refer to as my extended family) brought me out of a lonely place."

"After rowing for a few seasons and slowly getting my life back on track, I took a break from surf boats after the Aussies last year."

"The club has given me so much and now that I'm ok, I'm going to give something back."

"I figured I would use my skill set, professional connections and my time to help make the club more visible, approachable and accessible to all members of the community, not just those who have the means, or want to be lifesavers."

"The committee gave me the green light, and from there you couldn't stop me if you tried," Ms Mount said.

"The amount of community support we've received has been truly awesome, and the teachers, the committee and myself really appreciate it, but it really is the little things that make it all worthwhile."

"Like the smile on the face of a struggling single mum who's just made a new friend at the Kids Choir."

"She's going to have one more

person to call on when she needs a helping hand."

"Or the testimonial from an ordinary pub-going guy who's just done his first yoga class and is totally getting his mates to go the next one."

"Or the talented mum or dad that's been out of the workforce for a while raising kids and is using Community Connect as the place

to slowly get their professional confidence back, at their own pace, with their community supporting them and learning new things or getting fit in the process."

"That's what Community Connect is all about," Ms Mount said.

**SOURCE:**

**Media release, 24 Jan 2018  
Lisa Mount, Community Connect**

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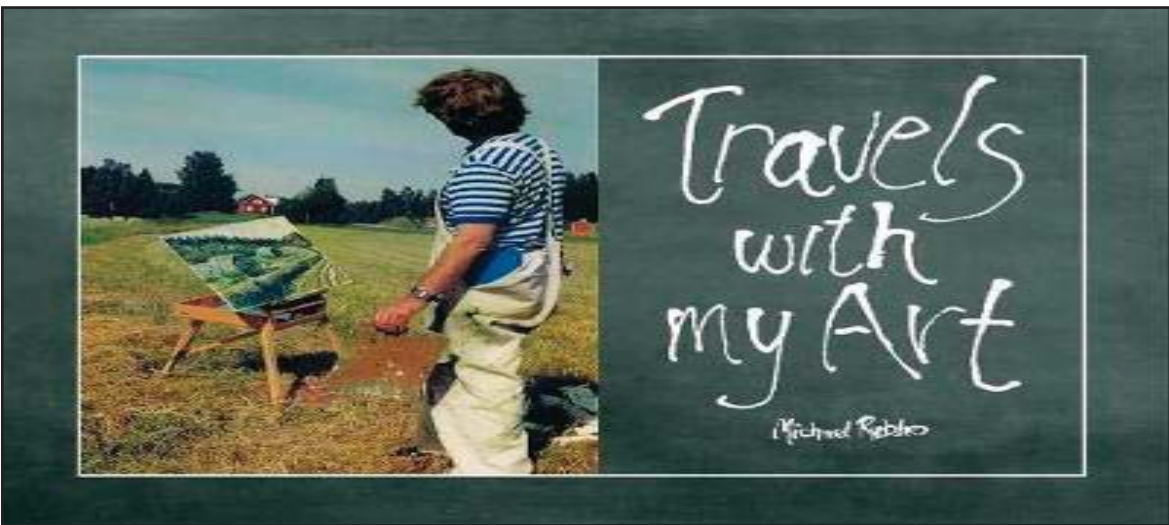
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Filmmaker to speak at Woy Woy library

Documentary filmmaker Mr Michael Rubbo will present an author talk at Woy Woy library from 2:30pm to 3:30pm on March 27. Mr Rubbo has written and

directed over 50 films, including the Emmy-winning Vincent and Me and the BAFTA award-winning Sad Song of Yellow Skin.

His most famous documentary, Waiting for Fidel, is a film school staple and best illustrates a new personal style which he pioneered, one which acknowledges that the filmmaker is also part of the story.

While making Vincent and Me, a film about a young girl's encounter with Vincent van Gogh, Mr Rubbo said he found himself re-creating 30 van Gogh paintings, real enough to pass for originals on the screen.

In doing so he discovered he loved the swirling brushstrokes of the artist and the way van Gogh plugged into the energy fields in nature.

