

Council goes for 50-50 dredge funding

Central Coast Council has agreed to apply for 50-50 funding to dredge Ettalong Channel following a fortnight of sustained community and political pressure, which saw 400 residents attend a meeting at Ettalong.

The Council has also called, again, for the NSW Government to complete another round of emergency dredging to ensure the navigation channel is at least restored, temporarily, to a navigable state.

The indefinite cancellation of ferry services to Ettalong and Wagstaffe prompted a well-attended community meeting at Ettalong Diggers on May 10.

Following the meeting, chaired by Diggers chief Mr Bill Jackson, Central Coast mayor and councillors were advised of a motion calling for "joint funding by Council and State Government for dredging of the Ettalong Channel area this month".

"A meeting attended by over 400 people was held at the Ettalong Diggers Club tonight, called by Ettalong Diggers, to discuss the problems caused by the suspension of the ferry service to Ettalong and Wagstaffe, and its diversion to Patonga," Mr Jackson said in his post-meeting letter to Councillors.

"It is requested that Council consider this matter at its meeting to be held on Monday, May 14," the letter said.

"The following motion was passed unanimously by those present at the meeting, for consideration at the Council meeting next Monday (motion proposed by Ms Peta Colebatch, seconded by Mr Peter Mote): That this meeting requests both the State Government and the Central Coast Council to work together to fund immediate dredging works (this month) so that the ferry service to Ettalong and Wagstaffe can resume (the Council to submit a compliant application for funding to the State Government next week); and that this meeting requests that in the longer term, a working party of stakeholders assess the appropriate approach for the future, looking at maintenance dredging, technical issues, environmental implications, community impacts (including work, tourism, educational issues), and funding.

"A number of comments were



An over-flowing public gallery at Central Coast Council's Gosford chamber on May 14

made at the meeting, some concerning different viewpoints on funding responsibility.

"However the community strongly expressed the need for immediate action so that normal ferry services can be resumed.

"People at Patonga are having difficulties also, from the presence of the ferry there and the impact of parking.

"And there are major tourism, business, recreation, family, and educational impacts, with people's work being curtailed (for example, builders using the ferry to get to Palm Beach) and family visits also being stopped."

It was standing room only in the Gosford Chamber of Central Coast Council on Monday, May 14, as the community rallied to support the Ettalong meeting's call for an immediate end to the impasse between Council and the State Government.

An urgency motion was circulated to members of the public and media but, according to Central Coast Council Mayor Cr Jane Smith, none of the councillors had informed her that there was an urgency motion to be put.

The meeting proceeded according to the agenda, frustrating the packed gallery until Cr Greg Best announced there was an urgency motion but left it to Cr Rebecca Gale Collins to move the motion.

The debate was heated and frustrating with loud interjections from the public gallery leading to Cr Smith calling for a 15-minute recess.

Gosford West Ward Councillor Richard Mehrtens utilised the recess to write an amendment which he said better reflected the sentiment of the community meeting than the urgency motion that Cr Gale Collins put to the meeting, understood to have been written by Cr Greg Best.

"We finally moved a motion that the dredging of the channel was a State Government matter so we are still holding the government to that standard and the majority of councillors still have that same belief," Cr Mehrtens told Peninsula News following the meeting.

"Now what the Council is doing is being the more responsible level of government on this while the State is still throwing up road blocks," he said.

"This is a thing that was made very obvious at the Council meeting on Monday night, the State Government has the authority to dredge this channel, which is Crown Land, whenever it chooses to do so, it owns a dredge and on two occasions in the past 12 months it came in one day, did its scraping and left," he said.

According to Cr Mehrtens the Council's decision to apply for 50-50 funding under the Rescuing

Our Waterways program would not provide an adequate solution to the problems facing the entrance to Brisbane Water.

"The funding available is completely inadequate and that was one of the reasons we were reticent to support applying under Rescuing Our Waterways," he said.

According to Council the maximum that can be applied for by the state is \$1.3 million and it may take until January 2019 for the outcome of the 50-50 application to be known.

However, Councillors have been informed by staff that the annual cost of maintaining the channel is more than the total \$3 million that would be made available via a 50-50 agreement and then it would be at the mercy of the State to provide the funding annually.

"We do need a longer term program for this waterway, otherwise the State Government will be holding Central Coast Council to ransom every year.

"If we received \$400,000 one year and then missed a year it would take more than \$800,000 the following year to get it back to an acceptable standard.

"We have no guarantee we will get the maximum \$1.3 million when the maximum available for all coastal councils is \$6 million and we are up against 13 other councils," Cr Mehrtens said.

"The North Coast has a specific list item for dredging in the State Budget each year but we have to sit here and wait.

"I can't understand how anyone can say it is not a navigable waterway when it is a public transport corridor.

"My interpretation of the community meeting at the Diggers was the long term solution was a State Government responsibility but short term people wanted to see Council apply for the funding.

"They were annoyed by the stalemate and wanted to get it done, with the State Government being obstinate.

"A change of government was the only way the meeting believed the State would take responsibility.

"As Cr Bruce McLachlan told the community meeting, the State Government was not going to move on this," he said.

Cr McLachlan along with Crs Jilly Pilon, Gale Collins and Mehrtens spoke at the community meeting.

"I said I would be happy to look at any motion for 50-50 funding but it also had to request that the State Government pay for emergency dredging as an act of good faith," he said.

"We arrived at Council on Monday night under the impression there would be an emergency motion but when the Mayor asked each of the councillors she was told 'no'.

"When Cr Best arrived later the Mayor also asked him and he replied 'no' but they were planning to introduce the motion the entire time and to do so without any notice, without allowing the other councillors time to read it was incendiary.

"It didn't reflect the motion that Bill Jackson and the public meeting had decided on so it was necessary to introduce an amendment to get something agreeable but it is not a long-term solution," Cr Mehrtens said.

SOURCE:

Urgency motion, 14 May 2018
Central Coast Council
ordinary meeting

Interview, 15 May 2018

Jane Smith, Central Coast Council
Interview 16 May 2018

Richard Mehrtens, Central
Coast Council

Letter, 10 May 2018

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Year to date rainfall 50 per cent below average

The gardens and reserves of the Peninsula had only received 5.4mm of rain in the first 18 days of May, 75.6mm less than the monthly May average since 2005.

According to Mr Jim Morrison of Umina's rainfall data, only two days this month have seen falls of more than 1mm, May 12 (1.4mm) and May 14 (3.2mm).

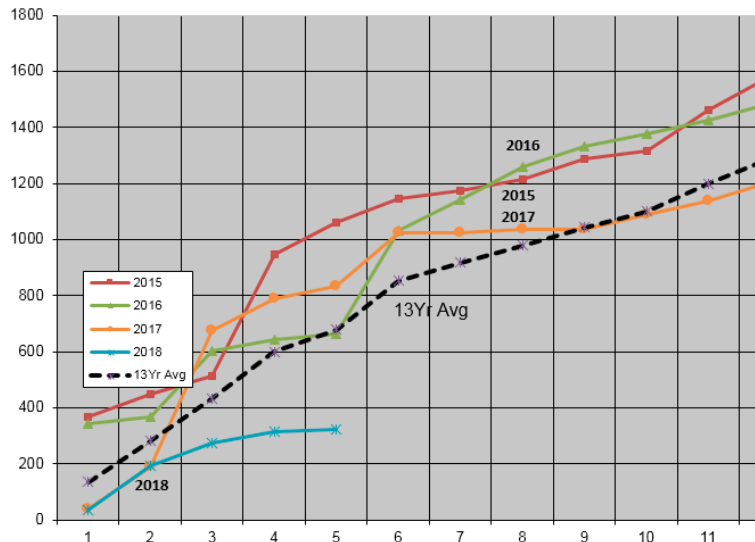
That means for the first five months of 2018 the Peninsula is sitting on half its annual rainfall, having received 321.3mm instead of the average 679mm.

If the trend continues for the remainder of the month it will be the third consecutive year that the Peninsula has recorded below-average rainfall for May.

May 2015 was the last to see above-average rainfall for the month with total falls of 115.5mm which was 27.5 per cent above average.

That year most of the rain was recorded on May 23 when 31.6mm

Cumulative Monthly Rainfall by Year



will receive some much-needed downpours in the next two weeks.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 18 May 2018
Jim Morrison, Umina

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New rubbish bins will be rolled out

New red rubbish bins will be given to Peninsula residents over the next three months.

All residential properties will receive a new 140 litre red lid waste bin during May, June and July to replace their current 120 litre red lid waste bin.

This is the same sized bin that residents in the former Wyong area already have.

All old bins will be replaced regardless of their current age or condition.

Residents are asked to take the new bins inside once they are delivered, ensuring to check the address on the side of the bin matches your property.

The old bins are to be used on next bin night, and placed on the kerb even if they are empty and whether or not residents are home.

The bins are to be left empty on the kerbside after they have been emptied, allowing up to five business days for them to be removed.

The new bins may be used once the old bins have been emptied even if they have not been removed.

After the roll out is complete, old bins will no longer be emptied.

Only bins with the new logo will be emptied.

SOURCE:
Website, 26 Apr 2018
1Coast Homepage



Representatives from the Umina Community Group, PCYC, Woy Woy Little Athletics met with Clr Jilly Pilon, Assistant Minister for Home Affairs Mr Alex Hawke, Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks, Brisbane Water Detective Inspector John Zdorilic and Ms Gabby Greyem

Federal Government to provide CCTV at Umina oval

The Federal Government will provide up to \$47,000 to the Central Coast Council for the installation of closed circuit television cameras at community facilities to tackle antisocial behaviour and vandalism within the community.

Ms Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson, was joined by Assistant Minister for Home Affairs Mr Alex Hawke at the Umina Oval to announce funding for more than 20 cameras and associated surveillance systems on the Central Coast.

"This funding will provide critical CCTV infrastructure around the Central Coast including McEvoy Oval Umina and the Peninsula

Recreation Precinct, building on the extensive work done by Council to activate places and spaces within the community," Ms Wicks said.

"I'd like to recognise the hard work of locals including Ms Gabby Greyem from the Peninsula Recreation Precinct and Ms Kylie Brown from McEvoy Oval who have all advocated for this CCTV funding to make our community areas on the Central Coast safer.

"CCTV cameras have shown to be an effective crime prevention measure and a valuable investigative tool that provides deterrence to anti-social behaviour and I commend the Central Coast Council for joining with the community to fight for this funding secured today," Ms Wicks said.

Ms Brown, from Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics Club, said that the club facilities at McEvoy Oval are often targeted by vandals with graffiti.

"Our facility was recently broken into with goods stolen from the sporting codes, resulting in a flow on cost to the community to repair that damage, so this CCTV funding is most welcomed at such a pivotal time for the club.

"We thank the Government for providing footage to deter these vandals and reduce the costs to the community."

The funding has been committed under Round 2 of the Coalition's \$40M Safer Communities Fund.

SOURCE:
Media release, 18 May 2018
Lisa Scott, Office of Assistant Minister Alex Hawke

Wales elected for 20th year

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales has been re-elected for a 20th consecutive year in office.

"This is a very critical period for our local business community with a number of important matters that need to be addressed particularly leading up to the NSW State Election next March," Mr Wales said.

"The Chamber will continue to focus on finding a long term solution to the dredging of the

Ettalong Channel," Mr Wales said.

"We will also be taking a lead role with submissions to the soon to be released Consolidated LEP process which looks to introduce Council wide standard planning controls.

"The Chamber will also continue to push for state and federal funding for our local roads including the \$35M promised at the last State Election.

SOURCE:
Media release, 17 May 2018
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

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Water disruptions occur 11 times this year

Water disruptions have occurred 11 times on the Peninsula since January 21.

