



## Popular cruise is cancelled as channel silts up

**A Gosford cruise operator has cancelled a popular tour through the Ettalong Channel and has called on NSW Roads and Maritime Services to restrict passage to vessels with drafts of less than 1.5 metres.**

Starship Cruises owner and master of the Lady Kendall II, Mr Alan Draper, said vessels with greater drafts should not navigate the channel at the entrance to Brisbane Water.

Mr Draper said he was no longer prepared to take the Lady Kendall II, which has a 2.2 metre draft, through the channel to do his sought-after Four Islands tourist cruise around Brisbane Water, Broken Bay, Pittwater and the Hawkesbury.

"That cruise represents 50 per cent of my income because it is

one of the best boat trips in the country, but it is not safe to take her out," he said.

"It is a compounding sand situation down there and it is getting worse," he said.

According to Mr Draper, the channel is in the worst shape he has seen it in the 33 years he has been operating the Lady Kendall II.

He said ferry masters and anyone in control of a commercial vessel have grown increasingly nervous about driving through the channel "the RMS has provided".

"If it was a road, they would clear it.

"If it was a train track, they would clear it.

"If the RMS was serious about safety, they would put out a notice warning vessels with a draft of greater than 1.5 metres not to use the channel," he said.

Mr Draper said he believed

he knew the answer to the two most important questions about the current state of the channel at Ettalong – what caused the problem and who is responsible for fixing it.

The channel to the entrance of Brisbane Water has been neglected for 150 years, he said.

"For the last 150 years, no one has done anything.

"We have always been the poor cousins of other waterways up and down the Coast."

In more recent times, the excavation for the building of the Mantra, beach nourishment and previous attempts to "sweep" the channel have all contributed to its current siltation, Mr Draper said.

"Beach replenishment programs cause the channel to block because the sand from the beach winds up in the channel."

As for whose responsibility it is

to fix the problem and pay to keep the channel navigable, Mr Draper said that was clearly a State Government job.

"Council's responsibility ends at the high tide mark.

"It is a great business plan on behalf of the RMS to get Central Coast rate payers to pay its bills.

"Rate payers should be really upset if the Council starts spending money on things that are the responsibility of the NSW Government," he said.

"All we need is a channel dredge.

"Where do they get this ocean going super-dredge nonsense?

"What are we? Dubai?

"It costs \$600 per hour to operate a modern dredge that could remove 900 cubic metres an hour.

"If the RMS was to pay to run a dredge through the natural

channel, not the one they've marked but the one that runs across from Ettalong Point to the south of Lobster Beach and then straight to Little Box Head, with the tides in and out, it would be clear in no time."

Meanwhile, Mr Draper said the RMS needed to get serious about safety and "stop people going through it".

If your vessel has a 1.5 metre draft you won't get in on a low tide.

"The only way for me to get out now is at the top of the high tide and then I can't get back in.

"I will have a go at anything but it is just too dangerous.

"When you have white water coming in on a 1.2 metre sea it is like driving a car on ice," he said.

**SOURCE:**

Interview, 5 Apr 2018

Alan Draper, Starship Cruises  
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

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## Dry Easter part of bigger trend

The first quarter of 2018 has ended with rainfall on the Peninsula tracking well below average.

In fact, for the month of March, actual rainfall recorded was 79.6mm which was 71.4mm short of the 151mm expected average according to Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

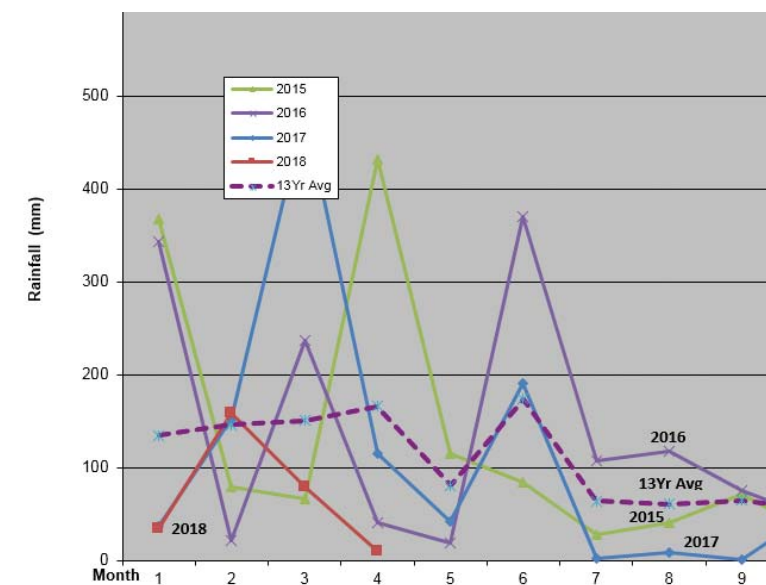
By April 5 around 283mm of rain had fallen on the Peninsula for the year to date when the cumulative average for the first three months is 432mm.

There have only been 12 days when more than 5mm rain has fallen in a 24-hour period.

The heaviest downpour recorded so far in 2018 was 87mm on February 26.

March had two days when falls over 20mm were recorded (March 6 and 26).

Easter campers were delighted by the uninterrupted sunshine over the long weekend, broken only by the spectacular electric storm on April 2 when 10.4mm were



recorded in Mr Morrison's rain gauge.

Overall the trend has been dry and another 156mm of rain needs to fall on the Peninsula's gardens to reach the average for the month.

By the end of April, the expected cumulative average on

the Peninsula is 598mm.

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**SOURCE:**  
Spreadsheet, 6 Apr 2018  
Jim Morrison, Umina

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# Rogers Park sandstone cost \$31,790

The sandstone blocks around Rogers Park in Woy Woy cost \$31,790.00 and the funds were provided from Council's General Maintenance Account.

The cost was revealed following questions on notice from Cr Lisa Matthews about the use of sandstone blocks as "fencing" in various locations including Woy Woy, Pretty Beach and Hardys Bay.

"The reason behind the installation was that the existing log fences were failing and past their service life," according to a staff report to the March 26 Council meeting.

"There was an existing metal fence installed many years ago by the Woy Woy Cricket Club around

the AFL-cricket field," the report said.

"This fence was second hand when installed and was also deteriorating and past its service life.

"The club no longer wanted to maintain the fence and it was subsequently removed and replaced with the sandstone blocks.

"There had been occasions when cars had accessed the oval by knocking down the old fences.

"The installation of the new blocks should prevent further vehicle access and damage to the field."

The supplier of the sandstone blocks was Grants Rd Quarries.

**SOURCE:**  
Central Coast Council agenda  
Item 5.2, 9 Apr 2018



## Anzac Day services

**A number of Anzac services will be held across the Peninsula on Anzac Day, April 25.**

Empire Bay Progress Association's main service will commence from 11am at the Empire Bay Cenotaph on Sorrento Rd.

Ettalong Bowling Club will open from 8am and offer a free breakfast from 9am to 10:45am, followed by a 1pm service at the Flagpole.

The club will have entertainment from 1:30pm.

Woy Woy and Ettalong RSL Sub Branches dawn service will commence from 5:15am at Woy Woy Railway Station.

From 5:15am marchers will make their way to Woy Woy Memorial Garden for a 5:30am service.

Breakfast for the dawn service attendees will be held at Ettalong Diggers from 6am, followed by a Wreath Laying Service at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial from 8am.

Ettalong Diggers Morning Service will commence from 9:30am in the Deepwater Plaza carpark with the march to the Woy Woy Memorial Garden starting from 10am.

The service will begin in the Garden from 10:30am.

Hardys Bay Club will hold a

service and lay wreaths from 11am.

Patonga's dawn service will commence from 5:30am at the Patonga War Memorial and will be followed by a free breakfast at the Patonga Progress Hall.

Pearl Beach's Memorial Service will be held at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall from 10am.

The Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association of Australia Central Coast Sub Branch will hold their service at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the Ettalong foreshore from 8am.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 5 Apr 2018  
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# Traffic lights at school unlikely before 2020

**Funding for permanent improvements for pedestrian safety, including traffic lights on the Melbourne and Hobart Ave intersection, near Umina Public School, is unlikely to be available before 2020.**

Central Coast Council has been told staff are responding to requests from the school to improve pedestrian safety.

"As part of the 2017/18 Roads, Transport and Drainage funded capital works program, Council is preparing a design for the upgrade of the Hobart-Melbourne Ave intersection to improve pedestrian safety and traffic flow," the staff

report said.

"Following this, a design for Melbourne Ave between Hobart Ave and Adelaide Ave will be commissioned to provide street drainage, kerb and gutter, footpath and new pavement," it said.

"It is anticipated the proposed design of the road will allow for two travel lanes with formalised on-street parking on both sides.

"As part of the design process an independent traffic study was undertaken to examine current and future traffic volumes to identify the appropriate solution for improvements at the intersections of Hobart and Melbourne Ave and Hobart and Sydney Ave.

"The study identified installing traffic lights at the Hobart-Melbourne Ave intersection as providing 'significant improvement in traffic efficiency and safety for all users'.

"It is anticipated that a pedestrian phase will be available on all approaches to the intersection.

"Following completion of the designs, it is anticipated that the upgrading works will be staged over the subsequent years' Capital Works Program, which will be subject to Council funding approval.

"At this stage, funding for commencement of construction works has been identified in year

three of the capital works program commencing 2018-2019, and will be subject to Council adoption and other competing priorities.

"In the interim, measures have been put in place to assist in the management of traffic and parking in the vicinity of the school including the installation of guide posts in a section of Melbourne Ave to delineate the road verge and discourage illegal parking impacting on pedestrian movements.

"The Local Traffic Committee, at its meeting held on July 12 last year, also recommended that the existing No Stopping restriction in Melbourne Ave at its intersection

with Hobart Ave be extended to 20 metres to improve sight distance for both motorists and pedestrians including those using the nearby marked pedestrian crossing in Hobart Ave.

"The recommendation of the Local Traffic Committee was subsequently endorsed and the signage was implemented.

"Council's Road Safety Education Officer has also been liaising with the school principal and School Council on these matters."

**SOURCE:**  
Central Coast Council agenda  
Item 6.1, 26 Mar 2018

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# Comments sought on flying fox strategy

A flying fox management strategy for the Central Coast, which will cover the Everglades wetlands flying fox camp, will be the subject of a 28-day community consultation.

The strategy has been prepared to guide the management of the species on Council and other land.

It aims to reduce impacts of flying fox camps on local residents while conserving flying foxes and their habitat and enabling land managers and other stakeholders to use a range of suitable management responses to sustainably manage the flying fox population.

It provides details of camp sites, species, community engagement and agreed management actions designed to achieve objectives.

It will be administered by Central Coast Council and the NSW Department of Infrastructure – Lands and Forestry, covering a period until 2027.

The strategy puts Council, private residents and the Department of Infrastructure in a position of being eligible for State and Commonwealth funding for implementation of the plan including mitigation measures.

A key component of the



Land tenure of the Everglades flying fox camp

strategy is community education and engagement and the strategy details Council's proposed approach in this area.

The strategy includes the latest scientific research and current best practice so that Council is "in a position of knowledge and strength" in being able to respond

to community pressure to take action at individual camps.

The strategy lists a number of recommended management actions.

For immediate action is implementation of "Flying-Fox Engage", designed to engage communities on the issues that

arise from living with flying-fox species.