It was the beginning for Mr Rubbo of becoming as much a painter as a filmmaker.

Mr Rubbo will tell of how this inspiration led to the images he now presents so vividly in his memoir, and how painting like his films, became personal.

Bookings are essential.

Source:

Website, 24 Jan 2018  
Central Coast Council

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Theatre group starts search for playwrights

Woy Woy Little Theatre has started a search for local playwrights for its Flash Festival at Peninsula Theatre to be held in September.

The group is looking for scripts for plays with the theme of Change, five to 15 minutes long, from writers from the Central Coast and Hunter regions.

Deadline for submissions is March 31.

The festival aims to provide a vehicle for playwrights and first time directors as they work with

new and experienced actors to bring 10 short plays to the stage.

Submitted plays will be assessed by a panel of experienced writers, with the best 10 chosen for performance.

There will be a workshop for aspiring directors run by Arne Neeme in July, with casting of the 10 plays to follow shortly after.

The festival will take place on September 21-23.

SOURCE:

Media release, 19 Jan 2018  
Terry Collins, Woy Woy Little Theatre

Choir practice resumes

The Frantastics Choir resumes practice from January 29.

The choir will hold a registration day from 12:30pm at the Walter Baker Hall, Woy Woy.

Membership secretary,

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SOURCE:

Media release, 14 Jan 2018  
Fran Kendall, Frantastics Choir

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## Sand sculptures to come down

The sand sculptures that have captured shoppers' imaginations over the summer holidays at Woy Woy will come down on January 29.

The three sculptures were created at Deepwater Plaza by Mr Jino Van Bruinessen of Sandstorm

Events on January 15.

The fish, the mermaid and the dolphins will be deconstructed at various times on January 29, just before school returns.

**SOURCE:**

Email, 24 Jan 2018

Jenny Walcott, Deepwater Plaza

A new gallery will be established in Ettalong by a Patonga artist and an Ettalong cafe.

According to artist Ms Vanessa Ashcroft the joint venture between herself and Re:Publik will create a platform for local artists to show their works in a professionally operated and marketed space.

She hopes it will also attract artists and clientele from Art Gallery on Ocean View's sister gallery, Art Gallery on Darling in Balmain, to the Peninsula.

"I am passionate that the artists represented by Art Gallery on Ocean View are of a high calibre, in fact one of our opening artists is Pamela Honeyfield who won the Gosford Art Prize two years in a row and who is also a Resident Artist of Art Gallery on Darling," Ms Ashcroft said.

Ms Ashcroft said the space would also host many events throughout the year and would be suitable for other events such as meet the artist talks, conferences, book signings and launches and special events.

"With the stunning architecture and industrial tone underlying the foundation of the art gallery and cafe space, it is sure to create a sense of anticipation each time we rehang and curate the work," Ms

## New gallery to be established in Ettalong



Ms Vanessa Ashcroft

Ashcroft said.

Ms Ashcroft has been operating Art Gallery on Darling for three years and said the time was ripe for a similar space on the Peninsula.

"As Director of Art Gallery on Darling, I feel our model, while being different in Balmain, is a very successful one and has the possibility to keep expanding," she

said.

"The Gallery in Balmain was closed for the Christmas break which gave me the opportunity to focus solely on getting the Ettalong branded and ready for opening night."

This will be held on Thursday, February 22, from 6pm to 8pm.

"As a practicing artist, I love the opportunity to create art for a different market and to indeed test the market difference from Balmain to the Coast.

"Throughout 2018 I will be exhibiting many different artists in a diverse range of mediums from photography, ceramics, weaving, printing and paintings from not only the local community but from as far afield as New Zealand," Ms Ashcroft said.

"The paintings and sculptures will be constantly curated and changed with emphasis on creating a stunning space to enjoy the culinary delights offered by the cafe.

"With over 20 artists already signed up to show their work, I am confident that this new venture will be very successful," Ms Ashcroft said.

