



## Residents to have say in new skate park design

**Local residents will get a say in the design of a new skate park at Umina oval, according to Central Coast Council.**

Mayor Cr Jane Smith said “community feedback” would be used to guide the direction of the concept design for Umina Skate Park and plans for the adjoining open space areas, including the BMX pump track and half basketball court.

Once designed, the Council will seek funding for the project.

Cr Smith said the project would deliver a revitalised Peninsula Recreation Precinct, the parkland area located between Umina Oval and the beachfront.

An online survey is now open and “community engagement sessions” would be run in Umina from Friday, December 7, to Sunday, December 9.

Cr Smith said: “The community has told us they want to partner with Council and engage in meaningful dialogue so their participation is used to inform decisions.

“We have invested funding this year to engage a specialist contractor, Trinity Skate Parks, to run a number of community consultation sessions so together we can design a new recreational area that meets the needs of the local community.”

Community members have been invited to provide their feedback via [www.yourvoiceourcoast.com](http://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com)

website until December 16.

The Umina Skate Park and precinct redevelopment section of the website said: “We have received strong community support for this project and are actively seeking funding from all levels of government for the redevelopment of the skate park.”

The website provides three interactive tools for community members to provide feedback including a skate/scoot/bike survey, a precinct survey and an interactive map that enables users to leave comments on design.

There’s also an option that allows community members to leave their email address so they can follow project updates.

A community information session will be held on site at the Umina Skate Park on Friday, December 7, between 4pm and 6pm.

Another session in the Broken Bay Room, upstairs at the Umina Surf Life Saving Club, on Saturday, December 8 from 1pm to 3pm.

A final community session will be held at the Peninsula Recreation Precinct Playground area next to the Sydney Ave carpark entrance on Sunday, December 9, from 10am to 12pm.

Council has allocated funds for community consultation and the development of concept design and plans, which will then be used by Council to secure funding for the construction.

It is anticipated that the

redevelopment will “provide additional socially inclusive recreational opportunities for a range of ages, abilities and sporting skills, attract families to congregate in the area, provide a safe and accessible venue for community activities and attract regional and significant community skate events”.

“The design will complement and contribute to the recreation precinct in aesthetic value and functionality to improve connectivity and community engagement across the reserve,” Cr Smith said.

Comments from the community will be collected, reviewed and “play an important part in the development of the concept design and other plans for this area”.

The community would have the opportunity for further comment once the concept plans had been drafted.

According to the timeline for this project the concept design and other plans for the area are due to be developed in early 2019 along with a second round of community consultation.

Plans will be finalised in 2019 but there is no timeframe for the actual redevelopment as that will be contingent on Council’s success at gaining government funding for the project.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 27 Nov 2018  
Website, 28 Nov 2018  
[yourvoiceourcoast.com](http://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com)  
Jane Smith, Central Coast Council

## Bowling green and fishing shed to go for ‘new concept’

**A local fishing club has been informed it has until December 17 to vacate its long-term home within the grounds of the Woy Woy Sporties Bowling Club.**

The Woy Woy Bowling Club has been a sponsor of the Pelicans Fishing Club for at least 30 years.

Sporties manager Mr Kevin Jenkins has confirmed the decision.

He said the front green, adjacent to the waterfront, was “about to be further utilised for the benefit of the club”.

He said it would no longer be available for use as a bowling green and that the fishing club would also, unfortunately, be displaced.

“An exciting new concept is to come for that space but I cannot announce details yet,” Mr Jenkins said.

The fishing club received a letter from the club’s board saying it had instructions from the landlord that, along with him further utilising the waterside bowling green from December, he also requires the back toilet block and the Pelicans fishing shed.

The board attributed its decision to a sudden downturn in revenue and decline in membership and stated it had no choice but to accept the landlord’s request.

The shed is also used by Ocean Beach Hotel Fishing Club and the Umina Fishing Club.

It is understood the Pelicans were hopeful of reaching a deal to rent space in the nearby Sea Scouts hall off Lions Park, Woy Woy.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 27 Nov 2018  
Save Woy Woy Waterfront  
Interview, 30 Nov 2018  
Kevin Jenkins, Woy Woy Sporties  
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Wet Christmas needed to reach annual average

Over 300mm of rain will need to fall in December for the Peninsula to reach its average annual rainfall total for 2018.