The online survey and other engagement activities would occur after the public exhibition period for the strategy.

Feedback from the community will be analysed and incorporated into the strategy.

The Central Coast is an important part of the home range of three flying fox species, also known as mega bats or fruit bats.

These animals are a critical component of the biodiversity of the region as they are pollinators of a range of native plants and disperse seeds over many kilometres.

One of the four known active camps is located at the Everglades wetlands precinct and grey-headed flying-fox were observed roosting at the site for the first time in 2017.

There are reports the last camp in the area was around 2002 and that grey-headed flying-foxes regularly forage in the vegetation along Kahibah Creek.

The Everglades wetland precinct historically consisted of a series of freshwater and salt water wetlands and exposed sandflats.

From the 1950s to the 1980s most of the wetlands of the sandplains were filled for development, including significant infill of the Everglades wetland to enable the development of the golf course, according to the strategy document.

"The arrival of the Grey-headed Flying foxes has coincided with widespread flowering of red bloodwood," the strategy said.

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# Comments sought on flying fox strategy

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"While the flying fox camp is largely located on the Everglades wetlands land parcel (Crown land under care, control and management of Council), flying-foxes have also been observed roosting in melaleuca trees between the wetlands and residential developments along Kerrawah Boulevard," it said.

According to the strategy grey-headed flying foxes have been observed roosting in well-established broad-leaved paperbark, swamp mahogany and swamp oak in two distinct groups.

"The main group was roosting on the southern side of Boronia Rd and a smaller splinter group was roosting on the northern side of Boronia Rd.

"In 2017, 2700 individuals were estimated to use the camp.

"The entire reserve contains potential roosting habitat suggesting that there is capacity for a significant increase in flying-fox numbers," it said.

According to the strategy both swamp mahogany and broad-leaved paperbark are high priority food sources that are widespread across the reserve.

"Rainforest fruits in these habitats provide consistent food for the animals during late summer and autumn.

"Approximately 82 per cent of forested land within 20km of



Melaleuca forest within the Everglades camp

the Everglades Wetland Camp contains flowering trees visited by flying-foxes.

"In total 23 species of trees in the flowering diet of grey-headed flying-foxes occur within feeding range of the site," it said.

Spring, summer and early autumn are the most likely times for flying-fox numbers to increase at the Everglades camp, according to the document.

"Significant flowering of red bloodwood and Sydney peppermint is likely to attract flying-foxes to the Everglades camp during summer and early autumn.

"Significant flowering of

turpentine may attract flying-foxes during spring."

Clearing of vegetation from the low lying coastal foreshore areas of Woy Woy has reduced potential suitable roosting habitats but there are a few remnant bushland parcels containing swamp oak woodland suitable for foraging and roosting.

They include the Everglades golf course south west of the camp which is dominated by broad-leaved paperbark and swamp mahogany.

Another is the small drainage reserve 500 metres south west of the camp and a small Council

drainage reserve on Warrumunga Rd, Woy Woy, bounded by houses, approximately 800 metres south west of the flying fox camp.

Nearby houses may also contain suitable roosting and foraging species and may attract flying-foxes to their gardens.

There have been no "on-ground management strategies" aimed at the Everglades Camp, according to the Strategy.

Bush regeneration activities have been suspended while the camp has been active, it said.

The strategy includes an assessment of 15 camp management strategies across

three levels of intervention.

Potential options for implementation at the camps would require active management.

The strategy will be reviewed every four years or if Council resolves to review earlier.

Mayor Cr Jane Smith said the strategy set up a framework for the proactive management of flying-fox camps across the region.

"The strategy has been developed in partnership with other Hunter-based Councils to provide a consistent approach to flying-fox management," Cr Smith said.

"Our community will now have the opportunity to review the strategy, which makes a number of recommendations to legally and proactively address the potential impacts that may result from flying-fox camps affecting urbanised areas.

"Council will also undertake further education and engagement with the Central Coast community using an established flying-fox engagement platform to inform our management activities."

The strategy will be publicly exhibited for 28 days and the details of the strategy and how to put in a submission will be found at [yourvoiceourcoast.com](http://yourvoiceourcoast.com)

## SOURCE:

Agenda item 4.1, 26 Mar 2018

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# Auditing firm backflip clears Gosford accounts

**Accounting firm Price Waterhouse Coopers appears to have done a backflip in its assessment of the former Gosford Council's finances.**

The auditing firm has now reported to Central Coast Council that it could only find "minor errors" and no evidence of fraud in the former Gosford Council's financial transactions.

This has been confirmed by the NSW Audit Office, whose representative said: "We did identify minor misclassification or minor errors, but they were not material at all."

"Overall, there was nothing to report," he said.

One year ago, Price Waterhouse Coopers took the unusual step of refusing to express an opinion about those financial statements based on their audit at the time.

Central Coast Council chief Mr Rob Noble said at the time that there were anomalies which meant that he could neither rule out nor confirm whether the former Council's financial transactions had been recorded accurately.

The action by Price Waterhouse Coopers and failure of Mr Noble to express confidence in Gosford Council was taken by State politicians, local councillors and community leaders as indicative of poor financial management if not corruption within Gosford Council.

The statements were seen to be used as a basis of removing senior Gosford Council staff from senior positions in the new amalgamated council, in favour of senior Wyong staff.

At the time, Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Mr Scot Macdonald commented on allegations that resulted from the audit process of double-counting of assets, \$74 million in missing assets and a total over-valuation of assets by \$1.39 billion.

He said: "We are angry at the Government level, but relieved it has come to light."

At the time, former Wyong councillor Mr Carl Veugen described the situation as a "colossal financial mess that the former Gosford Council has left our community in".

He said "nearly all" speakers at a community forum called for "those who were charged with keeping an eye on the financial position (senior staff and councillors) of the former Gosford Council over the past decade to be held accountable for this unadulterated mess".

A year later, the NSW Audit Office, which had also appointed Price Waterhouse Coopers to conduct an audit on its behalf, has issued a clean audit report.

Mr James Sugarman from Price Waterhouse Coopers said he was the auditor responsible, under delegation, for conducting the

audit of Central Coast Council's accounts, following new provisions of the Local Government Act which require the Auditor-General to audit all councils.

Mr Sugarman told the March 26 Council meeting that the Gosford finance system had a number of asset control deficiencies.

"We did identify the risk of errors and the potential for fraud due to a lack of access controls to the finance system for Gosford Council," he said.

"The risk was identified and we escalated the level of audit required."

"We increased the amount of sample testing and validation by other means, including external sources."

"The number of samples increased significantly, and we worked with management to identify transactions and track down the details on those transactions."

"We did identify minor misclassification or minor errors, but they were not material at all."

"Overall, there was nothing to report," he said.

He said he was able to issue a clean audit report and that Central Coast Council's financial statements complied with relevant accounting standards.

An outstanding critic of the former Gosford Council's financial affairs, Cr Greg Best moved the

motion for the merged Council to adopt the audited financial statements.

"This has been an extraordinary financial journey this council has gone on from the day of infamy on May 12, 2016," Cr Best said.

"The auditor has given a clean slate to all the actions of both councils. There was nothing illegal or inappropriate," Cr Best acknowledged.

Seconding the motion, Cr Doug Vincent said: "Funds were accounted for and well spent."

"When I understood the drilling down, and the recognition of no impropriety, I rested a lot easier," he said.

"We still have to pay for this amalgamation, which will be between \$120 and \$150m, and the rate payers are still concerned about that and still questioning whether it is the best use of their money."

"PWC and the Audit Office have gone to extensive lengths to ensure things are right and correct and to the best of my knowledge, they are," Cr Vincent said.

Following the meeting, Cr Vincent, who is a member of Council's Risk and Audit Committee, said "I went there with a healthy scepticism and I was asking a lot of blunt pointy questions."

"Normally, if you have a finance system, it locks out the bulk of the

people and only allows a small number of senior people and key finance people to enter the system."

"When the Gosford system was implemented, it didn't have its full lock out application and more people than you would prefer had access."

"I think they did over 16,000 samples with Gosford staff, PWC and the audit office."

"They all over-sampled and couldn't find anything."

"They have put their own reputation on the line here."

"They have said they could not find any malpractice, misconduct or anything that was untoward."

"At every meeting, I was really probing and fingering because I knew that externally, people had been asking questions."

"Over time, the openness with which they were discussing the process and the frankness that they didn't feel anyone was blocking them from trying to check things."

"Half way through the process they said they wanted more time to double check, which they were given, and at the end of the day they were happy to sign off," Cr Vincent said.

**SOURCE:**

Central Coast Council agenda

Item 4.6, 26 Mar 2018

Interview, 27 Mar 2018

Doug Vincent, Central

Coast Council

Reporter: Jackie Pearson

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Item 214 Blackwall Mountain Sandstone Block, Governor Phillip Memorial Park, Rip Bridge, Booker Bay



Item 215 Booker Bay Cemetery Site, 44 and 44A Bogan Road, Booker Bay



Item 245 Boatshed, Melita, 28 Horsfield Road, Horsfield Bay



Item 257 Patonga Progress Hall, 6 Brisk Street, cnr Bay Street, Patonga



Item 259, Shop, 13 Bay Street, Patonga



Item 260 Garage, 17 Bay Street, Patonga



Item 261 Juno Point Military Site, Croppy Point, Patonga



Item 262 Bushfire Brigade Headquarters, Fire Boatshed, Patonga Creek Reserve, end of Jacaranda Avenue



Item 263 The Old School House, 10 Jacaranda Avenue, Patonga



Item 268 Crommelin Biological Research Station, 75 Crystal Avenue, Pearl Beach

# Items of local heritage significance identified

**Central Coast Council has identified 34 Peninsula landmarks for planning protection as items of local heritage significance.**

The planning proposal will be on public exhibition until April 19 at the Gosford office of Central Coast Council or online at [yourvoiceourcoast.com.au](http://yourvoiceourcoast.com.au).

The items were identified as part of a community-based heritage study commissioned by the former Gosford Council and undertaken to fulfil Council's statutory responsibility to manage the heritage of the Local Government Area.

"The community-based approach to the heritage is a recommendation of the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage NSW," the exhibited proposal stated.

"This approach provides the opportunity for communities to make a valuable contribution to the heritage study, with the appropriate guidance from Council staff and the heritage consultant.

"Members of the community worked alongside the consultant for the duration of the project.

"They undertook research, nominated items and considered recommendations for managing and promoting their local heritage items in the future.

"It was however the heritage consultant and council staff that made the final decision on what items are on the list of potential heritage listing."

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) requires Council to identify and protect heritage through local environmental plans.

The items will be added, along with others from across Gosford to the 221 items of both local and State significance already listed in the GLEP 2014 or the IDO 122.

Two Booker Bay items were included in the final planning proposal: the Blackwall Mountain sandstone block at Governor Phillip Memorial Park near the Rip Bridge and the two Norfolk Pines that mark the location of the Booker Bay Cemetery site understood to be the resting place of victims of the Maitland sinking.

The property Melita, a boatshed and house on Horsfield Bay Rd, was the only item listed for Horsfield Bay.

Nine Patonga landmarks will be listed as new heritage items if the proposal is adopted.

They are the Patonga Progress Hall, a shop at 13 Bay St, a garage at 17 Bay St, the Bushfire Brigade Boatshed at Patonga Creek Reserve at the end of Jacaranda Ave and the Old School House also on Jacaranda Ave.