None of them has been planned. Unlike in other areas of the Coast where water interruptions are usually notified for planned maintenance, Peninsula residents have been notified by Central Coast Council about disruption of supply due to water mains breaks and related interruptions.

The Council has provided the following information, via its facebook page, since January 21.

The latest water outage and road closure notice for Woy Woy was posted on Monday, May 14, when part of Rawson Rd between Railway St and Ocean Beach Rd experienced a water outage from 1:30pm to 6pm as Council repaired a broken water main.

One lane of Rawson Rd needed to be closed during work and road users were told to expect longer-than-usual delays.

An unplanned outage/event also took place on May 15 involving all of Sontar Ave and part of Camelia Circle, Woy Woy, again, to repair a broken main between 3:30pm and 8:30pm

On May 1, residents in Springwood St, Ettalong, were warned to expect an outage from 9am to 12pm to repair a broken water main in the area.

At 9:42pm on April 26, Central



The Peninsula is prone to unplanned water outages

Coast Council posted on facebook that all homes in Karingi St and homes on Springwood St between Bourke Rd and Bangalow St would experience a water outage from 11pm through to 7am the following morning to repair a broken water main.

On April 19, it was residents of St Huberts Island and Daleys Point who were told they would be without water from 8pm whilst a broken water main in the area was repaired overnight with the water supply expected to be restored by

5am on Friday, April 20.

An alternative water supply was made available from 8pm to midnight at the end of Tulani Ave.

Residents were also informed via facebook that Council may have needed to close the east bound lane of Daley Ave.

On April 18, Umina residents were told they may have experienced a three-hour water outage between 10:45am and 1:45pm to repair a broken water main in the area.

On March 29, Council gave a

social media update on the water main break in Woy Woy near the corner of Blackwall Rd and Station St that was reported in a recent edition of Peninsula News.

Council crews worked through the night to restore water services to businesses and residences in the Blackwall Rd area.

Blackwall Rd was closed in the southbound direction between Railway St and Oval Ave, with diversions in place.

Water services were expected to be restored between 7am and 9am the following day, Good Friday.

Water pipes and other temporary water services were provided to affected businesses and residences for the duration of the repairs.

On March 14, Umina residents were warned to expect discoloured water for an unknown number of days and undefined locations due to a March 13 trunk main break on Edgecliff Rd near Sylvania Rd at Umina.

That break also caused low water pressure for a number of properties in the area including some located in Horsfield Bay and water needed to be turned off while the main was fixed.

Railway St, Ocean Beach Rd, Moana St and some surrounding properties were without water on February 7 from 9pm until 2am on

February 8.

The influence of king tides on January 22 meant repairs to a water main break on Brisbane Water Dve, Woy Woy, had to be done overnight, including related repairs to the road surface.

The water main broke on January 21 and the public was informed Council would be carrying out repairs from 7pm.

One lane operation remained in place between Blackwall Rd and the bridge and resulted in traffic delays.

All Peninsula residents were asked to conserve water to "allow us to undertake the complicated repair as quickly as possible".

The public was asked to delay any non-essential water use including clothes and dish washing, watering of gardens and water play.

"We understand it's a hot day here on the Central Coast, and we appreciate our community's assistance."

In addition to Facebook, Central Coast Council reports both unplanned and planned water outages and events at www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/wateroutages.

Source:
Websites, 21 Jan to 16 May 2018
Central Coast Council
facebook page
Central Coast Council /
water outages

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



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

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

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Meeting to discuss Sporties development application

The Save Woy Woy Waterfront Group is holding a community meeting to air public opinion about the Woy Woy Sporties development application at the Woy Woy CWA Hall from 10am on May 27.

The application is for a multi-storey seniors-living complex with 63 apartments, five retail tenancies, a licensed club, an underground bowling green, an indoor fishing club, and a 136-space basement carpark, on a three-quarter hectare site adjacent to Lyons Park.

"The meeting will provide an update on the campaign against the Sporties application, and information about what will happen when the matter comes before the Joint Regional Planning Panel," said group spokesperson Mr Ross McMurtrie.

"Our last community meeting attracted around 100 local residents and led to submission of 80 or so objections to Council.

"That reflects the strong opposition in the community to this application.

"The objectives this time are to keep residents fully informed of

progress so far, and to let people know what will happen at the Panel hearing on the application.

"Everyone who submitted an objection to Council will have an opportunity to address the Panel.

"The hearing is coming up soon, and we need to be ready," Mr McMurtrie said.

"The Panel decision is merit-based, so at the hearing we need to expose the areas where the application lacks merit.

"That has been done already in public submissions to Council.

"This time the application's defects need to be revealed to the Panel, whether they concern perils due to flood risk, or loss of recreational space, or incompatibility with the character of surrounding homes and parkland, or deterioration of amenity, or the non-viability of a synthetic underground bowling green and an indoor fishing club, or non-compliance with Gosford LEP 2014, Gosford DCP 2013, and the SEPP for Seniors Housing and so on," Mr McMurtrie said.

SOURCE:

Media release, 17 May 2018
Ross McMurtrie, Save Woy Woy Waterfront Community Group



The three foot drop in front of the Lifeguard Tower on Ocean Beach



Erosion along Ocean Beach

Chamber calls for urgent beach repair

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has called on Central Coast Council to urgently allocate funds to maintain and repair beachfront accesses including the disability access well ahead on the next surf season.

"It is extremely disappointing that the Peninsula's premier beach attraction has been left in such a sad state of repair with no significant restoration works undertaken by Council at all this summer.

"The Council seems to be able to find millions to upgrade the Avoca Beach foreshore and build

boardwalks at Terrigal Haven but has nothing in the pipeline for Ocean Beach," said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"It's an embarrassment and needs to be rectified."

He was speaking after recent big swells have continued to erode the beachfront and prevent access to the public.

"Once again we are seeing huge shifts in sand and significant erosion to the point where accessing the beach at Ocean Beach Surf Club is now dangerous", he said.

"The disability access near the lifeguard tower has not been usable for over 12 months with a three metre drop off visible at the dune front," he added.

"How can beach goers, especially those with disabilities, take advantage of what's left of Ocean Beach when the prime access points are barely maintained?" Mr Wales asked.

"The restoration of Ocean Beach goes hand in hand with the dredging of the Ettalong Channel and the long term renourishment of the beachfront.

"It's time Council got serious about a long term solution to this problem so that once again Ocean Beach can be accessible to everyone," Mr Wales said.

SOURCE:

Media release, 17 May 2018
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce



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Department confirms GP money may go elsewhere

The Federal Department of Health appears to have confirmed that little of the \$100,000 allocated to fix the Peninsula GP shortage has been spent.

That money is now likely to go "to address additional identified needs of the Hunter New England and Central Coast Community".

It had previously been expected that the money would be used by the Hunter New England Primary Health Network Peninsula Workforce Committee.

In a written statement, the Department said: "Whilst the \$100,000 in funding remains allocated to support the work of the Committee, the local solutions identified by the Committee are low cost options to improve coordination and communication amongst local practitioners through the Primary Health Network.

"The local Primary Health Network continues to address local workforce needs in the area, with the support of the committee, through little to no cost.

"The remaining funding is available to address additional identified needs of the Hunter New England and Central Coast Community.

The Department's statement claimed: "Residents in and around the Peninsula will have noticed improved access to GPs as a

result of the work of the committee.

"The committee was established to develop sustainable solutions and strategies for general practice to improve patient access to primary health care within the Peninsula area," the statement said.

"The committee has met four times since it was established last year and has been actively working on strategies to attract and retain GPs and increase scope of the nursing workforce," it said.

"Since the committee commenced its work, the workforce shortage in the Peninsula has improved, with two new permanent general practitioners commencing practice in Umina, one new general practitioner commencing at Ettalong Family Medical Practice and a reduction in the average age of general practitioners from 61 years to 58 years.

"The work of the committee has resulted in stronger relationships with GP Synergy, the provider of the federally-funded Australian General Practice Training program for doctors seeking to specialise as general practitioners in NSW and ACT.

"This means more practices are now accredited to train registrars in the region.

"Four general practitioner registrars have commenced in the area and GP Synergy is working

closely with Woy Woy Peninsula practices to further increase these numbers.

"The committee's work is continuing, with further recruitment and retention strategies being tested for the Peninsula area.

"Residents interested in the work of the Committee should contact the Hunter New England Primary Health Network for further information."

According to the Primary Health Network, the total number of GPs in the Peninsula area including registrars has increased by seven since the inception of the project, with no recruitment agency placements needed.

Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks commented: "Labor's latest scare campaign around health funding on the Central Coast is an utter fabrication and a lie.

"Labor ... appears to completely ignore significant, game-changing local initiatives including ... our commitment to help tackle the Peninsula GP shortage," she said.

"Labor is outrageously trying to create a scare campaign around health without a skerrick of evidence.

SOURCE:

Media statement, 7 May 2018

Federal Department of Health

Media release, 7 May 2017

Tim Sowden, office of Lucy Wicks

Audio file, 7 May 2018

Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson

Support sought for action on mosquitoes

An Empire Bay resident has sought support from the Wagstaffe-Killcare Community Association in seeking action from Central Coast Council to address the issue of mosquitoes plaguing Empire Bay.

"Living with Mosquitoes on the Central Coast region of NSW is a study conducted in 2007, which established that the saltmarsh communities of Empire Bay have the largest populations of larval and adult populations," Ms Susan Brooks wrote in the association's newsletter.

"The Council's response seems to have focused on protecting the environment in which mosquitoes breed with little attention or action on minimising mosquitoes to protect residents.

"As a consequence it is often not possible to enjoy our outdoor areas for several months because personal spraying is not particularly effective.

"This also negatively impacts on the economic development of the Peninsula," she said.

"The Council decided some years ago not to spray in the Empire Bay area, and consequently we

have now experienced the worse mosquito outbreak in 20 years.

"Where routine mosquito control is not considered desirable, there are other options available.

"However, it would appear that no preventative against disease outbreak or biting minimisation action has been taken in recent years and this is of increasing concern given the impact of climate change on the area.

"Ten years have passed since landmark studies were conducted, yet it appears that little has changed in Council's approach.

"Council needs to review scientific information and find a better balance between environment and lifestyle living needs; there is a need for site-specific investigation of mosquito communities, so policies for urban development and wetland rehabilitation can be balanced with reduced public health risks, affected communities need to be consulted over these policies and a budget allocation needs to be made to ensure remedial work is undertaken as soon as possible," Ms Brooks said.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 13 May 2018

Peta Colebatch, Wagstaffe to

Killcare Community Association Inc.



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Dredging

Liberals claim dredge victory

Liberal councillors and Members of State Parliament have claimed victory for the community following the decision by Central Coast Council to apply for 50-50 dredging funding.

East Gosford Ward Liberal Cr Rebecca Gale Collins said she moved the urgency motion on behalf of the community focusing on the need for urgent dredging work in Ettalong Channel.

"In a stunning backflip, the Labor majority voted for Central Coast Council to submit a compliant Rescue Our Waterways grant application with 50 /50 matched funding with NSW State Government," she said.

"The Council also resolved to apply for emergency dredge funding from State Government."

Cr Gale Collins said "this is a real win for the community and demonstrates the power of the people."

"Last Thursday night, over 400 people attended the Ettalong Diggers community forum to discuss the urgent need for dredging of the Ettalong Channel."

"Tonight, people were overflowing from Council Chambers as they came to hear



Cr Rebecca Gale Collins speaking at the community meeting held at Ettalong Diggers on May 10

the motion of urgency about dredging Ettalong Channel.

"The closure of Ettalong Channel is imminent if dredging work is not carried out immediately," said Cr Gale Collins.

"As a local, I promised the community members that I'd bring a motion of urgency on the dredging issue to Council this evening, and I delivered on that promise."

"Last week, all ferries were indefinitely diverted from Ettalong Beach and Wagstaffe over to Patonga on the grounds of public

safety."