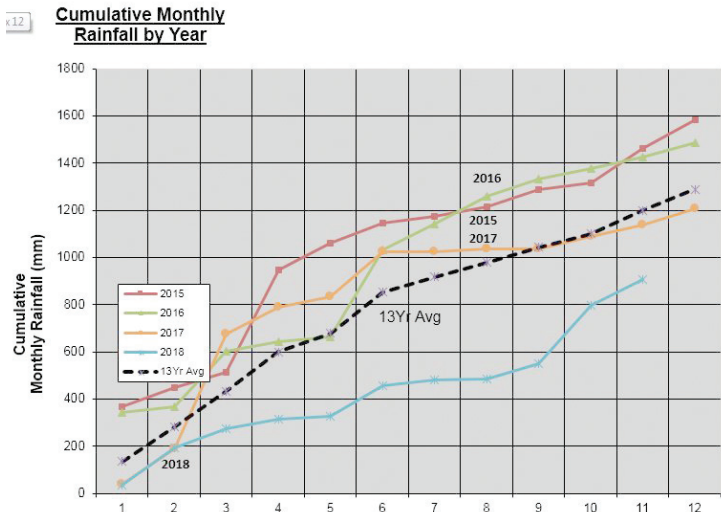
The most rain recorded in a single month so far this year was 246mm in October.

The monthly total for November was 108mm, which was 8mm above the November average.

A relatively dry January (34mm) and significantly below-average rainfall during the months of March, April, May, June, July and August have left a 30 per cent cumulative rainfall deficit for the year with one month to go, according to the rainfall records of Mr Jim Morrison from Umina.

Only four out of the last 11 months have seen over 100mm of rainfall recorded on the Peninsula: February, June, October and November.

The lowest total monthly rainfall recorded for the year was in August



when only 6mm were recorded, followed by July when 24mm were recorded.

The east coast low experienced on November 28 and 29 was the only factor that enabled the Peninsula to reach its average rainfall for November when 19

out of 30 days were completely without rain.

Over 70mm fell in that 48 hour period.

SOURCE: Spreadsheet, 30 Nov 2018 Jim Morrison, Umina

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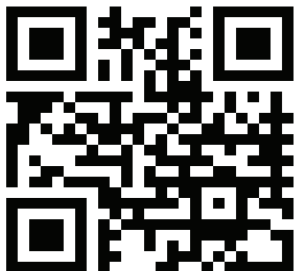
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# Riding a Harley at 86

**Riding on the back of a Harley Davidson isn't the first thing that comes to mind in the day of an 86-year-old resident living within an independent living village.**

However, Ms Marion Anderson has taken the opportunity.

As part of Peninsula Village's extra-curricular activities in October, Ms Anderson attended a high tea at Ettalong, held by the Rotary Club of Woy Woy.

The event was held to raise funds for Lift the Lid, Australian Rotary Health's annual fundraising event for mental health research.

Ms Anderson was winner of one of the major raffle prizes, a ride with the Ulysses Club, the largest social club in Australia for motorcycle enthusiasts.

"I was very happy to be a part of Rotary Club of Woy Woy's high tea event, raising money and awareness for an important cause," said Ms Anderson.

"Mental health is important to residents and the wider community.

"While it was a huge surprise that I won the prize and had a very nervous morning to get prepared for the ride, I cannot believe how much I enjoyed it," Ms Anderson said.

"To feel the wind in my hair and enjoy a ride around the Peninsula was a truly memorable experience that I will continue to tell the tale of for many years to come," Ms Anderson said.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 27 Nov 2018  
Katey Small, Brilliant Logic



Ms Marion Anderson sits pillion with a member of the Ulysses Motorcycle Club

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# Ferry service cancelled during 'severe' weather

**The Palm Beach, Wagstaffe and Ettalong ferry service was cancelled late on Wednesday, November 28, due to severe and dangerous sea conditions.**

The ferry had previously been diverted to Patonga for Wednesday and Thursday, November 28 and

29, due to rough swells and gale force winds.

According to a statement from ferry operator Fantasea Cruising, an update of sea conditions for Thursday, November 29, were for very rough 3.6m to 3.9m south east swells and high winds.

"Dangerous and severe

conditions are prevailing, therefore there are no ferry services to Ettalong or Wagstaffe and no ferry diversion to Patonga," the announcement said.

"The safety and wellbeing of our passengers is paramount.

"Conditions exceed the company's safe operating

guidelines for the service."

"When these rough conditions have subsided, and it is deemed safe our services will resume to normal operations.