Two Patonga houses have also been included: Jacaranda Lodge and a property in Patonga St.

Significant trees on the foreshore reserve adjacent to Bay St were also considered worthy of listing, along with the Juno Point military site at Croppy Point.

Four houses in Pearl Beach have been listed as local heritage items.

They are Bimbimbe in Cornelian Rd, Noonameena Crommelin in Crystal Ave, Coolabah in Pearl Beach Dr and Valedon in Tourmaline Ave.

The Pearl Beach Biological Research Station at 75 Crystal Ave was also listed along with the Pearl Beach Rock Pool.

A house on Phegans Bay Rd was included on the list along with the Boathouse and Wharf on the corner of Central Ave and Phegans

Bay Rd, Phegans Bay.

Umina's Ocean Beach Hotel at 259 West St was also considered an item of local heritage significance along with the Umina CWA Hall on the corner of Sydney Ave and Ocean Beach Rd.

A cottage and garden on Mt Ettalong Rd, Umina, was also listed.

Woy Woy landmarks considered worthy of inclusion for their heritage significance were the former Rural Bank on Blackwall Rd and the Woy Woy Public School.

Four Woy Woy houses were included in the planning proposal: two on Brick Wharf Rd; Fenton, its fence and steps on Orange Grove Rd and Wyworrie on Blackwall Rd.

The Waterfall Bay Rock Carving off Woy Woy Bay was included and the Woy Woy demolition tunnel and chamber which is a portal of the Woy Woy Tunnel.

An archaeological item at Ettalong was also included: the remains of a boatshed on the foreshore of Ferry Rd.

The Basalt Quarries Railway, located in Brisbane Water National Park near Woy Woy tip, also made the list.

Klein's Cabin located on the

eastern side of Patonga Creek will also be included.

In addition to the items that formed part of the planning proposal, Woy Woy Railway Tunnel on Woy Woy Rd was recently added as an item of State significance.

The inclusion of the items as heritage items will assist in their conservation by providing statutory protection and conservation incentives, according to the planning proposal.

Central Coast Council is also progressing a planning proposal to consolidate all its planning instruments under a draft Central Coast LEP.

"Depending on the timing and progression of this planning proposal the additional heritage items could be incorporated into the draft Consolidated Central Coast LEP."

The proposal has already been through three periods of public consultation.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 4 Apr 2018  
[Yourvoiceourcoast.com.au](http://Yourvoiceourcoast.com.au)  
Planning proposal



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# Ferry services cancelled

**Fantasea Cruising cancelled Palm Beach-Ettalong-Wagstaffe ferry services due to extremely low tides over Easter.**

A ferry disruption notification said extreme low tides during the afternoons from Thursday, March 29, to Monday, April 2, would result in a “hazardous channel navigation and crossing”.

“The channel south of Lobster Beach between Lobster and Little Box is deemed unsafe,” the notice said.

Services were cancelled on Thursday, March 29, and Friday, March 30, between 12pm and 4:20pm.

A public holiday timetable was in place on Easter Saturday (March 31) which meant the service was cancelled from 12pm to 5:30pm.

On April 1 and 2, the service cancellation times were 12pm to 4:20 and then 2pm to 4:20pm, in line with the low tides.

**SOURCE:**  
**Media release, 28 Mar 2018**  
**Elisabeth Styler, Fantasea Cruising**



Fire and rescue vehicles attended the garage fire caused by a lightning strike

# Rotary seeks exchange student

**The Rotary Club of Umina Beach is seeking a young person from the Peninsula to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange.**

“We are actively seeking an outbound Rotary Youth Exchange student to depart next year,” said club publicity officer Mr Geoff Melville.

“The student would need to be

attached to a school and would most likely be in Year 10.

“If you know a family with a student around that age, encourage them to attend a Rotary Youth Exchange information night.

“Many current and former exchange students attend to answer questions.”

**SOURCE:**  
**Newsletter, 26 Mar 2018**  
**Geoff Melville, Umina Beach Rotary**

# Lightning stopped trains, caused fire and blackouts

**A severe electrical storm hit the Peninsula at around 6:30pm on Monday, April 2, and lighting caused power outages around Booker Bay and Orange Grove.**

Fire and Rescue units attended a garage fire in Woy Woy that was caused by a lightning strike.

No trains were running between Hornsby and Gosford in both directions due to lightning strikes

damaging overhead equipment at Hawkesbury River, but the service was quickly restored and buses were not needed.

**SOURCE:**  
**Website, 2 Apr 2018**  
**State Emergency Service, Gosford**

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Recent drone photos show the extent of siltation of the channel

## Chamber fears ferry service may have to stop

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has foreshadowed the possible cessation of ferry services if the Ettalong Channel is allowed to continue to silt up.

"Recent drone photos have confirmed our worst fears that the Ettalong Channel is so badly silted that it may lead to the closure of ferry operations until a permanent dredging solution is put in place,"

said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"It is clearly evident from the aerial photos that the sand bar at Little Box Head has started to creep across the main channel causing tidal flow to spread across the main entry bar rather than scour the old channel out," Mr Wales said.

"The Palm Beach Ferry has now so little room to manoeuvre through the channel with such

restricted draught that not only are route cancellations a regular occurrence, the whole service operation is now under threat," he said.

"The photos are the clearest evidence yet that emergency dredging is once again an absolute necessity."

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 4 Apr 2018  
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

## Council maintains dredging position after legal advice

Central Coast Council has maintained its long-held view that it is under no statutory obligation to dredge the Brisbane Water Entrance Channel following the receipt of legal advice considered at its March 26 meeting.

"The bed below mean high water level is NSW Crown Land, and NSW Roads and Maritime Services is responsible for the safety of navigational waterways and channel," said Central Coast Mayor, Cr Jane Smith.

"The NSW Department of Lands has recently dredged the Channel on two occasions removing 3000 cubic metres of sand," Cr Smith said.

She said Council had carefully considered the legal advice, and confirmed its long-held view that dredging of Box Head and the Ettalong Channel is and should be a State Government responsibility.

"Council is not pushing responsibility onto the State Government, as dredging of navigable waters has always been their responsibility.

"The sea bed is Crown Land, and the removal of sand accumulation on that sea bed to permit maritime activity is a State responsibility.

"There is no obligation under any NSW Legislation for Council to dredge the Channel.

"The State Government collects significant fees from maritime activities on Brisbane Water including licensing, boat registrations, licences issued to the ferry service itself and the use of moorings and other State-owned facilities.

"These fees should be the funding that is put back into the Brisbane Water to make it navigable for all boat owners.

"That's the way it works in other areas of NSW so there is no reason why the Central Coast should be disadvantaged by a different process, put in place unilaterally by the State Government.

"If Council were to pay for dredging that would be at the expense of other essential projects we want to deliver for the community."

Cr Smith said: "We will continue to have conversations with the State Government about how to resolve that issue.

"The letter I received from Minister of Lands and Waterways Mr Paul Toole over a week ago provided advice that RMS said the channel was navigable," she said.

"They are the authority providing advice in terms of safe navigation of the channel."

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 27 Mar 2018  
Interview, 27 Mar 2018

Jane Smith, Central Coast Council  
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

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## RMS clarifies its role with Ettalong Channel

The NSW Department of Crown Lands is the lead agency for dredging across NSW, according to NSW Roads and Maritime Services.

"As the NSW boating regulator, Roads and Maritime may issue marine notices for local waterways if hazards indicate a significant imminent or current safety concern," the agency said.

"On rare occasions, Roads and Maritime has closed certain waterways to boating for safety reasons, predominantly if responding to an immediate or current significant danger to users or from the environment.

"While Roads and Maritime does not lead in the NSW Government's dredging program, at the end of last year the agency carried out some emergency dredging of the Ettalong Channel to ensure the channel continued to conform with charted depths and conditions published.

"The Ettalong Channel is well known for being a waterway with a moving seabed due to the dynamic nature of the waterway environment.

"It is the responsibility of each individual skipper or boat

operator to ensure they seek local knowledge, check the conditions, know the limitations of their own vessel, and follow the signed speed limits and navigation markers in any waterway, including Ettalong Channel.

"Roads and Maritime Services supports boating safety of all waterway users through work with local communities and user groups as well as commercial and recreational vessel owners.

"Navigation and safety signage is regularly checked and altered to ensure guidance is provided for local waterways and for the conditions in which a vessel may navigate.

"Roads and Maritime has dedicated Boating Safety Officers patrol local waterways and monitor prevailing conditions to advise whether any changes need to be made to navigation markers.

"Close community consultation assists in this process for the benefit of all users.

"Additionally, Boating Safety Officers work to ensure compliance, respectful on-water behaviour and safety is maintained."

**SOURCE:**  
Media statement, 2 Mar 2018  
Penny Robins, Roads and Maritime Services

## Proposal 'does not comply' with setbacks or length

A \$1 million five-unit housing development has been proposed for 73-74 Railway St, Woy Woy.

The two single dwellings that occupy the two blocks would be demolished and replaced with five town-houses with front courtyard fencing.

The proposed side and rear setbacks of the town-houses do not comply with the Gosford Development Control Plan but the developer's consultant, Clarke Dowdle and Assoc, has argued the design "would allow sufficient boundary setbacks to alleviate visual amenity, privacy and overshadowing impacts to the adjoining properties within the medium density residential zone".

"The proposed setbacks would allow the incorporation of appropriate private open space areas behind front courtyard fencing that would have direct access to the living areas with appropriate solar access.

"The design and siting of the villas meet the overarching objectives of the setbacks clause and is considered acceptable for the medium density residential zone," the developer argued.

Setbacks recently "approved, established and permitted" in the area were also used by the developer to justify the non-

compliance of the Railway St proposal.

He cited 10 non-complying approvals issued in the last five years.

The proposed multi-housing development would have an overall length of 39 metres which doesn't comply with the 25 metre requirement in the DCP.

The proposed garages provide five off-street parking spaces which does not comply with the nine spaces (including visitor parking) required in the DCP.

According to the developer, "The site is located within immediate walking-cycling proximity of public transport (train and bus), recreation facilities, shops and schools and therefore warrants lower parking rate requirements".

"The prescriptive parking rates are onerous when compared to other parking rates for other residential development (such as a 3 bedroom dwelling-house only requiring one parking space)," the developer argued.

Vehicle access would be by a central driveway to separate garages provided for each unit.

The flat 936.6 square metre site is 20 metres wide, 45.72 metres long and has direct access to the public road reserve.

It adjoins the local heritage item known as "the former shop Mrs Wilson's" at 68 Railway St.

According to information submitted by the developer: "Given the zoning of the site, the established medium density residential development that surrounds and the setback of the proposed dwellings to the heritage item, the proposal would not be detrimental to the heritage values pertaining to the site".

The site is located within immediate proximity of the Woy Woy CBD in an area characterised by a mix of residential and small scale commercial, retail, medical and educational establishments.

It is near to public transport, recreational facilities, retail facilities, medical centres and sporting grounds.

According to the developer, the proposed town houses would be "consistent with the established medium density development within the Woy Woy-Umina Peninsula area that caters for smaller scale dwellings within the locale and would be consistent in all facets when compared to medium density residential development that has historically and more recently erected."