**SOURCE:**

Interview, 11 Jan 2018  
Vanessa Ashcroft, Gallery on Ocean View  
Reporter: Dillon Luke

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2pm 2nd Sat St Lukes Church Hall, Blackwall Rd Woy Woy 4344 4811

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

Music

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

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

**Gosford Musical Society Minstrels**  
Entertain at various venues on the Coast seeking new members  
Thur Night Laycock St North Gosford 4341 4210

**Soundwaves**  
Men's a-capella 4 part harmony chorus - all ages 7pm Mon.  
Central Coast Leagues Club  
John 0413 276 698  
jbthomson51@gmail.com

**Troubadour Central Coast Folk, Traditional & Acoustic Music and Spoken Word**  
Concerts, Ukulele meets, and Sessions  
4th Sat 7pm CWA Hall Woy Woy  
4342 6716  
mail.info@troubadour.org.au

Political Groups

**Australian Labor Party**  
Political discussions, national, state and local government issues

**Umina Ettalong Branch**  
2nd Mon Umina Beach Bowling Club 7.30pm 4342 3676

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

**Woy Woy Branch**  
Everglades Country Club  
7.30pm 2nd Mon  
0412 517 520  
belindaneal@bigpond.com

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

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

Service Groups

**Lions Club of Woy Woy**  
1st and 3rd Mon. Woy Woy Leagues Club  
0478 959 895  
Make new friends and have fun while serving your community.

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

**Rotary Club of Umina Beach**  
Wednesdays 6.30pm  
Everglades Country Club  
0409 245 861  
curleys@ozemail.com.au

**Rotary Club of Woy Woy**  
Tues 6pm Everglades Country Club.  
Don Tee 0428 438 535

Special Interest

**Bridge**  
Duplicate Bridge Mon Tue Thur Fri Sat-12.15pm  
& Wed 9.15am  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club, Peninsula Community Centre  
93 McMasters Rd.  
Woy Woy  
www.brisbane-water.bridge-club.org

**Cash Housie**  
50 Games every Sat night  
Peninsula Community Centre, McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, 7.30pm. Proceeds to Woy Woy Catholic Parish.  
wwcphousie@hotmail.com

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

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

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

**Central Coast Soaring Club Inc**  
Gliding Club. Learn to fly, Instruction FREE to members  
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Flying at Bloodtree Road Mangrove Mountain Thur, Sat, Sun ( weather permitting)  
0412 164 082  
0414 635 047  
www.ccsoaring.com.au

**Ettalong Toastmasters**  
We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal

growth  
2nd & 4th Tue, 7:30PM,  
Ettalong Diggers  
0408 416 356

**Peninsula Environment Group**  
Environmental projects, (incl. Woytopia),  
Woy Woy community garden, social events, workshops, organic food buying group  
www.peg.org.au

**Central Coast Goju-Kai Karate**  
Traditional Karate & Self Defence for Teens & Adults  
No Contracts, Cheap Rates  
Wamboral - Mon 630pm  
Kincumber - Thurs 715pm  
0417 697 096  
www.centralcoastgoju-kaikarate.com.au

**Woy Woy Judo Club**  
Mon & Fri - 5pm 7+ Novice  
Tue-Thur - 5 classes from 4pm  
Wed from 4:30pm  
Fri-6-7pm Women's BoxFitness  
27 Bowden Road Woy Woy  
Min age 4 years old  
0434 000 170  
www.woywoyjudoclub.com

Veterans

**National Malaya Borneo Veterans Association**  
1st Sat F(except Jan) 1pm  
Ettalong Beach  
War Memorial Club,  
51-52 The Esplanade.  
4342 1107

Vietnam Veterans', Peacekeepers' and Peacemakers'  
Assist all veterans & families with pension & welfare issues.  
Mon & Wed 9am-1pm 4344 4760  
Cnr Broken Bay Rd & Beach St Ettalong.  
centralcoastveterans@bigpond.com.