"Please note that this diversion is not because of shoaling as this issue has been addressed by recent dredging.

"The company will be closely monitoring how the sea conditions interact with recently dredged mouth of the channel.

"Customers will be alerted via SMS text messages."

**SOURCE:**

**Media releases, 28 Nov 2018  
Elisabeth Styler, Fantasea Cruising**

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**A**s 2018 draws to a close it has been a huge environmental year.

Locally, the year began with the appalling

decision by the NSW Government to build a railway maintenance facility on wetlands at Kangy Angy. What followed demonstrates why CEN and strong communities are needed.

At a global level, In August we saw scientists warn of the dire consequences and the need for action on Climate Change. No ifs, no buts, action is needed immediately to protect our children's future.

As money from grants become harder for CEN to obtain, we rely more on our donors to enable programs such as Waterwatch, which has been going since 1997, to keep going. Please make a donation to help Waterwatch maintain the good work to educate and monitor our waterways with over 1,000 adults and children involved every year.

On a brighter note, the Plant Sale Day at CEN on the first Saturday every month is a great place to meet and chat and buy some native plants for your garden.

Lastly a special thank you to all our members, supporters, volunteers and staff, without you we would not be here.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
John Asquith OAM**

### THE ANNUAL CEN BAT AWARDS



**The Annual CEN BAT Awards and end of year networking night were attended by 50 enthusiastic people, committed to public service.**

It was held on Thursday 29th November and the winners were:

Graham Hankin – Best 12 th Man;  
Heather Graham – Best Rookie  
Bob Graham – Special Award for Public Service;  
Kangy Angy Action Group – Special Award for Persistence;  
WIRES Central Coast – Most Outstanding Group;  
Robert Payne – Most Outstanding Individual (The BAT Award).

### OURIMBAH CREEK CATCHMENT CRAWL



**Central Coast Waterwatch held an Ourimbah Creek Catchment Crawl on Saturday 24th November.**

Participants traveled by bus with CEN staff and volunteers to explore Ourimbah Creek and conduct assessments of water quality, macro invertebrates and vegetation at different sites along Ourimbah Creek.

Guest speakers came along from Central Coast Council, Chittaway Point Landcare and Kangy Angy Residents Action Group to talk about different

issues affecting the creek and the streambank rehabilitation works council has carried out to improve water quality.

The catchment crawl was made possible with support from Greater Sydney Local Land Services through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program

If you would like to find out more about the Waterwatch and how you can get involved please visit <http://www.nswwaterwatch.org.au/> or contact Rachael on [waterwatch@cen.org.au](mailto:waterwatch@cen.org.au) or 4349 4757

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# Men's shed land lease signals softer approach

**A decision to lease land to the Umina Beach Men's Shed for a nominal rent appears to represent a softening of Council policy on contracts for community facilities.**

A proposal to lease land at 90 Osborne Ave, Umina, to the Umina Beach Men's Shed has been carried by Central Coast Council when it met on Monday, November 26.

Central Coast Council staff recommended that Council sought expressions of interest for the lease and redevelopment of the land but mayor Cr Jane Smith put forward an alternative motion to advertise Council's intention to enter a lease with men's shed and call for submissions.

Cr Smith said if there was no community objection to the proposal, Council chief Mr Gary Murphy could be authorised to proceed with the lease, subject to a limited timeframe (10 years).

Cr Smith said she considered 10 years sufficient to make it worthwhile for the Men's Shed to proceed with a development application but not provide an unending arrangement.

Several councillors said they believed this one-off decision raised some "process issues".

"I have been approached by Coast Shelter, Lions Club, community gardens and a poultry



Vacant land will be offered to Umina Men's Shed for 10 years

club that finds itself without a home so what does this mean for next group that identifies a lot of land and brings it to Council to approve?" Cr Hogan said.

"Every time I have come across this, I have been told it has to follow due processes," she said.

"I understand your point and I similarly want an open and transparent process," Cr Smith said.

"In my view there is willingness to allow Men's Shed to use this land but opening up to an expression of interest tended to be counter-intuitive," she said.

"Is this the mode we should use to secure land for groups?" Cr

Doug Vincent asked.

"If this is the mode we can operate in should we be bringing motions for other groups along the same line?" he asked.

Mr Murphy responded that it could be.

"My suggestion would be if you or any other groups have an interest in a particular block of land, or are seeking a block of land, to engage with staff at the earliest opportunity," Mr Murphy said.