The proposal will be advertised for public comment from April 12 to 27.

**SOURCE:**  
Gosford DA Tracker, 5 Apr 2018  
DA54018/2018, Central Coast Council

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# Erosion study in 1977 described sand dynamics

**In the article "Channel needs science, not amateur ideas, says CEN" (Peninsula News edition 441), the chairman of the Community Environment Network, Mr John Asquith, stated: "CEN could find no credible studies to support a strategy of pumping sand out of the clogged channel into Brisbane Water at Half Tide Rocks and onto Ocean Beach."**

In the same article he claimed dredging needs science engineering and common sense and not ill-considered amateur ideas, opinions and dogma.

The problems of erosion at Ettalong and Ocean Beach go back well before the construction of the Diggers Building in 2004.

In fact, the problems are well documented back to 1948.

Dredging and renourishment of the beach is part of the highly credible 1977 Ettalong Beach Erosion Study and Management Program conducted by the Department of Public Works, Coastal Engineering Department.

Summary inter alia: The object of this study was to gain an understanding of the processes governing erosion of Ettalong Beach and to formulate a remedial Beach Management Programme for the area based on this understanding.

An appreciation of sand movements in the region and the controlling physical processes was developed progressively.

A geological survey was undertaken to define the boundaries of sediment movement within the Ettalong estuary.

A conceptual model was developed to describe the sediment dynamics within these boundaries

prior to human intervention.

The model was verified by interpretation of historical data, aerial photographs and examination of the impact of human intervention.

Data on currents, tides, waves, shoal mobility and so on, was collected in the field and used to evaluate the time scales of erosion processes and rates of sand movements.

From this investigation a number of significant conclusions were reached.

Erosion events in the Ettalong area were inter-related and therefore not soluble in the long term by means of isolated remedial works.

Erosion is not primarily caused by the natural loss of sand from the estuary as the quantity of sand contained between the Rip Bridge and the outer edge of the Ettalong Point shoal in Broken Bay remains essentially constant.

Sand contained within this estuary system is quite mobile, moving from the outer shoal to the beach and thence back to the outer shoal via the tidal channels.

Erosion is attributable to the fact that this circulatory pattern is variable in time, rate and location, resulting in beach fluctuations.

These fluctuations can be increased by variation in channel alignment within the estuary.

Past works have interfered with this natural sand movement and/or removed sand from the system.

Hence Ettalong Beach is more sensitive to erosion cycles which are also more severe in degree.

In addition, these works have encouraged the development of a deep channel close to Ettalong Beach which further accelerates the removal of sand from the beach.

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To retain an estuary beach amenity at Ettalong, a more natural pattern of sand circulation should be restored and the nearshore channel development against the Ettalong shoreline should be curtailed.

"Soft" management techniques such as dredging, beach nourishment and dune construction are more suited to achieving this objective than "hard" structures such as rock groynes.

In view of these conclusions, a beach management program was been formulated, based on the zoning of the beach according to its sensitivity, to the various identified modes of erosion and the implementation of "soft" management techniques.

The programme provided a flexible framework upon which to base future works, maintenance and long-term planning for Ettalong Beach.

It is stressed that there should be continuing management of this fragile beach in the future.

The beach management program recommended the inter-related activities of continued monitoring of the system and three stages of works.

The recommendations

are detailed in Section 8 and summarised below.

1. Institute an ongoing monitoring program.

2. Establish a more natural sand circulation system by nourishment of the beach and nearshore channel, dredging, partial removal of Ettalong Point groyne, modification of Ettalong Beach groynes etc.

3. Consolidate the preceding works by construction and stabilisation of dunes in light of an assessment of the establishment phase.

4. Maintain the sand system with possible periodic nourishment as indicated by the monitoring program.

As part of the 1977 Department of Public Works survey, sampling was carried out over the entire area of Broken Bay.

The Hawkesbury River as far as Patonga Beach and into Brisbane Waters as far as Pelican Island.

To examine the dynamics of sand movements on the shoal at the entrance to Brisbane Waters, samples were collected at specified locations in Broken Bay and on the shoal at monthly intervals.

Beach erosion has been the subject of many studies since the 1977 report.

Beach erosion is not unique to Ettalong.

It is a worldwide problem.

If a study came up with an answer to nature's fury which causes the erosion, it would create world headlines.

In the meantime, dredging of the Ettalong channel is necessary in keeping with the recommendations of various studies and to help save lives as the dangerous channel at little Box Head has claimed many lives over the years.

Email, 27 Mar 2018  
Kevin Woods, Umina Beach

## Why don't we have our own Peninsula Council?

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**While council plans for new waterside developments and the revitalisation of Gosford township, the millions of dollars Peninsula residents pour into the council account is doing precious little to improve the Peninsula.**

Works that have been overlooked, ignored for sometimes 20 to 25 years, are still being put on a back burner: the railway

underpass at Woy Woy, the Woy Woy Wharf renewal, channel dredging off Ettalong and approximately 70 roads that have no kerbing or footpaths.

Patch up jobs everywhere but, as we are told, it all takes money to fix, and government only lets councils raise rates by small annual increases.

This didn't stop the former Gosford Council investing \$100M in dud American real estate deals and losing almost \$39M of our money back in 2009.

Now they can't agree on what to do with the Ettalong Channel problem which is impacting negatively on the income from tourist dollars, not to mention commuter inconvenience.

It is doubtful they will ever resolve the railway underpass, and footpaths and street kerbing seems to be totally beyond their capacity.

So when you analyse it in its entirety, why do we continue with Central Coast Council?

Why don't we go back to having our own Peninsula Council?

Surely there are enough intelligent people on the Peninsula to form our own council and have the rates and so on that are collected used for our own benefit.

The Peninsula did it that way many years ago and it couldn't be worse than our current predicament.

Email, 28 Mar 2018  
R Fountain, Booker Bay

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# Residents could have made events viable

In reply to the article in Peninsula News edition 441 "Waterfront group fights on against development", and many other letters printed by your paper over the past few months, as a director of Sporties Woy Woy Bowling Club and an active bowler, I am amazed that no one from your paper has bothered to contact any of the directors or presidents of the Men's and Women's Bowing Clubs to find out the other side of the story.

I would have thought that responsible journalism would require you to investigate fully the facts and not just print one person's opinion.

Your article claims that more than 120 local residents made submissions against the proposed development, and that they wish to uphold the zoning of open recreational space.

I ask, where are these residents when it comes to supporting the club to make sure it is a viable business?

In the past, we have put on

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functions for New Year's Eve, State of Origin on the big screen, the Melbourne Cup and so on, with only the regular few (about 12) attending.

If 120 of the local residents had attended these and other events, what a marvellous impact this would have had on our business.

We would have been over the moon.

I question the sincerity of these people wanting to keep the bowling club as such when they don't support it.

Or is this a case of no matter what the development was, we would object unless it is something which will benefit us directly?

Email, 27 Mar 2018  
Gaye Scarfe, Woy Woy  
Editor's note:

*EDITOR'S COMMENT: Peninsula News has made contact with the Club's directors and representatives of both the men's and women's bowls clubs at Sporties over the past months. Some directors were not willing to be interviewed and others did not wish to speak on the record.*

# Council is not facing our infrastructure needs

I am 72 years of age and am still waiting for footpaths in our area.

The sandstone blocks surrounding Rogers Park are the most disgraceful waste of ratepayers funds I have ever seen in my life.

Whoever came up with the plan and those who approved it should be ashamed and hounded out of council.

We are seeing Sydney and overseas investors overcrowding the area with council not facing

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our infrastructure shortages like road maintenance, silting up of Ettalong Channel, Woy Woy Wharf replacement, coastal erosion, school overcrowding and, worst of all in my opinion, the almost complete deforestation of our area.

Why can't council run regular tree planting involving the school children in this area?

Email, 30 Mar 2018  
Judy Edwards, Umina



# NEWSPAPERS

## Central Coast

## Other Regional News - In brief

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

in the most recent edition of each of our sister Central Coast publications. The full articles and more, as well as all previously published editions, can be seen on line on our website [www.peninsulanews.info](http://www.peninsulanews.info) and

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# COAST COMMUNITY NEWS

MARCH 29, 2018

YOUR INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER - PH: 4325 7369

ISSUE 179

### Parliamentary report recommends independent inquiry into Mangrove Mountain Landfill

The NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into Waste and Waste from Energy has recommended that the NSW Government establish an independent inquiry into the operation, regulation and approvals of the Mangrove Mountain Landfill site.

### Conservatorium releases its vision for Performing Arts Centre

The Central Coast Conservatorium of Music (CCCM) has officially released its bid for the Central Coast Regional Performing Arts Centre (RPAC).

### A closer look at developments in the waterfront and city park areas

In the second part of Coast Community News' series on the NSW Government's Urban Design Implementation Framework (UDIF) for Gosford, we have taken a look at the waterfront and city park areas.

### Attempts being made to bring back Old Sydney Town

Several local buyers have expressed interest in acquiring the land at Somersby that includes the Old Sydney Town and Australian Reptile Park sites.

### Former Gosford Council's books get the all clear

Almost two years after the dismissal of Gosford Council, and one year after holes were found in its financial management systems, the NSW Auditor General's Office, and Price Waterhouse Coopers, have reported that they could only find

### Additional dwelling approvals are 50% ahead of target

Central Coast Council's quarterly report into the activities of the Development Assessment (DA) and Environment and Certification Units, reveal that 6,181 additional dwellings had received approval since the commencement of the Central

### Over 165,000 submissions received on poultry welfare standards inquiry

A record number of submissions has been received on the draft Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Poultry (S&Gs) during the 90 day public consultation period, which closed on Monday, February 26.

### Council's financial statements to June 30, 2017, present fairly

The NSW Auditor-General has confirmed that Central Coast Council's financial statements present its financial position fairly as at June 30, 2017, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and Australian Accounting Standards.

### Improvements for environmental event have damaged the environment

Recently-formed community group, Save Winney Bay, conducted a walk from the Reserve in Oceano St, Copacabana, to Del Monte Point, to assess damage to native bush caused by clearing to extend the 5 Lands Walk.

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

# WYONG REGIONAL CHRONICLE

Issue 137  
20 March, 2018

Your independent community newspaper - Ph: 4325 7369

### Legal action initiated against Councillors and community members for alleged defamation

Former Wyong Mayor, Mr Doug Eaton, has initiated legal action against several Central Coast Councillors and community members for alleged defamation.

### New retirement lifestyle village to be built at golf course

The Royal Freemasons' Benevolent Institution (RFB) and Wyong Golf Club have joined forces to create a new golf and retirement lifestyle village.

### Bill to prohibit mining in water catchment area introduced

A bill to prohibit mining in the Wyong water catchment area, the Wyong (Special Area Protection Bill) 2018, has been introduced into the NSW Legislative Council, on March 6, by Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council, Shadow Minister for

### Permanent protection sought for wetland

Initial steps have been taken by Central Coast Council to permanently protect Porters Creek Wetland.

### Kangy Angy rail maintenance facility could end up being a multi-billion dollar development

Mr David Harris, speaking in his role as Shadow Minister for the Central Coast, said he did not believe there was any hope of stopping the intercity rail maintenance facility from being constructed on flood-prone land at Kangy Angy, even though

### Safety concerns acknowledged

Ongoing traffic issues at Carters Rd, Lake Munmorah, have been acknowledged by Central Coast Council as threatening pedestrian and motorist safety.