**Woy Woy Ettalong Hardy's Bay RSL**  
Provide help with pensions and welfare etc.  
Shop 5/382 Oceanview Rd Ettalong. Tues & Thurs 9am to 1pm 4341 2594

Women's Groups

**BPW Central Coast**  
Empowering women of all ages in the areas of work, education, well-being and friendship.  
All women welcome to attend monthly dinner meetings.  
Be enlightened. \$40 covers two course meal and speaker.  
0438 989 199  
bpwcentralcoast@hotmail.com  
www.bpw.com.au/central-coast

**Country Women's Association Umina**  
2 Sydney Ave  
Branch Meetings  
2nd Wednesday 10am  
Craft & Friends  
Wednesdays 9.30am  
2nd and 4th Sundays 12.15pm  
0416 193 070 - 4340 1746

**Country Women's Association Woy Woy**  
30 The Boulevard, Woy Woy  
Craft & Friendship: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Wed 10AM.  
Meetings: 4th Wed 10AM.  
Ph: 0411 434 785  
woywoycwa@gmail.com

**Gosford RSL Women's Auxiliary**  
For women over 18 years. Raise money for welfare of veterans and their families  
RSL Club, West Gosford  
4th Mon 2pm 4323 7336

**Peninsula Women's Health Centre**  
Counselling, therapeutic and social groups, workshops, domestic violence and abuse issues. All services by women for women  
4342 5905  
www.cccwhc.com.au

If you would like your Community Organisation listed here, see www.duckscrossing.org or www.centralcoastnewspapers.com for the forms or contact Central Coast Newspapers on - 4325 7369

Entries in the Not For Profit Community Organisations Directory are free. However, we require each organisation to subscribe to each newspaper to ensure that someone from that organisation keeps their entry up to date. Subscription rates are \$75 for 25 editions.



## Patonga artist supports junior portrait prize

Patonga artist Ms Jocelyn Maughan has thrown her support behind the About Face, the Gosford Junior Portrait Prize.

"The competition gets students to do an observation drawing of someone they know, which means they are really looking and learning to draw," Ms Maughan said.

"Learning to see and learning to draw are very much intertwined," she added.

The portrait prize is being held for the third consecutive year at Gosford Regional Gallery.

The competition gives children of the Central Coast aged between 5 and 18 years the opportunity to submit drawings and have them displayed for the public eye.

Ms Maughan's ongoing support for the competition rests on her determination to provide children with the same encouragement and opportunities she was afforded as a young girl.

"It's about giving back and giving other people the same



opportunities I had," she said.

Ms Maughan has found the process of working with children as well as seniors to develop their drawing skills to be an enjoyable and rewarding process.

"I get a lot of fun out of it.

"I do give to the children but I get a lot back."

In her childhood, Ms Maughan submitted her drawings to small drawing competitions hosted by the Sun Herald and Myers.

"I still have all of those drawings

and that's really where it all started for me," she said.

Ms Maughan expressed her love for drawing, which has always held an important place in her career and her heart.

"If we went out on a family picnic, the sketchbooks were packed up and came along with us," she said.

Ms Maughan believes it is important for young children to be exposed to opportunities such as this to develop their skills and interests.

"There's so much competition for sport and even in music and dance but not for drawing," she said.

"I love sport, but I think it's important that children get the opportunity to experience everything so that they can work out what they want to do later in life," she said.

**SOURCE:**

Interview, 11 Jan 2018

Jocelyn Maughan, Patonga

Reporter: Olivana Smith-Lathouris

## The lady with the pink hair

**Growing up in Gloucester NSW, mother of three Ms Judy Harding is now easily recognised in Ettalong as the "lady with the pink hair".**

As a talented artist, over the years, Ms Harding has had many jobs from catering to bus driving.

She now spends her days making craft items which she

displays and sells at Ettalong on alternate Saturdays.

Although now using a mobility scooter, every other Saturday she pulls her trailer of art and craft down to the main street of Ettalong where a friend helps her set up her craft wares.