He said the Umina Beach Men's Shed had, in this instance, approached deputy mayor Cr Chris Holstein who approached staff for advice.

"I think that would be the process

I would suggest to council; I am hearing there are a few groups out there and I would be encouraging that," Mr Murphy said.

"This is nine months old," Cr Holstein said.

"Nine months ago the Men's Shed, that currently operates out of an old house down near the retirement village, were running out of space, so they asked if there was any land.

"I checked out parcels of operational land that might be a possibility and it took a range of time to go through all the possibilities," he said.

"The Men's Shed asked to talk to respective community groups,

PCYC, Rotary, and the Umina Beach Community Group, to get their consensus.

"Only when we got the support of all groups we took it back to officers with a letter requesting the lease.

"So this has been nine months of work seeking community input, advice of officers, we have ticked all the boxes and what ultimately came back is the opportunity to go forward."

He said Umina PCYC was keen for young people to interact with the Men's Shed.

"The primary school is supportive, so are the Rotary clubs and there is police involvement.

"They have gone to State and Federal Members, the commercial sector, and all expenses related to DA are the responsibility of the Men's Shed.

"If we hadn't gone out and done the consultation and community liaison I would have never told them to officially write to Council."

Fellow Gosford West Councillor Troy Marquart said Cr Holstein had also liaised with him and Cr Richard Mehrstens.

"So he went to both side of politics and worked through the right channels," Cr Marquart said.

**SOURCE:**

**Central Coast Council  
Agenda 2.2, 29 Nov 2018  
Reporter: Jackie Pearson**



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# Investigation recommends better channel management

An investigation into the grounding of a ferry in the Ettalong channel in July last year has resulted in recommendations for better management of the channel by the government departments involved.

It also recommended the ferry operator improve its risk management, an action which it reported had been done.

The investigation into the grounding of the Fantasea Cruises vessel 8 Seasons was conducted by the Office of Transport Safety Investigations, with its final report being issued on November 29.

The report recommended that the Department of Industry Crown Lands develop a comprehensive ongoing maintenance plan for the dredging of the channel and that Transport for NSW support Department of Industry Crown Lands to develop that plan.

Transport for NSW was also told to facilitate continual communication between stakeholders and authorities to ensure the ongoing access and safe navigation for the channel.

NSW Roads and Maritime Services was also told to share data from its six-monthly hydrographical surveys of the channel with providers of marine public transport and to increase its surveillance of the status of

the channel depth to ensure the lateral markers were positioned to enhance safe navigation.

According to investigators, since the grounding, Fantasea Cruising has reviewed, enhanced and documented a procedure of monitoring weather forecasts and developed parameters, such as the height of tide in relation to swell height and direction.

Fantasea masters were now required to assess this data before deciding to navigate the channel.

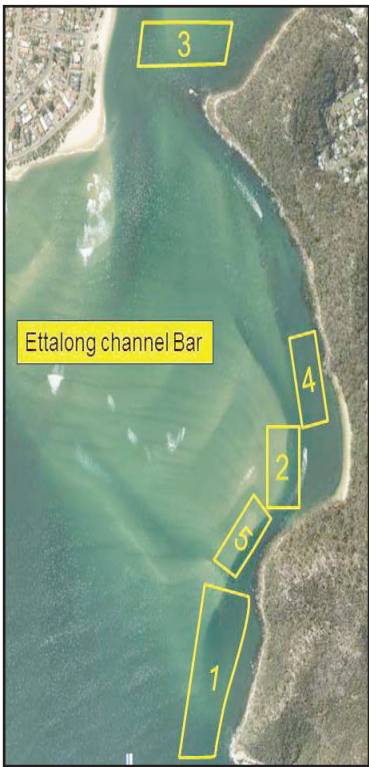
The report revealed that the ferry operator, Fantasea Cruising, first identified grounding hazards in the channel in 2014 and reported those hazards to AMSA, RMS, Transport for NSW, Department of Industry and the former Gosford Council.

According to the report, the company and RMS identified that the entrance was a navigation risk that required dredging.

Following incidents reported by masters, where vessels had touched the channel bed, the company facilitated a forum of stakeholders and channel inspection in March 2016.

The stakeholders meeting identified several issues including: the frequency of vessels touching bottom; the impact on maintaining safe operations; and the impacts on the company meeting contractual targets.