### Ourimbah Master Plan did not reflect community consultation process

Ourimbah Region Residents' Association (ORRA) has written to all Central Coast Councillors requesting that the Ourimbah Master Plan and Land Use Strategy be referred back to the community before any decision is made on implementation.

### Specialised materials handling excavator helps reduce landfill

Central Coast Council is continuing to implement innovative methods to reduce the amount of waste directed to landfill with the recent purchase of a specialised, materials handling, excavator.

### Council's total income from continuing operations tops \$723m

The auditor's report for the first consolidated Central Coast Council financial statements will be presented at the next meeting on Monday, March 26.

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# Why is the channel not a Government priority?

### Why isn't Brisbane Water's entry channel a State Government priority?

The NSW Regional Boating plan states that the Pittwater, Hawkesbury and Brisbane Water region is the largest region for boating in NSW generating the most revenue in licences and registrations in the state.

The region also has a highest proportion of larger boats.

This plan emphasises boating safety and recognises that the channel at Lobster Beach has a problem, the channel has become so narrow and shallow that regular groundings are common and even ferry drivers who are very familiar with the channel are having difficulties.

So how the Priorities in the NSW Coastal Dredging Strategy have been determined is astoundingly illogical.

Some of the priority areas on the Strategy map are at Mooball Creek, Woolli River, Bellingen River, Nambucca River, Harrington and Moruya River.

Boating occurs on these rivers but they are not accessible to displacement or keeled vessels.

Foster-Tuncurry has a small harbour with about 16 berths but access upstream is restricted by a bridge and shallows and is only accessible to shallow draft vessels.

The Manning River has a local fishing fleet of about 15 trawlers.

Meanwhile Brisbane Water has over 600 moorings, 500 wharves and jetties and 41,000 registered boats and 103,000 boat licences and a commercial ferry service.

Yet the NSW Department of Industry-Lands has advised that Brisbane water does not qualify to become a priority.

Where is the logic here?

A commercial ferry service to Ettalong from Palm Beach uses the channel, carrying commuters, school children and day tripping

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- 600 moorings
- 500 jetties
- 41,000 boats
- 103,000 licences
- \$1M annual income

tourists.

It is estimated that approximately 200,000 visitors come to the area each year on the ferry.

This service may have to cease due to the unsafe depth and width of the channel.

The economic loss of the service will cost the local community millions of dollars annually.

Boating groups and clubs come to Brisbane Water for boating activities of sailing fishing and touring.

They spend time and money in the area.

Safer navigation and improved accessibility to existing facilities will increase the visitation helping local economic growth.

The NSW government

has invested over a million dollars (matched by Council) in numerous boat ramps, wharf and jetty facilities in Brisbane Waterthrough grants under the Better Boating Program.

What is the point of these improvement if there is no safe access to make use of them?

There is strong support from the local community for channel improvements and for beach improvements.

The issue having been on the local radio and in local papers daily.

This channel was first used by explorers in 1789 and charted then by Captain Hunter.

Shipbuilding was an early industry in the area and those ships went out the channel.

For most of the time the channel has allowed access to vessels of 2.0 metre draft and vessels of 2.5 metre draft could access the area by working the tides.

The Channel improvement has been included as a priority in the Coastal Zone Management Plan for Brisbane Water, approved by the NSW Government.

Yet we are not a priority on the Dredging Strategy where is the logic?

The sand that is removed from the channel can be placed on the greatly eroded Ettalong and Ocean Beach to nourish them.

The frequency of the need for dredging has not been high as the channel has been stable for long periods.

The current situation is believed to be the worst in 50 years.

If the work is done properly the recurrent need is estimated to be around seven to 10 years.

The following criteria included in the Dredging Strategy are met by the dredging proposal: Economic benefit; safer navigation; nourishment of beaches; tourism

promotion; strong support from the local community; complies with Coastal Zone Management Plan; considerable investment has been made by the NSW government in local facilities.

The local boat owners have made a large contribution to government income through licences and registrations is estimated to be approximately \$1 million per year from the Brisbane Water area.

What could possibly be the reason that this entrance is not a priority for dredging to improve safety and accessibility and economic growth?

Hopefully the NSW government will see the sense in making this channel a priority for inclusion in the NSW Coastal Dredging Strategy before a tragedy occurs.

Email, 22 Mar 2018

David Neate, Mount Kuring-Gai

## Government should not approve unsafe ferry service

**In response to an article in Peninsula News edition 441 (Ettalong Channel makes talkback radio), it is common knowledge that the Ettalong Channel situation has existed for decades.**

It is not a new problem.

Suggesting the problem is solely Central Coast Council's is an easy out for the State Government.

If the Government cannot guarantee that ferry services can operate safely according to schedule, it should not issue approval to the ferry operators.

Indeed, the Palm Beach Ferry Service should not have been approved without this assurance.

The approval should be

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withdrawn immediately until such an assurance can be given.

At present, only a small amount of funding is available to all the councils fronting the NSW coastline.

Funding for Central Coast Council is not guaranteed as this is the same funding that is also available to councils on the Mid-North Coast.

Remember, the former Gosford City Council applied for funding to address the coastal erosion at Wamberal Beach.

The council was unsuccessful.

The Government will have to significantly increase funding if it is to successfully address the coastal issues along the NSW coastline.

Letter, 27 Mar 2018  
Norman Harris, Umina

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Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks cuts the ribbon, while hospital chief Ms Kathy Beverley, Dr John Caska and Mr Geoff Sims look on

## New rehabilitation clinic opens at hospital

**A new rehabilitation and research clinic was officially opened at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital on March 22.**

The NSW Ministry of Health gave the hospital approval in early March to accept patients into the \$10 million facility.

Work started on the new clinic in January last year.

It includes 24 rehabilitation beds, a gym, hydrotherapy pool, and a separate entranceway and facilities for outpatients.

The space also includes an expansive front reception area, office and administration spaces, a cafe and therapy gardens.

"The new Rehabilitation Ward has been built with guidance from the director of rehabilitation, Associate Professor Michael Pollack," said hospital chief Ms Kathy Beverley.

"The opening of the new ward is an important occasion for the hospital and also coincides with Professor Michael Nilsson commencing in a consultative capacity at Brisbane Waters," she said.

She said the rehabilitation services offered by Associate Professor Pollack, along with Dr Arooge Shafi and Dr Stephen

Chung, would be of the highest standard.

They would "help close the gap in the Coast's health services compared to other regional capitals or the alternative commute to city-based services," she said.

Associate Professor Pollack said: "Rehabilitation is usually geared towards people with some limitation of function, so travel and transport is often much more difficult for them.

"Having a local service that delivers what they could usually

only get in Sydney or Newcastle is really important.

"We need to make sure that what we are doing here is world class and a true boon to the Central Coast," he said.

He said it was truly a local project with construction materials sourced from suppliers across the region and each of the 24 new rooms being named after a location on the Peninsula.

**SOURCE:**

Press conference, 22 Mar 2018  
Michael Pollack, Brisbane  
Waters Private Hospital

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## Health



Mr Ian Richardson, Ms Melissa Pickering, Ms Therese Schumander and Mr Len Haddock

## Cheque presented to hospital

**Everglades Men's Bowls Club has presented a cheque to Woy Woy Hospital as part of the men's bowls ongoing fundraising for facilities at the hospital.**

The cheque was presented to acting director of nursing Ms Melissa Pickering and acting nursing unit manager Ms Therese Schumander on March 20.

Everglades Men's Bowls president Mr Ian Richardson and

senior vice-president Mr Len Haddock presented the cheque for \$2000.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 25 Mar 2018  
Brian Dolan, Everglades Men's Bowls

## Proposal to replace single dwelling

**A single-dwelling house on the corner of Blackwall Rd and Farnell Rd is to be replaced with a two-storey multi-housing development with three dwellings based on a proposal before Central Coast Council.**

The consultant acting on behalf of the developer, Clarke Dowdle and Assoc, conceded the proposal, when assessed against the major provisions of the Gosford DCP 2013, did not comply with Council's requirements for setbacks, car parking or open space.

However, the consultant claimed: "The development is consistent with the objectives of the DCP.

"When taking into context the Woy Woy, Umina, Ettalong locale, the proposal is essentially the same as what has been established historically and more recently under the current DCP."

The application to Council lists 14 approvals of multi-unit development in the last four years which it claimed had the same design scale, height, setbacks, site cover and parking.

"Council in its planning assessment has conceded that the prescriptive requirements outlined within the Multi-Unit Housing and Residential Flat Buildings chapter are unrealistic for medium density development to occur within the Peninsula area," the developer argued in its application to Council.

"The economic feasibility to consolidate allotments and provide such little yield due to the loss of land available in regards to the required setbacks is onerous and rather the assessment of villa style

development has been taken into account the context of what has been established and recently been approved by Council.

The regular shaped allotment is legally described as Lot 38 within DP 6846 and is known as 193 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

The site is located on the north-western corner of the intersection between Blackwall Rd and Farnell Rd.

The 822 square metre, rhombus shaped, site has a width of 14 metres and a depth of 57.15 metres.

Access is proposed via Farnell Rd with garages provided for each unit.

The proposed units include front courtyard fencing that provide sufficient areas to store mobile waste collection bins away from the street and from the courtyard areas within the site.

According to the developer, multi-unit or villa development has become the dominant form of the residential accommodation within the R1 Medium Density Zone and "thus it is considered that villa development can be still considered as essentially relatively low density development (when compared multi-storey development that is now becoming prevalent in the city centres) that allows suitable accommodation to cater for two and three bedroom dwellings to be erected on suburban sized allotments and be strata titled allowing appropriate tenure and separate titles to be established".

**SOURCE:**  
Gosford DA Tracker, 5 Apr 2018  
DA54017/2018, Central Coast Council

## Umina Chiropractic Centre

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- 1 What we place in our mouth;
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Please check with your doctor though, prior to starting any new patterns of movement.

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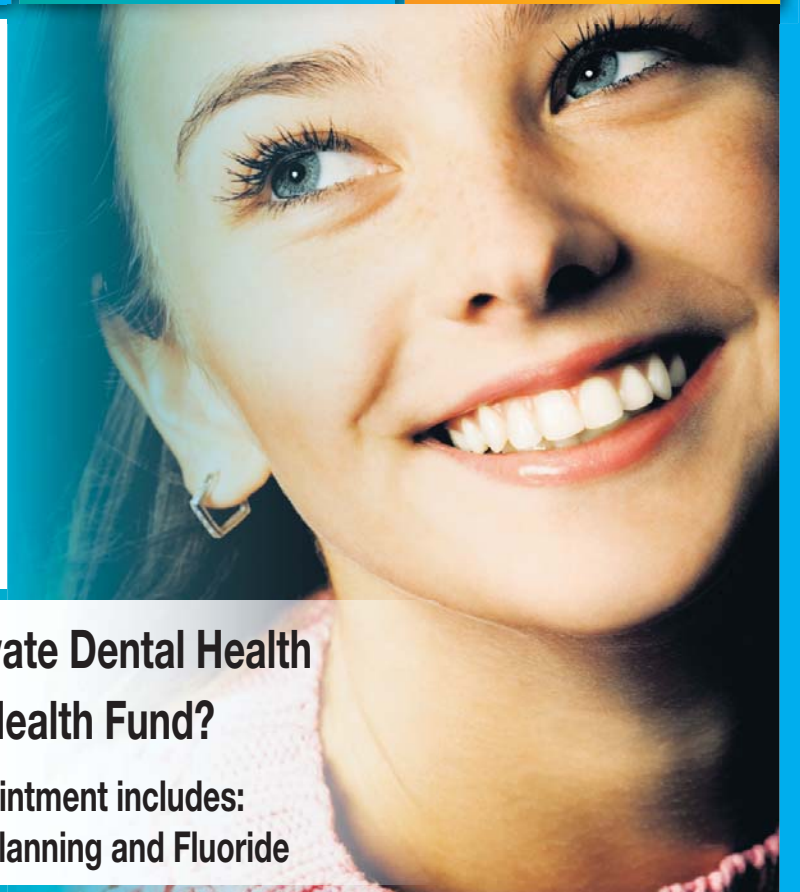
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Education



Kye Rowles and Liam Rose with the Peninsula Pacific Island Group

# Mariners learn dance moves with students

Two Central Coast Mariners players have visited Woy Woy South Public School to learn together with students

traditional Polynesian dances taught by the Peninsula Pacific Island Group.