Liberal Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch said the result of the Council meeting was a big win for the community.

"I thank every single local resident who made their views known to Council by attending last week's public meeting, last night's Council meeting, or by signing the online petition," Mr Crouch said.

"Plenty of other councils along the NSW coastline fulfil their responsibilities, and I'm really pleased that our local council has finally decided to fulfil their

responsibilities."

"It is extremely disappointing that for months, the Member for Gosford, her Labor Council colleagues, and some Independent Councillors have put politics before people, and are still continuing to do so."

"This was clearly on show for all in the gallery to see last night."

"For more than 12 months, I have been strongly encouraging Council to apply for *Rescuing Our Waterways* funding, so I'm really pleased that Council have now committed to submit a compliant application for this fund."

"It's a pity that Council have taken so long to reach this position, given the condition of the Channel continues to deteriorate."

"This week I will be meeting with Minister for Lands and Forestry, Paul Toole, to advise him of last night's Council meeting outcome."

"In addition to the *Rescuing Our Waterways* co-funding opportunity, I will also raise with him the possibility of State funding for further emergency maintenance dredging work to ensure the Ettalong Channel remains open and safe for all."

"Over the coming weeks, Department of Industry staff will be meeting with coastal councils in NSW to discuss potential dredging projects and provide advice on applying for *Rescuing Our Waterways*."

"As I have consistently said, the NSW Government stands ready to assist Council wherever possible, and I will continue to do everything I can to support our local community."

SOURCE:

Media release, 14 May 2018

Rebecca Gale Collins,

Central Coast Council

Media release, 15 May 2018

Adam Crouch, Member for Terrigal

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Council describes decision as 'clear way forward'

Central Coast Council has described its decision to apply for 50-50 dredging funding as providing "a clear

way forward".

The media release announcing the decision stated that the Council had agreed to apply for State

Government funding to contribute to the cost of dredging the Ettalong Channel and called for the State Government to provide emergency funding in the short term.

Mayor Cr Jane Smith said the decision on dredging Ettalong Channel provided a clear path forward but required the State Government to take action now.

"We have agreed to apply to the State Government for Rescue Our Waterways funding," said Cr Smith.

"It is clear that this funding will not be available for several months and that it will not cover even 50 percent of the cost of dredging Ettalong Channel.

"In light of this, we are calling on the State Government to provide emergency funding in the short term to ensure Ettalong Channel remains open.

"The State Government has dredged Ettalong Channel twice in the past, they have the equipment and funding to take immediate action and we calling on them to do this.

"Today's decision provides a clear way forward for the Ettalong community, Council and the State Government.

"To develop a long-term solution, we will create a working party of stakeholders to look at maintenance dredging, technical issues, environmental implications, community impacts and funding."

Council has agreed that any dredged sand be used to replenish works on adjacent beaches.

SOURCE:

Media release, 15 May 2018
Jane Smith, Central Coast Council

Community association calls for continued pressure

Local residents have been urged to write to the NSW Minister for Lands and Forestry to ensure emergency dredging of the Ettalong channel begins without delay.

Wagstaffe-Killcare Community Association president Ms Peta Colebatch thanked local residents for attending the May 10 community meeting and May 14 Council meeting to lobby for an end to the impasse on maintaining a navigable channel.

"Finally, we were successful, and it was a tribute to all the community and organisational pressure and to the councillors themselves who changed their vote from the previous obdurate stance," she said.

"But we need to keep up the pressure, to ensure that the State Government now takes urgent

steps to identify the appropriate dredge and arrange for its movement to this area so that dredging can begin without delay.

"This needs to be done now, not at some point in the future.

"Prior to the Council meeting, we understood from MP Adam Crouch, that the State Government would act immediately if the Council submitted a compliant 50-50 application.

"So now the Council has acted, and we need the State Government to act.

She suggested residents message Minister for Lands and Forestry Mr Paul Toole or ring him on (02) 8574 7000, to ask him to arrange for the urgent dredging.

"We can't afford to have everyone's livelihoods disrupted through further delay."

SOURCE:

Media release, 15 May 2018
Peta Colebatch, WTKCA

Resolution to apply for dredging money

Central Coast Council has agreed at its May 14 meeting to apply for 50-50 funding to dredge Ettalong Channel while maintaining its call for emergency dredging and a sustainable longer term solution.

The Council's resolution was "That this Council acknowledges that dredging of Ettalong Channel is a NSW Government responsibility.

"That Council notes that to this point the NSW Government have refused responsibility for maintaining a safe and open waterway at Ettalong Channel and Box Head for the last decade.

"In recognition of this, Council moves to take the only action available which is to make a compliant application for Rescuing

our Waterways funding.

"As a show of good faith, while we wait for the decision on that application, this Council reiterates calls to the NSW Government to provide emergency dredging to open the channel in the short term.

"That Council use any dredged sand for replenishment works on adjacent beaches

"That this meeting requests that in the longer term, a working party of stakeholders assess the appropriate approach for the future, looking at maintenance dredging, technical issues, environmental implications, community impacts (including work, tourism, educational issues) and funding."

SOURCE:

Urgency motion, 14 May 2018
Central Coast Council

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The affordable and social housing development at Woy Woy

Issue remains as housing project succeeds, says Tesch

A Woy Woy project provides 30 of only 47 units of social housing provided on the Central Coast under the NSW Government's new funding model for social and affordable housing, according to the Member for Gosford, Ms Liesl Tesch.

"Social and affordable housing funding by this government promised thousands of homes in NSW, and yet we have seen the numbers of homelessness on the Central Coast increase," Ms Tesch told the NSW Parliament recently.

"In my electorate we have seen public housing homes sold to local developers for undisclosed prices," she said.

"It has been by the sheer determination of Pacific Link, our local community housing provider, who identified the need for affordable and social housing and works very hard to ensure they receive funding to bring developments to fruition.

"Pacific Link have successfully built 30 new social and affordable

units in a facility in Woy Woy."

"A meeting with NCOSS last week revealed that the 30 units in Woy Woy are 30 in a total of only 47 new social and affordable housing properties developed across the Coast by this government under the new Social and Affordable Housing Funding."

Ms Tesch said billions of dollars were being spent on stadiums, while millions of dollars of public housing assets were being sold.

"And what are the disadvantaged people of NSW receiving?"

"This government justifies spending billions on stadiums, and yet cannot increase the pot of funding to support early intervention reform for all the groups in our community that require this support," Ms Tesch said.

Ms Tesch also spoke about Central Coast Council's forum for the development of the Central Coast Affordable and Alternative Housing Strategy.

"The strategy aims to provide a coordinated and systematic approach which will inform the

delivery of services, create opportunities for innovation and create partnerships to address the issue," she said.

Ms Tesch mentioned the free Bring Your Bills Day at the Peninsula Community Centre on May 3.

She said the Peninsula was a "fabulous place to visit, yet it saddens me greatly that so many people will be lining up for help with their bills ... especially their electricity bill.

"St Vincent de Paul tell me that they exhausted their rebates, that are usually meant to last a year, in just one of these quarterly sessions last year.

"Families in my electorate are telling me they have to choose between food and electricity, and this is before the costs of winter heating are added to electricity bills.

"They are resorting to having a good cooked meal at Mary Macs ... to get them through the week," she said.

SOURCE:
Hansard, 2 May 2018
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Hotel closes until late spring

The hotel in Patonga is temporarily closed for renovations and is expected to re-open in late spring.

"After extensive consultation with the local community, work has commenced to improve the functioning of the bar and kitchen while retaining the hotel's character," said Boathouse Hotel proprietor Mr Andrew Goldsmith.

Owners of The Boathouse Group, Ms and Mr Pip and Andrew Goldsmith, purchased the hotel, formerly known as The Patonga Beach Hotel, in October.

"We operated the hotel as normal over summer so as to not inconvenience customers and

local businesses during the peak holiday season," Mr Goldsmith said.

"It was also a good opportunity to learn how the hotel and town functioned together," said Mr Goldsmith.

"We look forward to improving the hotel in the coming months and making the hotel an establishment the local community is proud of.

"We apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate everyone's patience as we work to improve the Hotel," he said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 May 2018
Ruby Flew, Communications and Media Manager

Council budget goes on exhibition

The first full financial year budget for the combined Central Coast Council has been placed on public exhibition for a month.

Hundreds of projects are planned across the Coast in the \$199.8 million capital works program.

Council's Plan will also deliver \$561.5 million in services .

A list of the major projects, to benefit the entire region, to be undertaken in the 2018-19 financial year included one on the Peninsula: \$2 million to upgrade the sewer pump station at Woy Woy.

Mayor Cr Jane Smith said: "We will be delivering just a small surplus – \$64,000 – as we want to invest every dollar we can on delivering

the services and infrastructure our growing community have told us they need, want and value.

"Our community has identified their vision of where they want to see the Coast grow and be in ten years' time.

"We want a smart, responsible, green and liveable Central Coast where everyone belongs.

"This draft Operational Plan outlines a clear promise to our community – a promise we look forward to delivering."

To view the draft Plan go to yourvoiceourcoast.com, Council libraries and offices at Wyong and Gosford.

Submissions will be received up until 5pm Thursday, June 14.

SOURCE:
Media release, 17 May 2018
Jane Smith, Central Coast Council



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Why was this drivel published?

I'm writing this letter because I'm frustrated being served up drivel such as the alleged effort by Mr MacDonald in Peninsula News edition 444.

How tripe such as this gets published is beyond me.

Really, was this newsworthy?

Please explain. Was it meant to be funny? Fatalities have occurred here.

Seriously, I'm not getting the joke.

The only rationale I can put on it is that it's a very cheap and sick crack at a political rival.

Three questions:

Mr MacDonald, are you the author of this "imaginary conversation"?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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If so, please explain the humour and your motivation for submitting it for publication.

Mr Snell, as editor, what humour or news value did you see in it? What deemed it publishable and was the placing of this garbage directly above the Member for Gosford's advertisement a strategic decision?

I look forward to having my question put to Mr MacDonald, having my letter, Mr MacDonald's and the editor's response published in the next edition of the Peninsula News.

While you are at it you may want to consider a public apology to family and friends of victims of this level crossing and to the Member for Gosford.

Email, 8 May 2018
David Gallard, Ettalong

Shocked to read mean-spirited contribution

I am writing to support the efforts of Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch for a new rail crossing in Rawson Rd, Woy Woy, and to say how shocked I was to read the mean spirited column from Scot MacDonald in Peninsula News edition 444.

Whilst this behaviour might pass for discussion in the protected chamber of the Legislative Council, it has no place in a community newsletter.

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To treat a matter that has caused the loss of human life in such a flippant fashion is evil.

The irony is that this individual has special responsibility for the Central Coast and would be involved in any review of the new crossing.

So much for judging a matter on its merits.

Email, 7 May 2018
John Taylor, Woy Woy

Residents aware of Tesch's honesty and work ethic

Shame Scot MacDonald MLC, shame.

Is your angst against the highly successful local members, Liesl Tesch and David Harris, so great that you had to submit that "Imaginary Conversation" to the Peninsula News (PN 444)?

It did not take much imagination to recognise who you were writing about.

Any input that either of these productive Members have with any project in our area is always done

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with forethought, hard work and hope for completion.

I know the residents of the Peninsula are well aware of Ms Tesch's honesty and work ethic and I am sure the same applies for Mr Harris' constituents.

Keep up the good work Liesl and David.

Email, 14 May 2018
Genny Murphy, Woy Woy.

EDITOR'S COMMENT: In this age of highly media-managed politics and spin doctoring, it is unusual to get a candid glimpse of the underlying thinking and attitudes of our politicians.

It is tempting not to run such a contribution because some readers may find it distasteful or offensive.