Email, 15 Jan 2018  
Vivien Sale, Umina

## The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

### Saturday, Feb 3

Central Coast Disabled Surfers Association Hands On Surf Day at Umina Beach, 9am to 1:30pm

Gary Daley and Son and Graeme Knight, The Troubadour CWA Hall, 7:00pm, tickets essential

### Sunday, Feb 4

Gut Health Kickstarter Workshop, Umina Beach (full address given upon registration, 11:30am to 4:00pm, bookings essential

Blues Jam, Hardys Bay Club, 2pm to 4pm

### Tuesday, Feb 6

Turning into teens, for parents of 10-18 year olds, Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, 10am to 12pm, until March 6Sunday, Mar 11

The Bays Fair, The Village Green, Phegans Bay

### Saturday, Feb 10

The Retrospectives, Hardys Bay Club, 7:30pm

### Sunday, Feb 11

Screening: UFC 221: Romero vs Rockhold, Ocean Beach Hotel, Umina, 2:00pm

Deck Sessions: Bandditts, Hardys Bay Club, 3:00pm to 6:00pm

### Friday, Feb 16

ClubsNSW Central Coast Region Charity Golf Day, Everglades Country Club, 6:30am to 3:30pm, tickets essential

### Saturday, Feb 17

Mental as Anything, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club, bookings essential

The Heart of the Matter- The Music of the Eagles, Everglades Country Club, 8:00pm to 11:00pm, tickets essential

### Sunday, Feb 18

Jam With Pat and Ness, Hardys Bay Club, 3:00pm to 6:00pm

### Thursday, Feb 22

Opening Night, Art Gallery on Ocean View, Re:Publik Café Ettalong, 6:00pm to 8:00pm, limited numbers bookings recommended

### Saturday, Feb 24

TC2, Hardys Bay Club, 7:30pm

### Sunday, Feb 25

Deck Sessions: Honey and The Bluestones, Hardys Bay Club, 3:00pm to 6:00pm

### Saturday, Mar 3

Winne Appreciation Night and South American Dinner, Everglades Country Club, 6:30pm to 10:00pm, tickets essential

The Everly Brothers and Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, Ettalong Diggers, 7:30pm to 10:30pm, tickets essential

### Saturday, Mar 24

Opera in the Arboretum, Pearl Beach, 3pm to 5:30pm, tickets essential

### Saturday, Mar 31

The Vallies a Tribute to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, Everglades Country Club, 8:00pm to 11:00pm, tickets essential

### Saturday, Apr 7

Charmaine Wilson, Ettalong Diggers, 7:00pm to 10:00pm, tickets essential

## Peninsula directory of services, contacts and support groups

## Ambulance, Police, Fire 000

### Emergency

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

### Health

Poisons Information 131 126  
Ambulance Text Mobile 106  
Ambulance GSM 112  
Gosford Hospital 4320 2111  
Woy Woy Hospital 4344 8444  
Sexual Health @ Gosford Hospital 4320 2114  
After Hours GP Help Line 1800 022 222  
**Legal & Financial Help**  
Financial Counselling Service 4334 2304  
Tenants' Advice and Advocacy Service 4353 5515  
Woy Woy Court 4344 0111  
**Libraries**  
Gosford district:  
Umina Beach 4304 7333  
Woy Woy 4304 7555

### Problems, Habits & Addiction

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

Mental Health Line 1800 011 511  
Beyondblue 1300 224 636  
Domestic Violence Line 1800 656 463  
Lifeline 13 11 14  
Kids Help Line 1800 551 800  
Griefline 1300 845 745  
Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467

### Transport

Taxi 131 008  
Busways 4368 2277  
City Rail 131 500

### Welfare Services

Gosford Family Support 4340 1585  
Meals on Wheels 4341 6699  
Department of Community Services Gosford 4336 2400  
The Salvation Army 4325 5733  
Samaritans Emergency Relief 4393 2450  
St Vincent De Paul Society  
HELPLINE 4323 6081

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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0412 685 555

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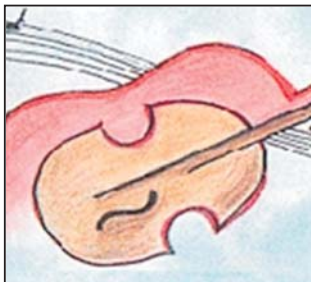
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or 4339 2317

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## ENTERTAINMENT



### The Troubadour

Folk and Acoustic  
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CWA Hall - Woy Woy  
**Price \$10, \$13 and \$15**

www.troubadour.org.au  
**4342 6716**

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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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Having an advertisement run for 3 months only costs \$215 + GST, for 6 months it is \$385 + GST, and for 12 months advertising, the total cost is only \$700 + GST - Approximately \$14 per week.