Liam Rose and Kye Rowles visited the school on Harmony Day, March 21, and were instructed by members of the group in traditional dance moves.

They were then challenged to perform the moves they learned on the day in a performance with their dancer mentors.

Students from Woy Woy South had an enjoyable time watching the Mariners and learning some moves themselves.

The group also got to perform at the Mariners' home game on March 24.

SOURCE:  
Newsletter, 28 Mar 2018  
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School

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## Anzac service held early

**Ettalong Public School will hold its Anzac Service on April 13.**

"Parents and visitors are very welcome to attend," said principal Ms Lynn Balfour.

"On Anzac Day, April 25, the 10 school leaders, 16 house captains and vice captains and all SRC representatives are invited

to march in the Woy Woy Anzac march from Deepwater Plaza to the memorial in Brick Wharf Rd.

"I encourage as many of the Ettalong community as possible to join us on this day," Ms Balfour said.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 3 Apr 2018  
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School

## Cross country carnival on Friday

**Umina Public School's 2018 Cross Country carnival will be held on Friday, April 13, the last day of Term 1.**

Principal Ms Lyn Davis said: "Students will come to school wearing their sport uniform, including house colour T-shirts, hats and joggers.

"It is important that students bring plenty of water (two bottles are suggested), recess, lunch, sunscreen and a towel to sit on if they wish.

"Anyone requiring asthma medication should carry it with them during the race.

"This year, the course will involve students running outside the school grounds, around Umina Oval and finishing in the primary playground.

"Year 6 students will assist with junior races," Ms Davis said.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 3 Apr 2018  
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School

## Parents body positions announced

**Positions on the Woy Woy Public School's Parents and Citizens Association committee have been announced.**

President is Ms Tina Jackson with vice-presidents Ms Leanne Jobson and Ms Annette Karton.

Treasurer and secretary positions were filled by Ms Tracey McLennan and Ms Lea Colwell respectively.

Mr Rick Keuning will take on the role of fundraising co-ordinator, with Ms Deb Tonkin uniform coordinator, Ms Laura Morrison social media co-ordinator and Ms Nicole Golds banking co-ordinator.

Some non-executive positions remain to be filled.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 23 Mar 2018  
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School



Mr Crouch with school staff a P and C representative and student leaders at the site of the new sensory garden at Pretty Beach Public School

## School receives grant for sensory garden

**Pretty Beach Public School will receive \$3500 to establish a sensory garden through the NSW Government's Eco Schools grant program.**

Principal Ms Deborah Callender said the sensory garden would support students with specific learning needs and encourage environmental sustainability.

"This project will provide an opportunity for our students to learn ways to look after plants and habitats which exist in our local

environment," Ms Callender said.

"The sensory garden is a great addition to the school, as it makes use of a currently unutilised area of the school grounds," she said.

The Eco Schools Grant Program provides funding for schools to create environmental learning opportunities for students, teachers and the school community.

Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch said: "I'm really pleased that this funding will go towards a great learning initiative which

connects the classroom with the outdoors," Mr Crouch said.

"The sensory garden will help to educate students on the importance of protecting and preserving our local environment for future generations."

"I look forward to visiting the school again to witness the progress on this exciting project," he said.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 5 Apr 2018  
Ben Sheath, Office of Adam Crouch MP

## Supplies collected for Tathra community

**Umina Beach Public School is collecting supplies for the victims of the Tathra fires.**

The school is calling on the community to get behind the cause and is seeking donations of non-perishable canned foods, useable linen, wearable clothing and unopened toiletries.

The school will be accepting donations until Friday, April 13.

Other Peninsula organisations accepting donations for the Tathra community include Ettalong Bowling Club and Ettalong

Diggers.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 3 Apr 2018  
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School

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## Songwriters' conference planned for June

**A songwriters' conference will go ahead in June following a successful crowd funding appeal, raising the \$12,000 to run the event.**

The Australian Songwriters Conference will be held from June 7-11 at Ettalong Beach Tourist Resort.

It aims to offer career development opportunities for music creators to build their skills and grow their careers.

"Along with networking

opportunities, the conference is loaded with workshops, industry speakers, live showcases, song pitching to publishers and an on-site recording studio," said organiser Ms Lisa Butler.

"The conference offers songwriters, producers and performing artists a unique opportunity to connect with hit makers and build relationships with industry professionals.

According to Ms Butler, the conference has been the career catalyst for many artists

and songwriters over the years including Karise Eden, October Rage's Nick Roberts and Tiffany Gow.

Eden Attended the conference in 2010 and went on to win season one of The Voice Australia in 2012.

Central Coast county music couple Gina Jeffreys and Rod McCormack will be guest speakers at the 2018 event.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 28 Mar 2018  
Lisa Butler, Australian Songwriters Conference

## Technology sessions for seniors

**Two free technology sessions will be held on April 10 as part of the NSW Seniors Festival at the Peninsula Community Centre.**

The sessions will aim to improve the confidence and skills of seniors in using technology, such as iPads, tablets, computers and mobile phones.

The first session The Wonderful World of iPads will run from 10am to 12:30pm and will be led by digital mentor Ms Lillian Spender, who will take participants through the basics of using an iPad.

Topics covered will include communicating with loved ones via video chat or FaceTime, saving photos, searching the internet for information and downloading apps.

Participants will have the chance to ask questions.

The afternoon session on Taming Technology will run from 12:30pm to 2:30pm.

This session will offer individual help with all other types of technology including mobile phones, laptops and computers as well as other brands of tablets.

"Technology can be daunting to many of us at times, with computers, tablets and smartphones shaping our modern day society," said Ms Theresa Mason, chief of Coast Community Connections which operates the community centre.

"This will be a great day for seniors to learn new skills and ask questions about technology, whilst enjoying the company of other likeminded locals.

"Learning how to best use these devices can truly benefit our lives in terms of access to information, as well as communication with others and for enjoyment as well," she said.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 29 Mar 2018  
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## Woy Woy Library mini refurbishment

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This has also provided the opportunity for us to create a more active, flexible and safer learning space to improve the amenity of the Library for you.

There will be limited internet availability and reduced collections during this time. Regular programming will continue to run through this time.

Every effort will be made to reduce the impact this has on our customers, though there will be some noise disruptions during construction.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience during this time.

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# Wicks expects speedy response from ACCC

**Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks has told Federal Parliament she looked forward to a speedy response from the ACCC regarding her concerns about petrol prices, particularly on the Peninsula.**

Ms Wicks said the ongoing challenge of high petrol prices in her electorate was especially concerning for its many commuters.

"They often have daily reminders when they're driving along our local roads about the price differences in nearby markets," Ms Wicks told

the House of Representatives.

"In 2015 we launched the Robertson Petrol Price Petition, because we heard the concerns of so many local residents," she said.

"We've received around 1000 responses, including comments such as, 'It's out of control', with claims that petrol is around 30 cents a litre more expensive in one suburb compared to another.

"We've heard from local businesses owners and we've heard from people with chronic illness who've got no option but to purchase fuel at high prices.

"Over the last three years, I

understand the Government has taken practical steps to give the ACCC the powers to investigate and, locally, we've kept fighting against high petrol prices on the Central Coast and fighting to see a spotlight, particularly, on petrol prices on the Peninsula.

"Last week, I wrote again to the ACCC to request an update on this issue. I look forward to a reply."

The petition can be signed online at [surveymonkey.com/r/robertson\\_petrol\\_price\\_petition](http://surveymonkey.com/r/robertson_petrol_price_petition).

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 26 Mar 2018

Tim Sowden, Office of Lucy Wicks MP



## Troubadour hosts Canadian performers

**The Troubadour Folk and Acoustic Music Club is hosting two Canadian performers on the weekend before Anzac Day.**

They are Scott Cook and Corin Raymond.

Scott Cook is a world-travelling guitarist singer-songwriter originally from Alberta.

Over the past couple of months, he's been touring in Taiwan and has attended Australian festivals including Woodford, Newstead, Cobargo and Yackandandah.

Corin Raymond is from Toronto, and has been Cook's inspiration as a songwriter and storyteller.

His skills extend from musician to writer.

"This is a world class program

fresh from the National Folk Festival in Canberra," said Troubadour president Mr Michael Fine.

The performance will be held at the Woy Woy CWA Hall from 7pm on April 21. Tickets are essential.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 3 Apr 2018

Michael Fine, The Troubadour Folk Club



## Library refurbishment starts

**The refurbishment of Woy Woy library, including the creation of a dedicated Spike Milligan exhibition space, will start this week, with completion expected mid-May.**

The work has been funded by a \$188,492 State Library Public Infrastructure Grant and will be

the first upgrade of the library's facilities in 15 years.

The Spike Milligan exhibition space will be the main focus of the refurbishment, according to Central Coast Council's libraries team.

The project will also provide an opportunity for Council to create a more active, flexible and safe

learning space to improve the amenity of the library, a Council statement said.

Regular programming will continue but there will be limited internet availability and reduced collections.

**SOURCE:**

Media statement, 4 Apr 2018

Brian Glendenning, Central Coast Council



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## Hotel owner seeks approval for 'urgent' works

**The owner of the Patonga Beach Hotel has lodged an application with the Central Coast Council to make alterations and additions to the ground floor of the hotel and takeaway shop.**

The capital investment value of the proposal is \$624,142 and the owner, the Boathouse Group, has described the proposed works as "urgent".

The Group has conducted its own consultation with the community through the Patonga Progress Association and altered its plans in response to community feedback in February.

"The venue urgently needs to upgrade its facilities, as the existing buildings are out-dated, poor quality and have limitations on flexibility, accessibility and amenity," documents sent to Council said.

"At present the existing facilities do not comply with the Building Code of Australia or the Australian or New Zealand Food Standards Code."

The application describes temporary structures located on site as "unsightly" and "not suitable for the long-term operational needs of the premise".

The latest application follows the approval of a Complying Development Certificate in

December for the refit of the takeaway shop kitchen and service counters, relocation of the kitchen, back of house areas and service counters within the hotel.

Those works commenced in February.

The proposed works under the new application were unable to be carried out as a complying development because they created additional gross floor area and minor external alterations, according to the developer.