However, what should be the media's role in this, and that of Peninsula News in particular?

Is it the media's role to sanitise the news or to shield the community from the thinking of its political representatives or indeed to protect what may be perceived

as the politicians' own interests?

Peninsula News has a policy of not publishing letters which question people's motives or represent personal attacks.

The newspaper's Forum section favours letters that improve the quality of discussion on issues of community interest.

On this occasion, despite this, we decided it was in the public interest to publish this contribution.

We found it remarkable, coming from a person of Mr MacDonald's role and status.

The replacement of the level crossing has long been of

serious interest to the Peninsula community, underlined by the recent tragic fatalities.

Our politicians' attitudes to this issue will determine how it is resolved.

For that reason, we believed the publication of Mr MacDonald's contribution was justified.

Is this the quality of thinking that we expect from our politicians on this issue?

If we do not know of our politicians' thinking, how can we exercise our democratic rights?

Peninsula News would be interested to hear what other readers think.

Mark Snell, editor.



TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Council's Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan

Now is your chance to have a say on services, programs and projects planned for the Central Coast for the 2018-19 financial year.

Council's Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan outlines an investment of \$561.5M in essential services and a \$199.8M in capital works in the priority areas outlined in the Community Strategic Plan - improving our roads, water and sewerage networks, the environment, community facilities and open space and recreation.

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Will planning panel need larger venue?

In regards to an article in Peninsula News edition 443; with every edition of the Peninsula News, I suspect the Joint Regional Planning Panel accepts that a bigger venue will be needed for its assessment of the Sporties redevelopment.

The Council's transparency regarding details of non-compliant development is now opaque.

What information the Council provides to the Panel will be of interest to all residents.

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Planning is in turmoil.

The hottest ticket this year is a seat at the JRPP hearing.

This list of interested parties is increasing, not limited to: The Minister for Planning, the Council, councillors, residents, club members, personnel and management, developers and estuary and foreshore beneficiaries.

Letter, 26 Apr 2018
Norman Harris, Umina

Imagine a Gosford-Umina walkway

Imagine a walkway approximately 10 to 12 kilometres long running mostly along the western side of Brisbane Waters from West Gosford to Umina.

Better still, a lot of the work has already been done.

All you need is for a footpath to be constructed from Woy Woy, at the corner of McMasters Rd and Blackwall Rd, around through Orange Grove to Booker Bay Rd.

The footpaths in Booker Bay Rd need upgrading from the Rip

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Bridge viaduct to Ferry Rd in Ettalong.

Then all you have to do is upgrade the pathway from Ettalong Beach along The Esplanade to Umina Surf Club.

This walk would be basically level walking and would surely attract lots of tourists because it could rival the Bondi to Coogee walkway without the steps.

Email, 11 May 2018
Rod Fountain, Booker Bay



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Other Regional News - In brief

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Councillors fighting to uphold community's preference for regional library

The community's preference for a regional library integrated with a-grade commercial space may be upheld when Central Coast Council votes on the matter on May 28.

Support sought for the last remaining significant Aboriginal Women's site in NSW

The last remaining significant Aboriginal Women's site in NSW, as well as an immediate cultural landscape, is being considered for listing by the NSW Heritage Council.

5 Lands Walk Masterplan in Copacabana causing controversy

Senator Deborah O'Neill has written to, Mayor Jane Smith, and Acting CEO, Mr Brian Glendenning, requesting Council halt construction of Stage 1 of the 5 Lands Walk Masterplan in Copacabana.

Conservatorium seeks assurance on RPAC internal design quality

The Central Coast Conservatorium of Music has congratulated Central Coast Council on submitting a business case to the NSW Government to build a Regional Performing Arts Centre in Mann St, Gosford, but is still seeking recognition as

Gary Murphy appointed as Council's new permanent Chief Executive Officer

Central Coast Council has appointed, Mr Gary Murphy, as its new permanent Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Federal budget welcomed by some and denigrated by others

The Turnbull Government is sticking to its plan to build a stronger economy to benefit all Australians, Federal Member for Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks, said in response to the 2018 Federal Budget on May 8.

Program receives federal funding

Central Coast Disability Network (CCDN), will launch a new disability advocacy program, Community before Corrections, to support people with cognitive impairment who are at risk of a custodial sentence in Wyong and Gosford.

Free flu immunisations at Erina

Free flu immunisations will be available from 2:30pm to 4:30pm on May 10 at a pop-up shop outside Erina Library, Member for Terrigal, Mr Adam Crouch, said.

Nurses and midwives meet

Gosford based nurses and midwives gathered at Gosford Golf Club, during their own time, on April 17, to highlight the pressures they are under as a result of understaffing, increased workloads and poor skill mix issues across various wards

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

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Rate rise and tiny surplus in historic Council budget

Residents and ratepayers have one month to comment on a draft of the historic first combined Central Coast Council Delivery Program and Operational Plan for the 2018-19 financial year.

No extra public air monitoring but Vales Point licence tightened

Vales Point coal-fired power station may face stricter and more consistent pollution licensing as a result of recommendations from the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

The War and Peace of Warnervale Airport

The Central Coast Council has resolved to step back from the former Wyong Council's masterplan to build a Regional Airport at Warnervale but pro- and anti-airport campaigns continue and Council's plans to reallocate airport money to create jobs

Best leads the charge for 'Airport business park'

Another rescission motion aiming to reverse the Central Coast Council's current position on the future of the Warnervale Airport will be debated at a July Council meeting.

Jet aircraft could never operate out of Warnervale

Mr John Codrington, founder of the new Your Central Coast Airport Association (YCCAA), whilst arguing that the existing Airport should stay, said he does not believe jet aircraft would ever be able to operate out of Warnervale.

City metro hurts Coast commuters

Warnervale and Wyong commuters will suffer from a deterioration in services as a result of the \$20 billion spent to introduce metro rail services to Sydney, according to the Member for Wyong and Shadow Minister for the Central Coast, Mr David

Calm traffic coming to a street near you

A new report recommending traffic calming measures for specific areas in Kanwal, Wyong, Woongahra, Hamlyn Terrace and Warnervale has been welcomed by Central Coast Council.

Funds available to improve road safety

Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast, Mr Scot MacDonald, said he encouraged local communities to apply to the Community Road Safety Grants Program.

More out of school care but 2,500 families worse off

According to the caretaker Senator for Dobell, Arthur Sinodinos, Dobell families are set for more support to access early childhood education and care.

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Other councils have submitted complying dredging applications

The CEO of the Ettalong Diggers Club hosted a public meeting to discuss the lack of action by our local council to arrange for dredging of the entry and navigational channel from Little Box Head to Ettalong Beach.

The channel is currently effectively closed to responsible maritime operators, commercial and private, because it does not have navigable depth and width.

To improve accessibility to the state's waterways, the NSW Government has developed the Rescuing our Waterways program.

The program grants funding to councils on a dollar-for-dollar basis to help deliver better access to local waterways and safer boating.

This creates flow-on benefits for tourism and local economies.

Coastal councils are eligible to apply.

Successful councils will be required to make a financial contribution of at least 50 per cent of project costs and be responsible for managing their projects.

The program will run over four years (2017/18–2020/21) with up to \$6 million in funding available.

Funding of up to \$1.5 million is available for projects on an annual basis with financing of up to 50 per cent of a project's costs offered for successful applicants.

Gosford City Council and now Central Coast Council have had opportunities to obtain funding for dredging works in the channel for many years, but have failed to submit complying applications.

The majority of councillors have maintained a position that the State Government "has a clear legal responsibility to maintain the channel for navigation."

Other Councils along the NSW East Coast, such as Sutherland Shire, Evans Head, Ballina and Brunswick Head have submitted complying applications, because their bars and channels have been dredged to enable maritime traffic to operate safely.

These councils and councillors did what they were elected to do, which amongst other things include: ensure resources are used efficiently and effectively and services provided in accordance with the Best Value Principles to best meet the needs of the local community; promote appropriate business and employment

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opportunities; represent the collective interests of residents, ratepayers and community.

I wonder if anybody will lose their jobs on the ferries, or at the Ettalong Diggers or at cafes and restaurants around Ettalong, Wagstaffe and Hardys Bay.

I think that Council should provide a special small bus service to transport the kids to and from Patonga for as long as the ferries are not able to maintain the Palm Beach, Wagstaffe, Ettalong run.

Mayor Jane Smith has said "If Council must find the funding to dredge the channel, we would have to take funding away from essential services and priority projects."

"We empathise with the Ettalong community and understand that an immediate solution is required."

"We call on the NSW government to fulfil their responsibilities by providing funding to maintain the navigation channel."

"We will make an application for funding on the clear proviso that the full funding is provided."

"The community need to understand there are clear ramifications for the Coast including potential loss of services if Council is required to fund what is clearly a State Government responsibility."

This sounds and looks like political waffle and infers that the channel dredging is not an

essential service or priority project.

It is not just the Ettalong community that is affected by the closure of the channel.

Charter operations, such as whale watching, fishing and sailing are affected.

Many visitors, we call them tourists, used to come from the northern beaches to Wagstaffe and Ettalong for a day out, visiting our National Parks and having refreshments at the numerous coffee shops and restaurants.

The funding currently available is on a 50-50 basis; and the councillors, including the mayor, must understand that this is the condition of the funding under Rescuing our Waterways.

The Council is proposing to make a non-compliant application; why bother, wasting any more of our money on hare-brained schemes such as outlaying hundreds of thousands of dollars for an excavator on a barge in the Ettalong channel to dig a hole in the sand?

For a 20m wide channel with one-in-four batters to give a navigable depth of 3.5 metres and a length of 1700 metre, the estimated quantity is around 100,000 cubic metres.

Because the channel is no longer deep enough to accommodate a trailing hopper suction dredge, I have presently only located one dredge, which can carry out this work.

It is owned by McQuade Marine in Queensland and has provision

for a suction head in front of the vessel.

The name of the vessel is Faucon, and it has performed dredging at various locations up and down the East Coast.

It has a capacity of 350 cubic metres and this takes approximately one hour to load.

On the assumption that the sand is required for beach nourishment at Ocean Beach, the dredged sand will be unloaded in four to 10 metre depth off the beach, allowing the reasonably constant south to south east swell to carry it up the beach.

This is standard practice. The transport and unloading is estimated to take another hour, giving a daily productivity of around 1500 cubic metres.

Based on an hourly rate of \$2500 and \$150,000 for mobilisation and de-mobilisation, the estimated cost of the dredging is \$1.6 million, half of which would be available from the State Government.

The Council must now decide whether to play party politics, or to get on with its charter to serve our local community.

Let us all not forget that the obligations of councillors are defined in the Local Government Act and the Local Government Chapter, which amongst other things state that: "A councillor is accountable to the local community for the performance of the council."

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Peer Dalland, Hardys Bay

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Council could enhance library branches

Council director Julie Vaughan failed to rule out the possibility of a library closure on the Peninsula, either at Woy Woy or Umina, based on an independent report commissioned by the former Gosford Council in 2015.

The rationale for a potential

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closure was based on the perception that these two libraries did not adequately meet the needs of the community it serves.

I believe they provide a valuable service to all segments of our Peninsula community and are well supported.

As our Peninsula becomes more populated and as Council rates increase with new residential developments occurring regularly, it would appear Council could continue to not only fund library and community services at these two branches, but enhance them as well.

Email, 9 May 2018
Suraya Coorey, Woy Woy

Unaware of planning regulations?

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce's stunt to re-establish the Umina coastline was a failure.

Did it tick any boxes?
Not for the council, the authorising body.

The Chamber's heavily publicised shovel-ready beach development was refused at the last moment due to non-compliance.

Well done to those involved who took the initiative to refuse the development due to the environmental non-compliance.

Did the Chamber submit a development application to council and has it paid all fees applicable for the assessment?
Did it follow due process?
It is strange indeed that an organisation promoting development is unaware of planning regulations.