Artwork is free and advertisers are encouraged to change their advertisements frequently

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9-5 MON - FRI 9-1 SAT  
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**ETTALONG BEACH**  
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Appliances  
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SUMMARY

A Facilities Manager is responsible for ensuring that buildings and its associated services meet the necessary compliance requirements as well as the needs of the people that work and live in them. The Facilities Manager is accountable for the Building which has a Registered Club, 234 Units, Mantra Hotel, Swimming Pool, a gym (1st Floor) along with services such as fire/EWIS systems, security and parking, to make sure the surrounding environment is in a suitable condition to work. They also manage any building maintenance including heating and air conditioning, to maintain the working environment. They will be responsible for coordinating contractors to perform maintenance on plant and equipment as well as arrange removal and replacement of items.

Reporting directly to the Building Maintenance Committee at their regular meetings

The role is a contract basis only and the successful person will be expected to have their own ABN as well as Workers Compensation, Public Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurances (support can be provided to arrange cost effective insurances)

**The hours of work.** This position is seen as being on a part time basis possibly over two or three days per week... However, the successful candidate will be expected to be flexible with the hours varying from day to day.

It is anticipated that the successful candidate will have the following Skill Set:

- Ability to develop good working relations with a wide array of stake holders
- Working with Maintenance Personnel from Hotel, Apartments and Club
- Putting forward a list of proposed works and costings
- Forecasting Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) requirements
- Well organised and good communication skills
- Technical knowledge of building services
- Formal Facilities Management Tertiary qualifications
- Very good Computer skills
- Ability to manage within an established budget
- Good problem-solving skills
- Ability to maintain the facilities compliance with a range of regulations

WHAT'S NEXT

If you are interested in being considered for this opportunity please send your proposal and resume to the CEO Ettalong Diggers, PO Box 17, Ettalong Beach NSW 2257 on or prior to 5pm Monday 5th February 2018

# Killcare hosts Central Coast Nippers' carnival

**Killcare Surf Life Saving Club has hosted the first Central Coast Nippers' carnival of 2018.**

The carnival was held on January 21 and attracted 700 Nippers from across the Coast's 15 clubs and further afield from Sydney and the Hunter.

Club junior activities director Mr Craig Sheppard said it could not have been a better day for the Nippers or the Killcare club.

"In a rare move for Surf Life Saving Central Coast,

they postponed our event due to the forecast and we are so happy they did.

"It could not have been a more postcard perfect day, with beach and sea conditions absolutely perfect for a Nippers' carnival," Mr Sheppard said.

A full line up of beach and water surf life saving events were run on the day.

**SOURCE:**  
**Interview, 24 Jan 2018**  
**Craig Sheppard,**  
**Killcare SLSC**  
**Reporter: Dillon Luke**

## THE SHAME FILE

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From time to time, as necessary, we will name these people, businesses or organisations as a warning to our readers so that they will be wary when dealing with them.

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Sport



Teams Murphy and Andersen battled it out in hot and windy conditions on January 14

Mixed fours  
championship held  
in the heat

The final of the Umina Beach Bowling Club's mixed fours championship was held on January 14 in hot, gusty conditions.

Despite the conditions, the two teams comprising Carol Hawkesworth, Joan Murphy, Steve Stead and Terry Murphy, against Jean Saggus, Gloria Bosward, Mark Speerin, and Rob Andersen, saw both teams handle the extreme weather to play an exciting final.

Rob Andersen's team raced away to a strong lead of 16-6.

Terry Murphy's team then won the next six ends bringing the score to 16-13.

With a four and three on the next three ends, Rob Andersen's team put the game out of reach.