The new owner wanted to build new stairs and access off Patonga Dr to the dwelling above the hotel to replace internal and external stairs at the north end of the building, which are to be demolished.

An existing laundry room is to be demolished and new sanitary facilities constructed to the rear of the takeaway shop.

An extension to the corner of the hotel outside the kitchen servery is proposed to enable improved circulation and internal access to new amenities.

The Boathouse Group has proposed removal of selected internal walls and creation of new opening (bi-fold doors) and new glass louvres within existing window frames.

The waste storage area is to be reconfigured, air conditioning units relocated and the kitchen exhaust replaced with new and relocated

mechanical ventilation.

New service doors and highlight windows will also be created.

External works include extending the existing raised timber deck over the eastern portion of the outdoor seating area and new steps within the Patonga Dr frontage.

New landscaping, a water feature, new landscape planters and fixed furniture items are to be installed within the outdoor area.

An existing marquee is to be removed and a new fixed glass roof installed beyond the new southern building enclosure line.

A new operable roof is proposed over a portion of the central outdoor seating area and south-western deck to improve weather protection.

The proposal will see the retention of "all significant vegetation on site including three Norfolk Pine Trees", according to the owner.

Documents submitted to Council also specify it does not include any new signage, changes to the current use and operation of the ground floor hotel and takeaway shop or changes to the first floor of the site which currently comprises two separate residential dwellings.

"The form, use and operation of the first floor is to remain unchanged," the owner's application to Council said.

According to the owner's application, the current facilities do not fully comply with the access provisions of the BCA or the Disability Discrimination Act.

"Some of the buildings do not meet Standard 3.2.3 of the Australian and New Zealand Food Standards Code under the Food Act 2003 and AS 4674 Design, Construction and Fitout of a Food Premises.

"Building services are out-dated and are not fitted with energy efficient services.

"Internal spaces are inadequately designed, resulting in a venue that functions poorly

"External spaces adjacent and between the two buildings lack amenity and the building fabric has poor thermal properties which impacts on the comfort and amenity of the diners.

"The proposal is therefore critical for the long-term viability of the venue," the application said.

The owner's vision for the site is "to provide a diverse food and beverage offer both locals and visitors of Patonga.

"Given the importance of the site; as a beautiful, secluded, environmentally and historically significant meeting place, The Boathouse Group wants to deliver a venue which is inviting, relaxed, and easily accessed, by the local community and visitors.

"The Boathouse brand has a local community and eco-focus, with the aim to create a business that has a positive impact on the area and environment.

"To deliver that aim, the Boathouse Group will adopt the following measures to ensure the premise operates in a socially

and environmentally sustainable manner: focus on the provision of high quality food and beverages in a relaxed and welcoming setting; provision of alternate modes of transport for patrons (such as a ferry service from Palm Beach and shuttle bus from Ettalong Wharf), to reduce reliance on private vehicles; installation of a generator on site, to ensure power can be delivered to the site at all times, whilst also providing residents in the area a place of respite during these times; re-instate the general store within the refurbished takeaway shop with every day food items to be sold, to the local community."

The owner has also promised that cardboard and foam boxes will not be used, instead the Boathouse Group will invest in recycled plastic created.

A pre-DA meeting was held with Council in December and Mr Andrew Goldsmith from The Boathouse Group provided copies of the proposed plans to the Progress Association for distribution to their mailing list.

"As part of that distribution, the Boathouse Group asked for feedback and comments, including any concerns the community may have about the proposal," the application said.

"In early February, the proposal was presented to the Progress Association, and in response to community feedback changes were made to the scheme.

"Overall the community has been generally supportive of the change and improvement to the venue and are looking forward to a

more positive relationship with the site and its operators.

"As Patonga is such a small community, the Boathouse Group will continue to view everyone as its neighbours and will continue to actively engage the community with all future proposals."

As part of the site's overall refurbishment and operation, the Boathouse Group will seek to introduce green transport initiatives in 2018 to make the Patonga Beach Hotel more accessible and reduce reliance on private vehicles.

The Boathouse Bus will be a regular bus service starting at Ettalong Wharf with a few stops along the way.

The free service will run seven days per week with more frequency on weekends and during holiday periods.

The Boathouse Group will also continue to operate a smaller courtesy vehicle which will transport patrons outside these times and continue their trip over to Pearl Beach on request.

The Boathouse Group will have a 25-person water taxi in service by Spring.

This will travel directly between their other venue at Palm Beach (located in Governor Phillip Park).

This will also provide transport for some staff, who currently travel daily from Palm Beach to Patonga.

The current operator of the Palm Beach to Patonga ferry service is also aiming to add another boat to their fleet.

**SOURCE:**

Gosford DA Tracker, 5 Apr 2018

DA53935/2018, Central

Coast Council



### Artisans at Patonga

**April 21 & 22 10am - 4pm**

Several artisans are exhibiting and selling their varied works at the Patonga Progress Hall.

Some of the exhibitors include painters Karen McPhee, Judith Hoste and pastellist Leeanne Livens.

Angelrock jeweller Celeste Boonaerts and shibori artist Trudie Deekeijzer will be participating with some lovely original works.

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## A chance to reminisce about simpler times

**Seniors on the Peninsula will have the opportunity to reminisce about simpler times during the NSW Seniors Festival – formerly known as Seniors Week.**

They will be able to attend free events at the Ettalong 50-Plus Leisure and Learning Centre – formerly known as the “Senior Cits”.

They will be able to attend an aqua fitness class at the Peninsula Leisure Centre – formerly known as the “pool”.

Unfortunately this year, the council will not be running its Green Living bus tour of places such as the Woy Woy Waste Management Facility – formerly known as the “tip”.

Other events will take place at Umina and Woy Woy libraries – each of which is still known as the library.

The events, offered by Central Coast Council between April 9 and 15, “aim to celebrate seniors and their contribution to family, friends, workplaces and the community”.

They also “provide opportunities for seniors to get together and to promote and celebrate the diversity of older people on the Central Coast”.

Six events will be held today (Monday), April 9.

The Indoor Bowls Clinic will run at the Ettalong 50-Plus Leisure and Learning Centre from 9am.

The Umina Knitters will gather at Umina Library from 10am.

Woy Woy Library will host Grandparents Storytime from 10:30am.

The Seniors Hawkesbury Cruise and Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre Lunch will run from 9:30am to 3pm with pick up time 9:30am from Brooklyn and 10am from Patonga. This event costs \$43.50.

A Composting, Vegetation and Landcare information session will be held at Umina Library from 10:30am.

Social darts will be held from 12pm to 2:30pm at Ettalong 50-Plus Leisure and Learning Centre.

Five events will be held on Wednesday, April 11.

A Leatherwork seminar will run from 9am to 12pm at the Ettalong 50-Plus Leisure and Learning Centre.

A social game of bridge will be held there from 12pm to 3:30pm.

An Ebay for Seniors Seminar will run from 10:30am at Umina Library.

Grandparents Storytime will be held at Woy Woy Library also from 10:30am.

Aqua Fitness will run at the the Peninsula Leisure Centre from 12:30pm to 1:30pm. Participants must have a doctor's clearance.

Five events will be held on

Thursday, April 12.

Free hearing screening will be offered from 9am to 1pm at the Ettalong 50-Plus Leisure and Learning Centre.

The Umina Knitters will be at Umina Library from 10am.

Grandparents Storytime at the library from 10:30am.

A Polynesian Dance class will run from 12pm to 1pm at Ettalong 50-Plus Leisure and Learning Centre.

A Folk Art class will also run at the Centre from 12:30pm to 2:30pm.

Four events will be held on Friday, April 13.

A Gentle Group Exercise session will run from 8:30am at the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

The Ettalong 50-Plus Leisure and Learning Centre will host line dancing from 9am to 11am.

Scrabble will be held at the centre from 12:30pm to 3:30pm.

A Cupcake Decorating class will be held at Umina Library from 10:30am (bookings essential)

The Peninsula's final activity for the Festival will be Senior Strength Training held on Sunday, April 15, at the Peninsula Leisure Centre. This activity must be booked and participants must have doctor's clearance).

**SOURCE:**  
Events Calendar, 4 Apr 2018  
2018 Seniors Festival,  
Central Coast Council

**An information session for Peninsula residents aged over 65 will be presented today, April 9, as part of the NSW Seniors Festival.**

The information session will be held from 10am at the Peninsula Village main hall in Umina and will reflect the Festival theme: Let's do more together.

Topics covered will include details and the importance of advanced life care plans, good health and wellbeing as you age, as well as falls prevention strategies and mobility management tips.

Peninsula Villages chief Mr Shane Neaves said: “Peninsula Villages’ free Seniors Week information session will provide a great opportunity for us to do and learn more together.”

“The session will offer important information regarding health and wellbeing while you age and allows our residents to socialise with like-minded locals.”

The session will offer the opportunity to ask questions about life within residential aged care as well as general questions about lifestyle and improved well-being.

“This will answer a lot of common questions asked by seniors who are considering aged care options either now or in the future.”

“This information session is

perfect for those who are wary about ageing and have important questions but aren't sure who to ask.

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**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 4 Apr 2018  
Katey Small, Brilliant Logic



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

**Volunteering Central Coast**  
Refers potential volunteers to community orgs. Supports both volunteers and community orgs. Training for volunteers & their managers.  
4329 7122  
recruit@volcc.org.au

**Wagstaffe to Killcare Community**  
Protect and preserve the environment & residential nature of the Bouddi Peninsula and to strengthen community bonds  
2nd Mon, 7.30pm  
Wagstaffe Hall 4360 2945  
info@wagstaffetokillcare.org.au

Entertainment

**Frantastics Choir Inc**  
High quality variety entertainment available for matinee bookings at your venue. New members welcome.  
1pm Mondays during school terms  
Walter Baker Hall, Woy Woy  
4343 1995  
www.frantastics.org

Health Groups

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

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

**Better Hearing Australia - Central Coast**  
Hearing loss management  
Support and educational groups providing practical experience and confidence  
Learn the benefits of hearing aids  
4321 0275

**BlueWave Living**  
Woy Woy Community  
Aged Care facility providing residential aged care to the frail aged.  
Permanent and respite care accommodation available.  
Information 2nd and 4th Tues - 11am  
4344 2599  
reception@bluewavelliving.org.au

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

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

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

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

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

**Overeaters Anonymous (OA)**  
12-step fellowship for those with eating disorders. No dues, fees, or weigh-ins.  
Peninsula Com. Cntr, cnr. Mc Masters Rd & Ocean Beach Rd. Woy Woy, Fri 8pm  
0412 756 446  
www.oa.org

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

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

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

**Prostate Cancer Support Group (Gosford)**  
Last Fri, Terrigal Uniting Church, 380 Terrigal Drive, Terrigal  
9.30am to 12 noon 4367 9600  
www.pcfa.org.au

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

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

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

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

Music

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

**Coastal a Cappella**  
Dynamic award winning women's a cappella chorus new members always welcome.  
Music education 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  
jthomson51@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

kersuebay@philliphouse.com.au

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

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

Special Interest

**Bridge**  
Duplicate Bridge Mon Tue Thur Fri Sat-12.15pm & Wed 9.15am  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club, Peninsula Community Centre  
93 McMasters Rd.  
Woy Woy  
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.  
www.cashousie@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  
Come and have an Air Experience Flight  
All Welcome  
14 and up for Training  
Flying at Bloodtree Road Mangrove Mountain Thur, Sat, Sun (weather permitting)  
0412 164 082  
0414 635 047  
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

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**Goju-Kai Karate**  
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Wamberal - Mon 630pm  
Kincumber - Thurs 715pm  
0417 697 096  
www.centralcoastgoju-kaikarate.com.au

**Woy Woy Judo Club**  
Mon & Fri -Beginners From 4:30pm  
Tue & Thur - graded classes 4:30pm - 8:30pm  
27 Bowden Road Woy Woy  
Min Age 3 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.