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It questions the organisation's ability to comment on developments.

It is a very encouraging sign for the objectors of the proposed Woy Woy Sporties redevelopment that the council has taken action to enforce planning compliance.

The council has established a precedent moving forward.

I support the council's initiative. It's certainly appreciated.

Future shovel-ready developments will have increased interest for the council and media for compliance.

A big shovel will not replace expert advice and a solid plan, except when compliance is certified.

Letter, 24 Mar 2018
Norman Harris, Umina



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Gambling win follows ferry cancellation

Today I went to Palm Beach on the ferry.

I wrote this on the ferry on the way there just for a bit of fun.

I went to Club Palm Beach which is always good with the friendly happy people working there that make it a great day out.

I would like to thank whoever is in charge of not making a serious effort to dredge the Ettalong and Lobster Beach Channel.

The two and three o'clock return trips were cancelled due to the low tide preventing the ferry getting through so I had to wait for the four o'clock service to get back home.

To fill in the time, I had a go at the pokies and keno.

Yahoo! I won. True.

If the channel had been dredged like it should be, I would have gone home early and probably won nothing.

So once again a big thank you

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to whoever is in charge of not dredging the channel.


I have come to believe that the RMS is responsible for dredging.

Does RMS stand for Remove More Sand?

Letter, 17 Apr 2018
Keith Peaker, Pretty Beach

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Rotarian speaks about frontotemporal dementia

Woy Woy Rotarian Ms Bobby Redman has given a presentation about frontotemporal dementia to her club.

Club public relations director Mr Vic Deeble said: "Bobby gave us a very personal approach to the subject and along the way told us of her own gradual awareness, as a psychologist, that she was experiencing some of the symptoms of the condition."

"As Bobby explained, dementia describes a collection of symptoms that are caused by a number of conditions that affect how the brain works."

"It can affect thinking; behaviour and the ability to perform everyday tasks."

"She added that it can affect memory, language skills, spatial awareness and the senses of touch and smell; judgement and attention."

"In fact, she observed her own sense of smell becoming less sensitive and was now aware that she was not as stable as she had been and had to be more careful going down stairs," Mr Deeble said.

Ms Redman spoke about how friends who had known her for many years, were among the



first to pick up that she was not functioning as she had been in the past.

"The doctor initially did not believe Bobby, but tests found that she was exhibiting some of the symptoms of frontotemporal dementia."

"This condition particularly affects the ability to remember names," Mr Deeble said.

"She said that there was a stigma associated with dementia that was not associated with cancer."

"People dismiss it as a condition. 'People don't treat it seriously and make jokes about it.'"

"Bobby researched the subject

and has been active with various dementia bodies such as Dementia Australia and Dementia Alliance International.

"She continued with facts about dementia, such as there are 400,000 people living with dementia in Australia and another 1700 are diagnosed every week," Mr Deeble continued.

"There are currently 1.2 million carers for people with dementia and by 2050 there will be over a million people with dementia."

"There are several types of dementia: Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Lewy Body disease and other degenerative diseases," he said.

Ms Redman went on to say that, while there was no cure, there were recognised ways to reduce the risk or slow down the progression of the condition.

They are: physical exercise, eating habits, mental stimulation, stress reduction and social interaction.

"Bobby concluded by encouraging us to participate in the Dementia Friendly Communities program," Mr Deeble said.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 8 May 2018
Vic Deeble, Woy Woy Rotary

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Education



Students from 2B with their dragonflies

Mementoes were perfectly balanced

Students in 2B at Umina Beach Public School have received a special memento from their teacher.

Mr Buist, who teaches 2B, recently returned from a holiday in Vietnam.

Mr Buist returned with a small gift for each of his students -

specially crafted metal dragonflies.

Each dragonfly was painted in vibrant colours with varying prints and patterns adorning their wings and carapaces, but what students found most exciting was their design.

Each dragonfly was designed to be perfectly balanced.

Students in 2B had lots of fun balancing their dragonflies on their fingertips and even on their noses.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 8 May 2018
Sharlene Percival, Umina Beach Public School

Art competition for Reconciliation Week

Woy Woy Public School will be holding an art competition to celebrate National Reconciliation Week from May 27 to June 3.

The theme for 2018 is "Don't keep history a mystery".

Principal Ms Ona Buckley said: "By exploring our past and learning more about aboriginal culture, we can work towards a nation strengthened by respectful relationships."

This competition is open to students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

The artwork is expected to share what students have learned about aboriginal culture.

The winner's artwork will be featured on the Koorana AECG Deadly Award Certificates for 2018.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 11 May 2018
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

Program focuses on taking pride

Woy Woy Public School's first Positive Behaviour for Learning program for Term 2 will focus on being proud and how this translates into school life.

"Each week teachers at Woy Woy Public School explicitly teach their students how to demonstrate different positive behaviours

linked to our school rules and expectations," said assistant principal Mr Dan Betts.

"Last week teachers began the new term with a focus on the 'Be Proud' rule, in the context of wearing the correct school uniform.

"More specifically, students were reminded about the importance of wearing appropriate school shoes and the correct school shirt.

"This week teachers have been teaching their students about how to 'Be Polite' when attending school assemblies.

"Lessons have focused on Principal Buckley's 'look, listen, sit still' mantra," he said.

"Next week we will be teaching students about the importance of asking teachers for help if they or any of their friends are experiencing problems on the playground.

"Students will be reminded that the 'safest', most sensible approach to dealing with conflict situations is get an adult to help resolve the matter.

"Students who successfully demonstrate positive behaviours with regard to wearing school uniform with pride, when attending assemblies and by working with teachers to solve problems on the playground will be rewarded with Win Bin tickets and stars on their Star Charts," Mr Betts said.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 11 May 2018
Dan Betts, Woy Woy Public School

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School captains speak at Anzac service

Pretty Beach Public School school captains delivered speeches at the Hardys Bay Anzac Day Service on April 25.

Captains Harry Wyer and Neilla Bradstreet were commended by veterans and other attendees at the service for their eloquence and thoughtful understanding of the Anzac legacy.

The school has published both of their speeches in its latest newsletter.

In his speech, Harry said: "A while ago I was asked to say a little bit about what Anzac Day means to me.

"Until a year ago I would have had difficulty explaining this to you.

"However, a few months ago my family and I went on a driving trip around NSW.

"Many of the towns and communities we stopped at had plaques or monuments with lists of names.

"The names were of those who left behind their homes and left behind their families, and they left behind places like this where we are today.

"They left their beautiful beaches and their peaceful bays, with the sound of kookaburras in the morning, with the sound of cicadas at night.

"And they never returned.

"They died on other beaches and in other bays, and fought in places where birds would no longer sing.

"And because of their sacrifice, their decision to go and fight for the things we know to be so valuable, we can now walk around this place, with freedom and without fear.

"We can still enjoy the places that they left behind because, they were willing to leave them behind.

"They would never know us, but we will remember them.

"Remember them when we run by the ocean, or listen to the kookaburras,

"Remember them when we play by the bay or go to sleep, in peace, to the sound of the cicadas".

Neilla said: "On Anzac Day, we remember all those who bravely served to protect Australia and our way of life.

"I would also like to remember the families of those brave soldiers who lost members over the past century.

"We remember those who were in the Navy, Air Force and Army.

"We should also remember those brave nurses, medics and support staff who helped save many lives.

"My great grandfather, Ken Edgerton, served in the Royal Australian Navy in World War 2 and for 30 years after the war ended.

"He was involved in the Battle of Malta, Matapan and Crete and delivered much needed supplies to Tobruk under the siege in the North African town.

"He didn't know it at the time but his brother lost his life at El Alamein.

"He was fortunate to escape the fall of Singapore by a day.

"He was on a dead ship and was towed to Melbourne and later served as corporal of Captain Buchanan's guard when on August 30, 1945, they landed at the Yokosuka Naval base where the Japanese naval officers handed over the keys to the base.

"To the best of his knowledge, they were the first Australians to set foot on Japanese soil after the war ended.

"But he was one of the lucky few service men to survive the war.

"His family lost a brother and a son, as did many thousands of other Australian families and it is those families members who don't serve but offer their sons, daughters, husbands, wives, mothers and fathers in the protection of their fellow Australians that I would like to thank and remember today."

Pretty Beach Public School Choir also performed during the service.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 10 May 2018
Deborah Callendar, Pretty Beach Public School



Ms Taylor Shaw (centre) was the recipient of the Ettalong Beach Branch Scholarship

Former college student wins bank branch scholarship

A former Brisbane Water Secondary College student has received a scholarship from a local bank branch.

Ms Taylor Shaw, who is undertaking a Bachelor of Science at Macquarie University, is the recipient of the Ettalong Beach Community Bank Branch scholarship which will help supplement the costs of her first year of higher education.

This is the first year the branch has offered a scholarship, "validating its commitment to helping local students further their education".

"The calibre of applicants we had for this year's scholarship proves that our young people are an absolute asset to the Peninsula", said bank branch chairman Mr Mick Gage.

"Our branch is proud of these young people looking to further their education by attending university or TAFE.

"We are pleased that our investment in Taylor's education will help her focus on her studies and help lay a solid foundation for success during her first year," Mr Gage added.

Ms Shaw said: "I am grateful to the Ettalong Beach Community Bank Branch for helping me to

attend university and to pursue my ambitions."

SOURCE:

Media release, 4 May 2018
Peter McKeon, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd

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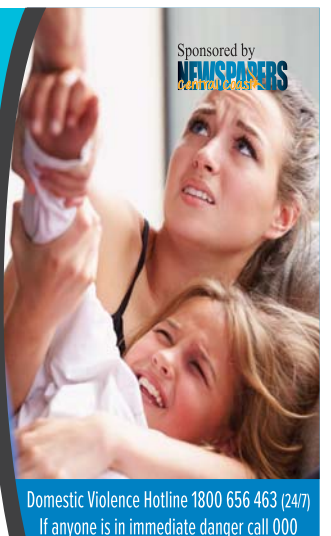
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Book promotes library resources and programs

As part of Central Coast Library Week, the second Parker the Platypus book, *Parker Visits the Library*, will be launched.

The book aims to be a fun and engaging story for children, promoting the resources and programs at local libraries.

During the week, Parker will be

visiting Council's Education and Care Centres and attending select storytime sessions.

These include Woy Woy Library from 10:30am on May 21 and Umina Library from 10:30am on May 31.

Free copies of his book will be given to children at all babytime, toddler time and storytime sessions

during Library Week, to encourage a love of reading and help develop literacy skills.

Parents of children at Council's Education and Care Centres are encouraged to contact their centre for more information.

Source:
Media release, May 4
Central Coast Council Media

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My plan for your salon is to have a pleasant and warm environment and deliver you a positive experience. As you may know I have been busy renovating and feel the salon is once again a beautiful environment, a place I hope you will enjoy having your hair done and catching up with old friends.

Once again, I am sorry for not reaching out to each one of you and I thank you for your understanding and support during these changes.

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Libraries in ‘simultaneous storytime’

Woy Woy and Umina Libraries are taking part in the 18th annual National Simultaneous Storytime from 10:30am on May 23.

Libraries across NSW will be taking part in the event which features a reading of Hickory Dickory Dash, written by Tony Wilson and illustrated by Laura Wood.

Hickory Dickory Dash will also be featured in readings taking place at other Storytime sessions during Library Week which runs from May 21-27.

SOURCE:
Website, 10 May 2018
Facebook page, Central Coast Council

Vacancies on council committees

Expressions of Interests are now open for community members to sit on the Central Coast Council's Pedestrian Access and Mobility Advisory Committee, its Protection of the Environment Trust Management Committee and the Gosford Foundation Trust.