Despite winning the last two ends, it was not enough for Mr Murphy's side to catch up and the final result was a win to team Andersen, 23 to 17.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 23 Jan 2018  
Ian Jarratt, Umina Beach Bowling Club

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# Surf clubs to raise money through container collection

**Killcare and Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Clubs will collect bottles and cans to raise money through the NSW Government's Container Deposit Scheme.**

From January 15, Killcare and Ocean Beach Club's joined with 68 other surf clubs across the state in the scheme.

Killcare and Ocean Beach Club will take eligible containers and donate the 10c container rebate to Surf Life Saving NSW.

Environment Minister Ms Gabrielle Upton called the Surf Life Saving "donation sites" a smart way charities can benefit from the scheme.

"Return and Earn is a win for the environment and an opportunity for

charities and community groups to also benefit," said Minister Upton.

Surf Life Saving NSW chief Mr Steven Pearce said: "For every drink container donated by a member of the public, eight cents goes directly to the local surf club where the containers are deposited.

"The remaining two cents will be used by Surf Life Saving NSW to fund community education programs, help train lifesavers and provide lifesaving and rescue equipment to our clubs."

The clubs will accept aluminium cans and plastic PET bottles.

Containers must be empty with lids off.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 15 Jan 2018  
Nicole Gemmell, MAVE Agency

# Buhagiar features in Australian win

Umina's Trent Buhagiar enjoyed success as part of the Australian Under-23 Men's National soccer team that defeated Syria 3-1 in their opening match of the 2018 AFC Under-23 Championship on Thursday, January 11 in Kunshan, China.

Australia scored twice in the first half in chilly Kunshan, where the temperature at kick-off hovered just above five degrees Celsius.

Coach Milicic made one change to his line-up for the start of the second stanza as the Central Coast Mariners' attacker Trent Buhagiar replaced Kamau.

The Umina Eagles junior had an early chance in the second half to make it 3-0 to Australia, however his strike after Mauk's pass was well saved by Ibrahim.

Strong work down the right by Buhagiar in the 77<sup>th</sup> minute ultimately led to a second goal for teammate Blackwood and ensured



that Australia commenced their assault on the 2018 AFC Under-23 Championship in winning fashion.

Australia took on Vietnam in their second Group D match on Sunday, January 14, before playing one of the tournament favourites, Korea Republic, on Wednesday, January 17.

A top two finish in Group D will be required for Australia to

advance to the Quarter Finals on the competition.

Australia's results at the 2018 AFC Under-23 Championship will impact the team's seeding for the 2020 AFC Under-23 Championship, which will double as the qualification tournament for the 2020 Summer Olympics to be held in Tokyo, Japan.

Trent Buhagiar grew up on the Peninsula and played his junior football for the Umina Eagles.

He attended the international football school at Kariang and was signed by the Central Coast Mariners in 2016 having played with the Central Coast Mariners' Academy from 2013.

Buhagiar has been touted by some as the quickest player in the Mariners' squad.

**SOURCES:**

Media release, 12 Jan 2018

Ben O'Neill, Football

Federation of Australia

Website, 12 Jan 2018

Tyson Scott, Central Coast Mariners

# Charity bowls raises \$1275

**More than 50 bowlers attended a charity bowls at Woy Woy Bowling Club raising \$1275 on the day.**

have returned to Sporties, Woy Woy in 2018 and have already raised over \$2,500.

This brings the total funds raised by the bowlers to \$2900 for Central Coast Kids in Need.

"Central Coast Kids in Need raises money to assist families who have seriously ill children with prolonged illness," said organiser Mr Ken Dixon.

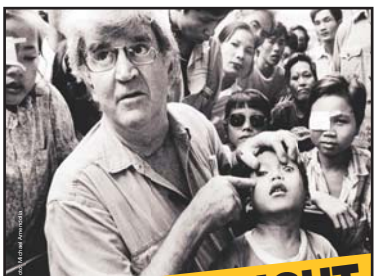
"Most of these children are cancer patients, others with organ transplants and premature babies with life threatening issues.

"The money is used to defray the costs of accommodation for the families while the kids are receiving their treatment.

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

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 22 Jan 2018  
Ken Dixon, Charity Bowls



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