## Chicken shop closes as administrator is appointed

A chicken shop in Woy Woy ceased trading on Tuesday, April 3, as a result of the company being placed in voluntary administration.

Red Lea Chicken employees were informed via email over Easter that their last day of work at the Deepwater Plaza outlet would be April 3.

Shops operated by franchisees have remained open but Woy Woy was one of six company-owned outlets that were closed as a result of the appointment of an administrator.

Staff owed wages and entitlements will be required to wait for payment as part of the winding up process.

McGrath Nicol Advisory has been appointed Administrator of

Red Lea and will hold two creditors' meetings.

The first will take place on April 12 in Prospect and employees, as creditors, are entitled to attend and vote on the company's future.

Before attending the meeting, an employee will need to submit a proof of debt to McGrath Nicol.

According to ASIC, in general employee entitlements are paid in priority to other debts and are grouped into classes and paid in order of outstanding wages and superannuation, outstanding annual, sick and long service leave and then retrenchment pay including redundancy.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 5 Apr 2018  
McGrath Nicol  
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

A Peninsula community group which plants street trees has been praised by Central Coast Council, in a move by deputy mayor Cr Chris Holstein to reintroduce a council-funded "free tree" program.

The council acknowledged the work of the Grow Urban Shade Trees group in encouraging residents to bring shade and beauty to their neighbourhoods.

"We commend the members for taking the lead in educating the community about the benefits of shade trees and reducing the stigma associated with having trees in front yards and on nature strips," Cr Holstein's motion read.

## Street tree group praised by council

Council asked its acting chief Mr Brian Glendenning to report on the reasons the Gosford Council free tree program was ended.

He was asked to report on how many trees were provided to residents in the five years before the program ended and what advertising was done of the

program to residents.

He was asked to prepare a list of preferred tree species suitable for planting in public areas and to describe the effect on the budget of reinstating the program.

**SOURCE:**  
Central Coast Council agenda  
Item 7.1, 26 Mar 2018

## The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

### Friday, Apr 13

Pseudo Echo Live, Ettalong Diggers, 8:00pm to 11:00pm, tickets essential

Dan Romeo Live, Club Umina, 8:00pm to 11:00pm

### Sunday, Apr 15

Umina Beach Markets, Peninsula Recreational Precinct, 9:00am to 2:00pm

Recycled Women's Fashion Collective, Peninsula Recreational Precinct, 9:00am to 2:00pm

Rodrick White/Will Perry Hancock and Henry Thorpe Live at Treble Clef Cafe Umina, Trafalgar Ave, 11:00am to 2:00pm

### Wednesday, Apr 18

Free Kids Movie Screening: Coco, Ettalong Bowling Club, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Diets for Autism and ADHD, Coast Community Connections Woy Woy, 10:00am to 11:00am, tickets essential

Food Allergy or Intolerance, Coast Community Connections Woy Woy, 11:00am to 12:00pm, bookings essential

### Thursday, Apr 19

Peated Malts of Distinction Experience (Whisky tasting night), Bar Toto Ettalong, 7:00pm to 9:00pm, tickets essential

### Friday, Apr 20

Muscle Up Workshop, BALLISTIX Fitness, 77 Rawsons Rd Woy Woy, 4:30pm to 7:30pm, bookings essential

Glen Harrison Live, Club Umina, 8:00pm to 11:30pm

Public Talk: How Karma Works Better with Dharma hosted by Central Coast Meditation Centre, 5 Haynes Ave, Umina, 7:30pm to 9:30pm

### Saturday, Apr 21

Gut Health Kickstarter Workshop, Umina Beach, 11:30am to 4:00pm, tickets essential

Meyhane at Safran, Safran Restaurant Ettalong, 6:30pm to 10:30pm, tickets essential

The Search Party Live, Empire Bay Tavern, 8:00pm to 11:00pm

Nathan Cole Live, Club Umina, 7:30pm to 11:30pm

Dharmapada: Words of the Buddha presented by Central Coast Meditation Centre, 5 Hayes Ave Umina, 9:30am to 4:30pm

### Sunday, Apr 22

Woy Woy Little Athletics Presentation Day, McEvoy Oval Umina, 11:30am to 2:30pm

Jordan Roach Live, Club Umina, 2:30pm to 5:30pm

### Tuesday, Apr 24

Kids Disco, Club Umina, 6:00pm to 9:00pm

### Wednesday, Apr 25

Ettalong Bowling Club ANZAC Day commemorations, 8:00am to 5:30pm

Ettalong Beach Hotel ANZAC Day commemorations, 11:00am to 11:00pm

Ettalong Diggers ANZAC Day commemorations, 11:30am to 4:30pm

### Thursday, Apr 26

Goal Keeper Training, Umina Oval, Under 10's and above, must RSVP via Facebook, must bring own goalie gloves, 6:00pm to 7:00pm

### Friday, Apr 27

Gordon Hunte Live, Club Umina, 8:00pm to 11:00pm

### Saturday, Apr 28

Dirty Deeds AC/DC Show, Everglades Country Club, 8:00pm to 12:00am, tickets essential

Roy Orbison Tribute Show, Ettalong Bowling Club, 8:00pm to 11:00pm

Duplexity Live, Club Umina, 7:30pm to 11:30pm

### Sunday, Apr 29

Jamie Lindsay Live, Club Umina, 2:30pm to 5:30pm

## 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



# Classifieds

## ANTENNAS

A Better Picture  
**Antenna & Digital**  
Installations & Tuning  
New home specialist  
Credit cards OK  
**HAYWARD VIDEO**  
All areas  
Gosford 4323 6367  
Woy Woy 4344 4414  
Warnervale 1800 244 456  
0412 685 555

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Central Coast Newspapers' advertising rates are relatively much lower than in other newspapers and at the same time much larger than in other newspapers, with the minimum size being 50mm X 42mm. Approximately 16,000 copies of each newspaper are printed and distributed every fortnight.

## Personal and Not For Profit Organisations

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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In the event, O'Sullivan was able to outlast him to secure a 31-27 victory.

Starkey held the upper hand for the best part of the match, running out the winner with a final score of 31-12.

Media release, 28 Mar 2018  
Ian Jarratt, Umina Beach  
Men's Bowling Club

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# Ettalong prepares for pennant season

**Everglades Men's Bowlers are preparing for the upcoming men's pennant season.**

The season start will be delayed for the Commonwealth Games and competition will start for all Central Coast bowls club in late April and continue into July.

This will be followed by games to

determine who are the champions of the zone, to be played over a weekend in late July.

Everglades has had several internal trials and had visitations from other Central Coast clubs including Woy Woy and Ourimbah/Lisarow to ramp up practice.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 25 Mar 2018  
Brian Dolan, Ettalong Men's Bowls



Regan and his crew are the 2018 Australian Schoolboy Champions

## Umina rower takes schoolboy coxed four title

**Regan Champley of Umina and his rowing crew have taken out the National Schoolboys Coxed Four title at the National Rowing Championships held at Sydney International Regatta Centre.**

Champley who attended St John the Baptist Primary School and Brisbane Waters Secondary College became a boarder at St Patrick's College Ballarat to pursue his love of rowing.

"This season his crew have competed in a total of 18 finals," said proud mum Ms Suzanne Champley.

"Remarkably, they have won gold in 14 championships, three silver medals and a bronze.

"The titles they hold include the prestigious Head of the Lake, The Victorian Schoolboys Champions and now the Australian Schoolboys Champions, known as the ultimate rowing trifecta.

"Regan has sacrificed and trained extremely hard to achieve

this outcome.

"He is a person that understands the importance of giving and volunteering, having been a junior server at St John's and a current patrol member with Ocean Beach SLSC.

"He shares his recent titles with his family, friends and community," Ms Champley said.

"However, he has dedicated the Australian title to his late aboriginal grandmother, Aunty Fay D'Louhy."

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 3 Apr 2018  
Suzanne Champley, Woy Woy

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## Youngest surf patrol praised for their actions

**Killcare Surf Life Saving Club's youngest patrol group have been praised by their patrol captain for their professional manner and excellent care of patients injured after being washed into a rock break.**

Two young people and a small child were walking around the rocks, about 10m back from the rock face, when a freak wave came over and washed them off.

"The female patient, who was most badly injured, supported the young boy who was not a swimmer, trying to get him back up to safety when a wave pushed them both back up the rocks," said patrol captain Mr Phil Tubby.

"Members from Patrol Six showed excellent knowledge and care when tending to three young patients who had sustained lacerations after being washed into the ocean from the rock break and then washed back into the rocks.

"When we were informed by two frightened young boys that their friends had been washed off the rocks around the point and were in the ocean, we launched a boat with Matt Hayter as crew.

"Matt was understandably nervous, but showed great courage facing a four-to-six foot surf on the trip toward Tallow's.

"Having made our way out around the point, we started our search but couldn't find anyone in the water, so returned to shore," Mr Tubby said.

"When we arrived, Patrol 6 were attending to three patients.

"They were moved to the First Aid room where some pretty serious lacerations from being washed off and back up on to the rocks were cleaned and dressed.

"Patrol 6 were calm, professional and in control, attending to all their duties as per their training.

"It was wonderful to see these young men and women rise to the occasion," Mr Tubby said.

"The young boy, who was three or four years old, and his dad were sent to the medical centre and the female patient was transported to hospital."

The patrol members were Amy Sneddon, Trinity Drewett, Matthew Hayter, Rafael Lagos, Kirsten Bennett and Natasha Marteene.

**SOURCE:**

**Newsletter, 28 Mar 2018  
Peter Bagnall, Killcare SLSC**

## Umina boxer makes Commonwealth Games

**An Umina PCYC member is competing in the 2018 Commonwealth Games at the Gold Coast to represent Australia in boxing.**

Ms Anja Stridsman has been in intensive training for months in the lead-up to the Games.

She said she was overjoyed to have made the team and to represent her home country at a sport she loves.

"Boxing for me is about empowerment," she said.

"It's about challenging yourself constantly defeating those doubts that you have about yourself and putting everything on the line to be the best that you can be.

"The mental side of boxing is

the hardest part of it.

"You're constantly faced with the choice to just give up or keep on fighting and you just have to make that choice to keep fighting.

"Although boxing is an individual sport, it just means so much to be able to go to the Commonwealth Games as a team with Paralympic athletes, able bodied athletes, all competing together, inspiring each other, supporting each other.

"It really makes you feel like you're a part of something bigger," Ms Stridsman said.

Ms Stridsman's first match at the Games will be on April 11.

**SOURCE:**

**Video, 28 Mar 2018  
Anja Stridsman,  
Commonwealth Games**



*Umina PCYC's Anja Stridsman is off to the Commonwealth Games*  
**Photo: Michael Willson Photography**

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