The pedestrian committee will be responsible for providing advice and feedback to Council on pedestrian access and mobility.

Mayor Cr Jane Smith said there would be strong community interest to sit on these committees due to the history of management of trusts by Council and the need to find real solutions to improve transport and mobility on the Coast.

"This is a real opportunity for those with a real passion, interest and expertise in environmental protection, trust management and accessibility and transport to make a real difference in their community," Cr Smith said.

The role of the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Advisory Committee, which has six vacancies, was to consider, review, contribute to and participate in discussions regarding projects and directions of Council to achieve objectives in the Community Strategic Plan relating to Active Transport, she said.

"The role of the Protection of the

Environment Trust Management Committee (one vacancy) is to promote the protection and enhancement of the natural environment or of a significant aspect of the natural environment and in particular the conservation of flora and fauna indigenous to the Local Government area of former Gosford City; and for the provision of information or education or the carrying on of research about the natural environment or a significant aspect of the natural environment in particular relating to flora and fauna of that area for the benefit of persons within the Local Government Area of the City of Gosford.

One vacancy also exists on the Gosford Foundation Trust.

"Its role is to oversee the management of the Trust and recommend to the Trustee (the Council) on how the Trustee should deal with Foundation assets and seek donations of land and money for the establishment of cultural facilities."

Both the environment and Gosford Foundation trusts apply to the former Gosford Council area only.

Further information and application forms for these Advisory Committees are available at yourvoiceourcoast.com and expressions of interest are open until 5pm on Thursday, May 31.

SOURCE:
Media release, 15 May 2018
Jane Smith, Central Coast Council

Morning tea

Hardys Bay Community Church will host a Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea from 10:30am on May 26.

"Our members will be supplying all the food and drinks and would like to invite community groups and individuals to support this very worthy cause," said church member, Ms Angela Glover.

"This year we are holding it on a Saturday so that our weekend community can join us:

"We will be providing a variety of teas, plunger and instant coffee,

iced water, mixed sandwiches, scones, jam and cream and a variety of delicious homemade cakes and slices.

"Entry is by donation and all proceeds go to the Cancer Council.

"We feel privileged to be in such a central location and feel very strongly that this is a very worthwhile community activity," Ms Glover said.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 13 May 2018
Peta Colebatch, Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association Inc.

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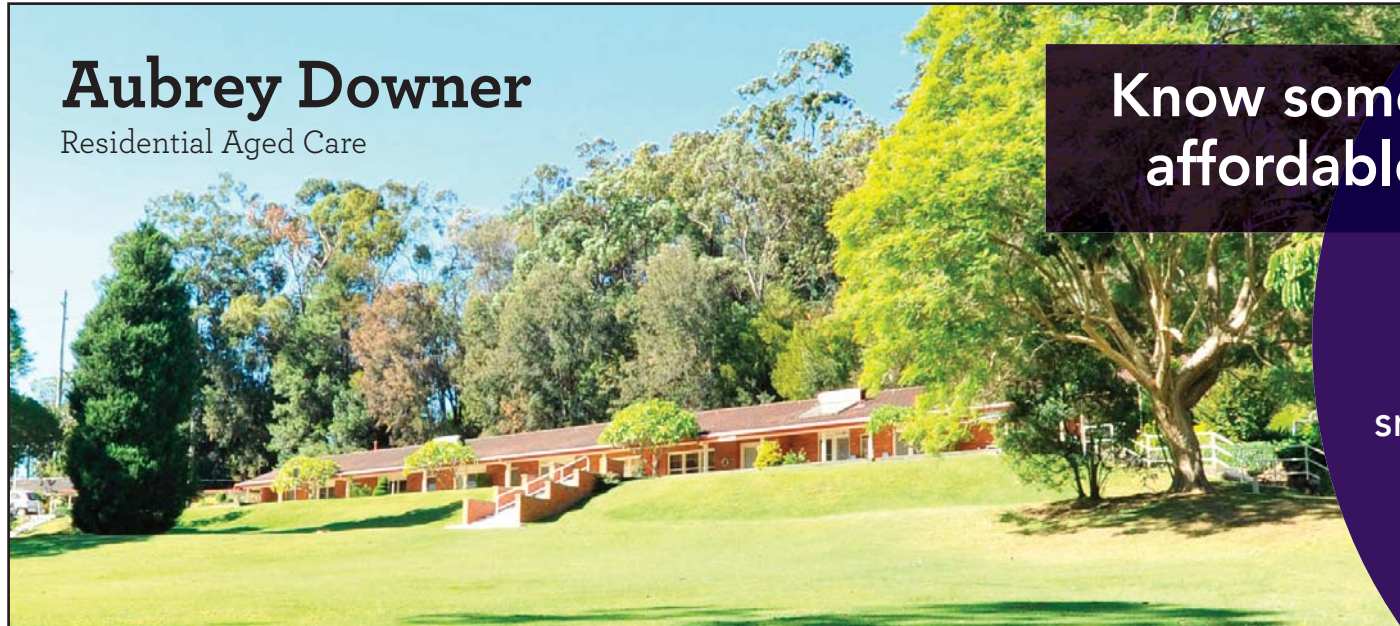
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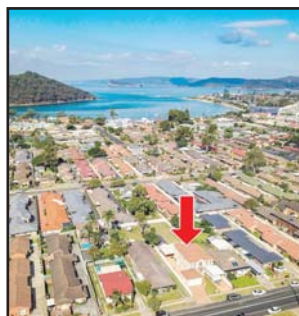
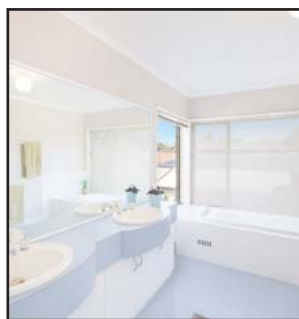


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Large Family Home on Huge Block

Ettalong Beach 26 Flathead Road



5 BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 6 CAR SPACES

This home has plenty of space for everything! Kids, boats, caravans, cars, friends to entertain. . . . With 2 storeys, 5 bedrooms, lots of living and storage space all on a massive 980sqm block, there are not many homes on the Peninsula like this one.

Upon entry to this home you will find the formal living and dining rooms, and the study or 5th bedroom. These lead to the back of the home where the Kitchen and informal living areas are located.

The kitchen is modern in design having been upgraded only a few years ago, with soft close draws, Miele appliances and plenty of bench and storage space. This overlooks the large family room and meals area.

There is also a bathroom and laundry located on this level.

Up the sweeping stair case to the first floor, you will find the huge Master bedroom suite with walk in robe and en-suite bathroom. There are also 3 other good sized bedrooms with built-in robes, a large living area and the main bathroom on this level.

Outside offers a great undercover entertaining area with ceiling fans that leads out to the huge backyard. Plenty of space for the kids to run around in, for play equipment or to put in a pool.

Garaging is not an issue in this home with a drive through double garage out the front that leads to another 1.5 car garage out the back. There is also a large carport out the front to park your caravan or boat.

The home also offers ducted air-conditioning throughout and a security system.

All this in an ideal location within an easy walk to the waterfront, Ettalong markets, cinemas, the Palm Beach Ferry and Ettalong town centre.

Attention all Investors! Master-built residences | 4.8% (approx) gross rental yield

Woy Woy 27 Angler Street



5 BEDROOMS 4 BATHROOMS 3 CAR SPACES

This immaculately presented property on an 847sqm block is the perfect opportunity for an investor with potential for an exceptional rental return.

Master-built property with multiple income potential.

Featuring a brand new 2 bedroom residence at the rear.

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An oversized double garage/workshop with bathroom and carport.

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With a potential income of \$63k p/a (approx) giving this property a almost a 4.8% rental yield this is perfect for the savvy investor.

Located a 15-20 minute level walk to the train station and town centre, short walk to bus top, Country Club and sporting fields.



Larry Altavilla
One Agency
Platinum
Principal
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Level 1, 189 Ocean View Rd, Ettalong Beach

4345 0227

Education



Write-On students from Umina were praised for their thoughtful questions during the Sydney Writers' Festival Q and A section

Students attend Sydney Writers' Festival

Year 9 students undertaking the Write-On elective at Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina attended the Sydney Writers Festival in Chatswood on May 4.

The festival allowed students to meet writers Will Kostakis, Jesse Andrews (author of Me and Earl and the Dying Girl and The Haters and Munmun), Alison Croggon, bestselling author Patrick Ness (author of darkly complex books, including the Chaos Walking trilogy, A Monster Calls and his latest and most personal novel, Release) and Kirsty Eagar.

Students enthusiastically participated in Question and Answer sessions with the authors.

"At the end of the day, Patrick Ness spoke to me directly about the quality of the questions asked by our kids and their passion for writing," said chaperone Mr Adam Phillips.

SOURCE:
Website, 4 May 2018
Adam Phillips, BWSC Umina



The National Service 1951-72 Re-enactment Unit visited Woy Woy Public School on May 2 as part of their Anzac Day commemorative service

Students attend Anzac march

March. Children involved in the march received a special recognition certificate at the Week 2 P-6 assembly.

"We had our school Anzac service on May 2," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"We had the National Service 1951-72 Re-enactment Unit attend to be part of our commemorative service to remember all those who went to war to ensure that Australia remained a free country.

"We are very proud of how respectful and understanding our students are.

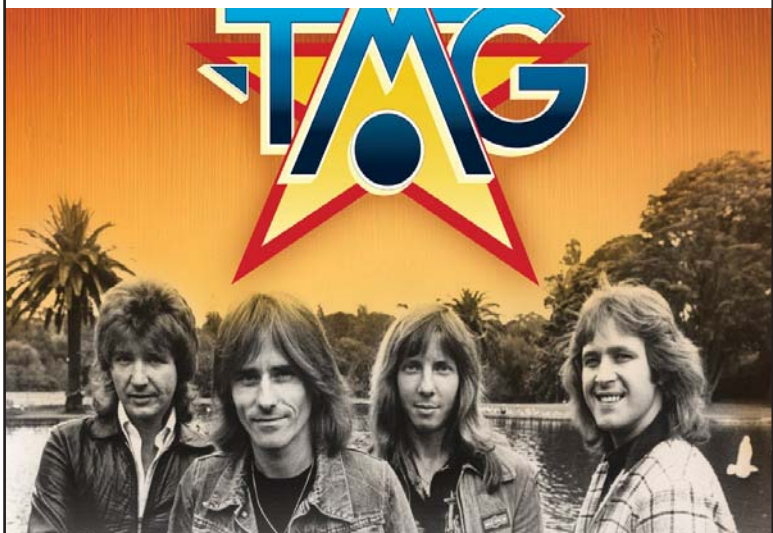
"Mrs Ceaser and Mrs Sozemenou were there to organise our students ready for the march and for caring for them during the Anzac service," Ms Buckley said.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 11 May 2018
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

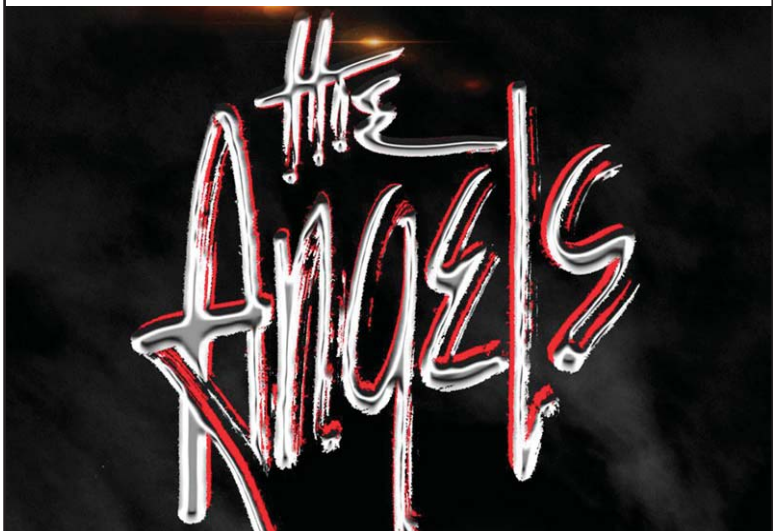


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Pearl Beach Junior Showcase Concert



Coast residents are in for a musical delight when 20 junior and senior musicians from the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music and the community perform in two concerts at Pearl Beach Memorial Hall on May 26 & 27.

Many hours are spent learning and practicing and music, but performing in front of a live audience is when the magic happens.

I'm very proud of our young musicians; these concerts are all about inspiring them and giving them an opportunity to express themselves.

The Pearl Beach Junior Showcase concert is on Saturday May 26 at 2pm and the second concert on Sunday May 27 at 2pm is the Pearl Beach Scholarship Competition for high-calibre high school students.

Students in the competition will perform two contrasting pieces and the winner will receive \$1,000.

Both concerts are open to the public and we would like to take this opportunity to invite you to come and support these talented young musicians.



For more information call 02 4344 2319 or pearlbeachprogress@hotmail.com.

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Bank building sells at more than \$2.4 million

A bank building on Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, has been sold for more than \$2.4 million.

A NSW bought the National Australia Bank asset for \$2,422,000, for a rental yield of six per cent, at a Sydney portfolio auction.

Agents Burgess Rawson received more 85 enquiries and 25 contract requests prior to the property's sale at auction.

The building sold above expectations following heated competition from multiple bidders, according to selling agent Mr Sam Horwitz.

Mr Horwitz said the property's highly exposed corner position, the Central Coast region's growth location and quality of the anchor tenant, were contributing factors that drove high investor demand and a premium result.

"This property certainly attracted strong competition at auction, with a buyer mix comprised of local developers and investors seeking to initially earn passive income and then potentially renovate the property, as well as Sydney and regional buyers keen to invest in the asset as a strong passive income," Mr Horwitz said.

Fellow selling agent Mr Darren Beehag said buyer interest was unanimously driven by the prestige National Australia Bank covenant, combined with the benefit of extra rental from the first floor tenancies to provide a diverse and predictable income stream for the asset's investor.

"With the property's tenant an ASX Top 10 company and a household name for Australians, it came as no surprise that investors saw huge value in this property as a fantastic opportunity to enter or strengthen their portfolio in the banking commercial real estate sector," Mr Beehag said.

"The new buyer was very pleased to have acquired such a prime landholding in a key retail strip with close proximity to the local Woolworths and train station," he added.

For one of the under bidders at auction, the property's appeal was multi-faceted.

"The three things I liked about this property was having a bank as the anchor tenant which gave me comfort there would be minimal problems.

"The second feature of appeal was the proximity to the water as I can see this will facilitate population growth in the area, and finally, the two-minute walk to the train station which will no doubt ensure pedestrian flow," they said.

Mr Horwitz said Woy Woy was one of NSW's highest growth regions, with this two-story Blackwall Rd property ideally located on a highly sought after corner site, boasting double shop frontage onto Woy Woy's busiest retail street.

Currently tenanted to NAB until 2020, plus options to 2026, the property provided the new buyer a net income of \$145,559pa plus GST and had development potential.

Burgess Rawson did not name the new owner of the building.

SOURCE:
Media release, 17 May 2018
Lexy Haggard, P4 Group



The Crean's with Umina Beach Rotary President Mike Curley

Rotary told of African water campaign

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has been visited by members from the Rotary Club of Nairobi-Lavington to discuss the Beyond Water campaign.

Mr and Ms Peter and Sharon Crean spoke about the campaign, the living conditions of the communities in East Africa and the ultimate goal of Beyond Water.

"The main objective they strive for is to raise the living standards and reduce the mortality rates for communities' in East Africa, through the provision of safe, clean and sustainable drinking water and sanitation facilities," Ms Crean said.

Umina club publicity officer Mr Geoff Melville said: "Sharon also pointed out that villagers will walk for four hours to collect water each day and that 783 million people did not have access to clean safe water worldwide.

"The number of children who die from waterborne diseases are 4500 daily or 1,620,000 annually.

"No wonder the Creans and other Beyond Water volunteers are motivated to do what they do," he said.

"A deep bore well will cater for about 600 villagers and can cost up to \$25,000 to install," Ms Crean said.

"At age two, a child will walk for

hours to collect water.

"By age four, they are carrying 10 litres.

"By age 10, it's 20 litres," she said.

"More than 2.4 billion people still do not have basic sanitation facilities such as toilets and latrines.

"A pit latrine, or long-drop toilet can service 600 villagers and will cost \$2500 to install," Ms Crean said.

The Creans also spoke about the Girl Project, a project designed to deliver sanitary pads to African girls.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 7 May 2018
Geoff Melville, Umina Beach Rotary

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Central Coast Art Society

Weekly paint-outs
Tues 0428 439 180.
Workshops 9.30am 1st & 3rd
Wed Gosford City Art Centre
4363 1156.
Social Meetings 1.30pm 4th
Wed for demonstrations
4325 1420
publicity@artcentralcoast.asn.au

Central Coast Handweavers, Spinners and Textile Arts Guild

Spinning and weaving,
patchwork and quilting,
felting and other fibre and
fabric crafts, community
quilting bees
Day and Night Groups
4325 4743
www.cottagecrafts.net.au

Ettalong Beach Art & Crafts Centre

Adult classes in Pottery
Watercolours, Oils, Acrylics,
Pastels, Silvercraft,
Patchwork & Quilting
0412 155 391
www.ebacc.com.au
ebacc.email@gmail.com

Hospital Art Australia Inc.

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

Bushwalking

National Parks Association Central Coast

Twice weekly bush walks,
varying distances and grades
of difficulty. Explore, enjoy
scenery, fauna, floral, history.
Keep fit and make friends.
4389 4423 & 4332 7378

Community Centres

Peninsula Community Centre

Cnr Ocean Beach Rd &
McMasters Rd Woy Woy
Activities, programs and
support groups for children,
teens, adults and seniors
including occasional care,
playgroups, dance classes,
karate, fitness classes, youth
services, gambling solutions,
internet kiosk and social
groups.
www.coastcommunityconnections.com.au
4341 9333

Ettalong 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre

Mon - Fri - Cards, Computer
Lessons, Dancing, Indoor
Bowls, Fitness, Handicrafts,
Leatherwork, Line Dancing,
Painting, Scrabble, Table
Tennis, Tai Chi, Yoga, Darts
4304 7222

Central Coast Community Legal Centre

Not for profit service
providing free legal advice.
Monday to Friday
9am to 5pm
4353 4988
centralcoast@clc.net.au

Point Clare Community Hall

Community Garden -
Playgroup
Craft and Exercise Groups
Function or Meeting Hire
Managed by Gosford
Regional Community
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Enquiries regarding hire to
4323 7483
accounts@gosfordcommunity.org.au
www.gosfordcommunity.org.au

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Support group for Public
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Aims: Safeguard ABC's
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funding, high standards.
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social afternoons
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www.fabcnsw.org.au

Central Coast Caravanners Inc

3rd Sun Monthly
Visitors - New Members
welcome, Trips Away, Social
Outings, friendship with like
minded senior folk - Details
from Geoff
0447 882 150

Central Coast 50+ Singles Social Group

Ladies & gents dinner,
dancing - BBQs & socialising
each w/end.
Monthly programme for all
areas
0412 200 571
0437 699 366
50psgg@gmail.com

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What do they do?
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Gosford Masonic Centre
86 Mann St Gosford
www.tcc12001.org

Mingaletta Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander

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groups a meeting place and
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health, well-being and
cultural programs.
Mon-Fri 9am - 4pm
6 Sydney Ave Umina
4342 7515
admin@mingaletta.com.au

Peninsula School for Seniors

Community Centre,
McMasters Road, Woy Woy
Discussions, rumikin, craft,
history, walks, & coach trips
Tues, Wed, Thur
4341 5984 or 4341 0800

Peninsula Village Playgroup

Carers, Grandparents,
parents & children
'Intergenerational Playgroup'
Tues 10-11.30am
4344 9199

Seniors Computer Club Central Coast

Classes held Monday to
Friday for everyone over 50
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Thurs 10am to 12noon
Different programs every day,
10am to 12noon or 1pm to
3pm - Apple-Mac: Mon, Tues,
Wed - All at our club rooms,
Kincumber Neighbourhood
Centre
Bookings or inquiries
4307 9421

The Krait Club

Community Centre - Cooina
Village, Neptune St, Umina
10.30am For seniors. Gentle
exercises, quizzes, games,
social activities, guest
speakers, entertainment and
bus trips - 4344 3277

The NSW Justices Association Inc

Seeking volunteers for
added community desks
Wednesday Umina Library
10am-1pm

Thursday Woy Woy Library
10am-1pm

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provided
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marketing@nswja.org

Umina Beach Men's Shed

Men share a variety of tools,
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Darrell 4342 9606

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4329 7122
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2nd Mon, 7.30pm
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info@wagstaffetokillcare.org.au

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Health Groups

Al-Anon

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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
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professional service to
gamblers, family and friends.

Woy Woy, Kincumber,
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anxiety, depression and
loneliness and to improve
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Wyong
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www.grow.org.au

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marymacs@woywoycatholic.org.au

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

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physical disabilities.
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Sat 4340 0388
stateoffice@rdansw.org.au

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Mental Health sufferers,
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1st Thur - 1pm Room 3
Uniting Church Donnison St
Gosford
4344 7989 or 4368 2214

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previously available &
upgrade to a standard that
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2pm 2nd Sat St Lukes
Church Hall, Blackwall Rd
Woy Woy 4344 4811

Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club

Everglades Country Club
2nd Tues 11am
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Woy 4342 6716
mail.info@troubadour.org.au

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Australian Labor Party
Political discussions,
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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

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Lions Club of Woy Woy

1st and 3rd Mon. Woy Woy
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kersuebay@philiphouse.com.au

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Wednesdays 6.30pm
Everglades Country Club
0409 245 861
curleys@ozemail.com.au

Rotary Club of Woy Woy

Tues 6pm Everglades
Country Club.
Don Tee 0428 438 535

Special Interest

Bridge

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

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1st Sat 1pm Lions
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greater
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Mon & Wed 9am-1pm
4344 4760 Cnr Broken Bay
Rd & Beach St Ettalong.
centralcoastveterans@bigpond.com.

Woy Woy Ettalong Hardy's Bay RSL

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Shop 5/382 Oceanview Rd
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to 1pm 4341 2594

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bpwcentralcoast@hotmail.com
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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.
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veterans and their families
RSL Club, West Gosford
4th Mon 2pm 4323 7336

Peninsula Women's Health Centre

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'Musical delight' at Pearl Beach

Pearl Beach Memorial Hall will host "a musical delight" with 20 junior and senior musicians from the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music and the community performing in two concerts on May 26 and 27.

Under the direction of Conservatorium of Music chief, Mr Patrick Brennan, the students will have the opportunity to step outside the practice room and present musical works to the community.

'It's all about inspiring the kids and giving them an opportunity to express themselves,' Mr Brennan said.

The Pearl Beach Junior Showcase concert will be held on Saturday, May 26, at 2pm.

The second concert on Sunday, May 27, at 2pm is a scholarship

competition for high-calibre high school students.

Students competing in the Pearl Beach Scholar Music Scholarship competition will perform two contrasting pieces and the winner will receive \$1000.

There is also a People's Choice Award of \$250 which audience members can vote for on the day.

Last year's scholarship winner, guitarist Min Ahn, will perform during the adjudication of the scholarship and the winner of the Irvine Family Piano Scholarship, Kimberly Gilbert, will be acknowledged.

Both concerts are open to the public.

Tickets are \$10 and will be sold at the door.

SOURCE:
Media release, 9 May 2018
Meldi Arkinstall, Central Coast Conservatorium

Show for local artists

The Bouddi Society will be holding an art show for local artists in the Wagstaffe Hall on June 9 and 10.

The theme of the show is entitled Bouddi The Power of Place.

The show will be officially opened by Mr John Bell at 3pm on June 9, but patrons may come and view the works from 9am over both days.

Some works will also be available for purchase.

SOURCE:
Media release, 16 May 2018
Margaret Crane, The Bouddi Society

Smart Art project starts at Umina

Umina Beach Public School was one of 10 schools invited to participate in the Smart Art Version 2 program in Term 2.

Smart Art's aim is to build capacity, awareness and inclusion in school communities through art making and discussions that build access and inclusion for students who live with disability.

As part of the program, Umina Beach Public School was offered \$3000 financial support towards an agreed project.

Ms Eves and 4B will be working with Ability Links Hunter Central Coast, Octapod and the disability alliance throughout Term 2 to achieve Smart Art's aim through art making.

Class 4B had their first workshop on Friday, May 4.

They were fortunate to meet two inspirational women, Sam and Suzy, who shared their experiences growing up and living with vision impairment.

The women worked with 4B to create 'webs of connection' and plasticine sculptures.

The class was in awe of the determination and passion of both Suzy and Sam.

Rosco, Sam's guide dog, was also very welcomed into 4B's classroom.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 8 May 2018
Sharlene Percival, Umina Beach Public School

The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Thursday, May 24

Coast Community Connections Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, 93 McMasters Rd Woy Woy, 10:00am to 12:30pm

Friday, May 25

24 Hour Treadmill Challenge, Anytime Fitness Woy Woy, 3:00pm to 3:00pm Saturday, May 26, ticketed event

FriDay at the Bayview, The Bayview Hotel Woy Woy, 8:00pm to 2:00am

Saturday, May 26

Ettalong Masters Swimming BPS Meet, Peninsula Leisure Centre, 9:00am to 4:00pm, ticketed event

The Three B's concert, Everglades Country Club, 8:00pm to 11:00pm, ticketed event

Troubadour Folk Club presents: MaD aDaM and Ecopella, Woy Woy CWA Hall, 7:00pm to 10:00pm, tickets essential

Sunday, May 27

Live music: Sarah Paton, Club Umina, 2:30pm to 5:30pm

The 2017/2018 Energy Cycle hosted by The Spiritual Weal, Coast Community Conenctions Woy Woy, 11:00am to 4:00pm, tickets essntial

Thursday, May 31

Live music: Sarah Paton,

Club Umina, 2:30pm to 5:30pm

Science Story Time Slime Making, Umina Library, 10:30am to 11:00am, bookings essential

Saturday, Jun 2

Live show: TMG, Ettalong Diggers, 8:00pm to 9:30pm, ticketed event

Sunday, Jun 3

Woy Woy Parkrun Trial, Woy Woy Lions Park, 8:00am to 9:00am

Tuesday, Jun 5

Uniting Churches of Umina and Ettalong Fashion Parade, Uniting Church Ettalong, 1:30pm

Wednesday, Jun 6

Ettalong Public School 90th Birthday Celebrations, Ettalong Public School, 9:00am

Saturday, Jun 9

Exploring Early Childhood Theory and Approach workshop presented by Engaging Curriculum Solutions, Everglades Country Club, 10:00am to 4:00pm, tickets essential

Bouddi Society Art Show, 9:00am to 4:00pm, officially

opened by Mr John Bell on 3:00pm, continues on Sunday, June 10, from 9:00am to 3:30pm

Wednesday, Jun 13

NSW Fair Trading Strata Schemes Info Seminar Owners and Tenants, Everglades Country Club, 7:00pm to 8:00pm, tickets essential

Saturday, Jun 16

Everglades Country Club Italian Dinner and Wine Evening, 6:30pm to 11:30pm, bookings essential

Sunday, Jun 17

Bay2Bay Running Festival 2018, Woy Woy Waterfront, 7:00am to 10:00am, ticketed event

Monday, Jun 18

Area History Tours: History Ferry Tour Gosford/Brisbane Water, 9:35am to 12:45pm, bookings essential

Friday, Jun 29

Live show: The Angels Face to Face tour, Ettalong Diggers, 8:00pm, ticketed event

Saturday, Jul 7

Ettalong Diggers 70th Birthday Celebration, Ettalong Diggers, 6:30pm, bookings essential

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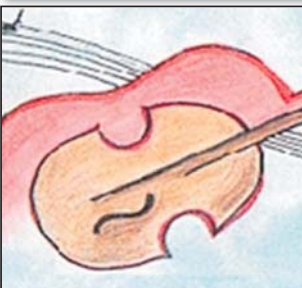
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The Frantastics Choir annual family and friends performance will take place from 1pm on August 22 in the Peninsula Community Centre main hall. The choir has been performing at many venues across the Peninsula over the last 10 years with performances filled

with a variety of solos, skits, melodramas, choral numbers and more. Ms Fran Kendall is musical director and Ms Sue Watson accompanist. The \$5 admission fee includes an afternoon tea provided by the members, with all proceeds going to the Charlie Teo Foundation for Brain Cancer Research.

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Sport



Rob Andersen, Lee Patterson, Alan Rhodes and Mark Hogden

Major pairs final ‘one of the best’

Spectators at Umina Beach Men’s Bowling Club Major Pairs Final have rated it as one of the best games in the past several years.

The team of Alan Rhodes and Mark Hogden faced off against Rob Andersen and Lee Patterson.

Rhodes and Hogden were well in control for the majority of the game and looked set to take out

the title.

However, Andersen and Patterson had other ideas and over the last three ends made their run, and on the 19th end closed the score to 19-17, two shots behind.

With the pressure mounting and the spectators on the edge of their seats and both teams demonstrating their bowling skills, saw Anderson and Patterson level

the scores at 19 apiece.

The last end looked as if it could go either way.

However Patterson held his nerve and with bowls strategically placed won the game with his last bowl giving his team a 21-19 win.

SOURCE:

Media release, 12 May 2018
Ian Jarratt, Umina Beach Men’s Bowling Club

Friendship Shield played at Woy Woy

The Friendship Shield was played at the Woy Woy Bowling Club on March 22, with 12 players from Woy Woy and 12 from Ettalong Bowling Club taking to the greens.

“The format was 18 ends of triples and it was played with great friendship which is what the Shield is all about,” said Woy Woy publicity officer Ms Anne Dixon.

Ettalong was the winner on the

day and Woy Woy president Ms Di Elsom presented the Shield to Ettalong.

The Lorna Buckworth Shield was played at Woy Woy Bowling Club on April 16 as Woy Woy won the Shield last year.

The Lorna Buckworth Shield is contested by be Woy Woy, Umina, Everglades and Ettalong.

On arrival at Woy Woy, a morning tea was served, which included homemade cakes.

“It was then out to the greens

with each club trying to win the coveted Shield.”

After three games of 10 ends, the winners were Everglades followed by Umina, Woy Woy and Ettalong.

The Major Pairs at Woy Woy was won by Ms Gail Payne and Ms Elsom who defeated Ms Marilyn Jarrett and Ms Jan Flidner in a closely contested final.

SOURCE:

Media release, 16 May 2018
Anne Dixon, Woy Woy Bowling Club

Killcare surf club to hold annual meeting

Killcare Surf Life Saving Club will hold its annual general meeting on July 15 at 1pm in in the club auditorium.

During the meeting, the club will elect members to positions, including director of finance, director of lifesaving, director of surf sports, vice president house, boat captain, board and ski coach, vice club captain, junior club captain, fear steward, powercraft operator, First Aid officer, work health and safety officer and registrar.

Any financial member of the club may nominate for any of the positions by giving notice to

the director of administration via killcareslsc@thelofbergs.com.

“This is an especially important meeting in the history of the club,” said president Mr Peter Bagnall.

“There’s a lot going on and the committee has been working overtime to create a club that you’re proud of, want to be a part of and want to hang around.”

However, he said help was always welcome.

“There are endless other ways you can be a part of the action.”

SOURCE:

Media release, 17 May 2018
Peter Bagnall, Killcare SLSC

Thanks for 11 years as treasurer

Woy Woy Women’s Bowling Club held a special day in April to give thanks to long-serving treasurer Ms Gail Payne, who has given 11 years of service to the club.

“A beautiful luncheon was held at the local Boathouse restaurant attended by 26 of our members,” said club secretary Ms Gaye Scarfe.

“Gail was presented with a bunch of flowers and a card, with a

speech by president Dianne Elsom giving a brief outline of Gail’s history at our club.

“We decided to do this as we always have President’s Days for our presidents at the end of their term of office, but are often guilty of taking for granted the effort of the people who serve long term in other positions never moving on to take on the role of president.”

SOURCE:

Email, 11 May 2018

Ken Dixon, Central Coast Bowls



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Surf life savers celebrate end of season

Surf life savers around the Peninsula have the end of a long summer season in April in different ways.

Ocean Beach SLSC celebrated the end of the season the traditional way, with the brining down of the flags and a good old fashioned celebration of another successful season passed.

Umina SLSC held a comical impromptu photoshoot with some of its members to celebrate the coming down of their flags.

Killcare's ceremony was unique with club piper Mr Andrew Stevenson ceremoniously playing the flags and the patrol off the beach for their last time in the season.

Mr Stevenson's pipes are fast becoming a tradition for the closing of Killcare's summer seasons and this year Mr Stevenson was joined on the bagpipes by his son Lachlan.

"The flags are down, the red and yellow uniforms are hanging out to dry along with the iconic quarter cap, and thousands of surf lifesavers can look back with pride after the final weekend of patrols for the 2017/18 season," said Surf

Life Saving NSW president Mr David Murray.

"After a summer that stretched well into April the cooler conditions were certainly met with some relief for those charged with protecting beachgoers on both the final weekend of the school holidays, and of the season.

"Fortunately, the final patrol weekend of the season was relatively quiet with no major incidents requiring the intervention of lifesavers," Mr Murray said.

Volunteer surf lifesavers will return to beaches across New South Wales for the 2018/19 season from late September.

SOURCE:
Media release, 30 Apr 2018
David Murray, SLS NSW



Boxer joins in record attempt

Umina PCYC boxer and Commonwealth Games golden medallist Anja Stridsman has joined with the Police Youth and Crime Command and the Greater Wester Sydney Giants AFL Club to help PCYC NSW set a Guinness World Record.

On May 12, Stridsman made the trip to Spotless Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park to take part where PCYC NSW was holding a Guinness World Record attempt for the largest Boxercise class.

The event officially broke the record with 592 participants registering for the attempt.

SOURCE:
Website, 13 May 2018
PCYC NSW Facebook page



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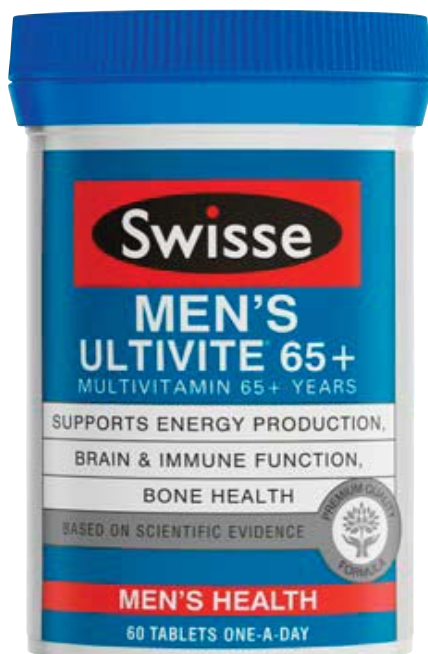
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