Topics discussed included



channel silting, speed of tidal flow as the channel shallows, challenges in maintaining steerage when keeping to RMS four knot speed limits due to tidal flow, and overcrowding in the channel due to increased recreational vessel usage.

The meeting agreed that navigation dredging was required and that a collective government strategy was required.

According to the report, prior to

the grounding an RMS boating map indicated the depth of the channel to be between two and five metres but ferry masters suggested this was inaccurate and advised their vessels regularly contacted the channel bottom at lower tides.

The company submitted to the investigators examples from April and June 2017 of service cancellations and consideration of alternate destinations, as risk controls.

"Prior to the incident, masters had expressed increasing concern that the sand bar was further encroaching into the navigable channel," the report said.

At 5:45 on July 27, 2017, the 8 Seasons was travelling from Palm Beach to Ettalong to begin its first scheduled passenger ferry journey of the day.

As the ferry neared the northern shore of Broken Bay, in the predawn darkness, it grounded on a sand bar within the channel leading to Ettalong.

While the ferry was grounded, a number of waves washed over the stern, onto the main deck.

The ferry was re-floated shortly after and the scheduled service to Ettalong diverted to Patonga wharf.

According to the final investigation report, the vessel's size was not a factor.

"While physically larger than the vessels it replaced, the 8 Seasons'

shallow draft permitted navigation in "shallow estuarine waters".

"The incident occurred on a flood (inbound) tide of 0.31m and the recorded swell was 3.56m and visibility was described as dark with minimal lighting of the eastern sky."

The report said the ferry was not carrying passengers at the time and was manned by the master and a general purpose hand.

According to the findings of the investigation, NSW Roads and Maritime Services was responsible for placement and maintenance of navigational aids along the channel.

"RMS, in a joint initiative with Department of Industry, conducted hydrographic surveys of the Ettalong Channel every six months.

"The local RMS boating services officer utilised data from the hydrographic surveys, reports from masters and visual inspections to determine if a lateral marker required repositioning."

However, it said, "data from the surveys was not directly shared with local users of the channel," it found.

**SOURCE:**  
Ferry Safety Investigation Report, 29 Nov 2018  
Fantasea 8 Seasons  
Grounding, Broken Bay  
Office of Transport Safety Investigations



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# Ferry resumption ‘is not the end of the problem’

The newly-formed Peninsula Waterways Committee has welcomed the resumption of ferry services to Ettalong and Wagstaffe on Monday, November 19.

However, committee chair Mr Mike Allsop said: “We are very happy to see the ferry back but that is not the end of the problem.”

He said the committee would continue to focus on “the long-term maintenance and funding of our waterways”.

“A number of local residents from Wagstaffe were on hand to greet the ferry and its passengers for the various morning services, as were others at Ettalong,” Mr Allsop said.

“It will take a little while for the normal passenger profile to re-establish, but these early runs certainly had their share of commuters, tradies and kids as well as the occasional day-tripper, which was great to see,” he said.

“Although the ferry services has resumed, our committee sees this as just the first step.

“We are drawing together the collective efforts of several interest groups around Brisbane Water to consolidate the case for long-term actions in the interests of all waterways users.

“We now need to ensure that Central Coast Council and the NSW



Captain gives the thumbs up to mark the return of ferry services to Ettalong and Wagstaffe

Government work together to agree on the various responsibilities and actions for long-term maintenance of the waterway along with funding arrangements.

“We are sure that NRMA, as new owners of the ferry service, will have exactly the same view.”

Mr Allsop said organisation’s the committee had already opened dialogue with over the future maintenance of the channel included Gosford Sailing Club, various mariner operators,

Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association, Hardys Bay Residents Group.

“We are open to talking with others from Ettalong, Umina and Woy Woy who have an interest,” he said.

“We are on a voyage of discovery at the moment.

“We found most of the parties that were interested in the issue have other businesses, this is an issue parallel to their business which means they are not focusing

on it so we are trying to help that, to focus the issue to make sure it is built on fact and clear communication.

“You’ve got to look at what the factual history is, not the anecdotal history and there has been some very good work done in the past, it just hasn’t been acted on.

“We know the political issues and we are apolitical.”

Mr Allsop said the Peninsula Waterways Committee currently had 12 active members.

“It struck me the reason the NSW Government had been able to release the emergency funding was because it did not touch the Rescuing Our Waterways money.

“Rescuing Our Waterways funding will not be sufficient to maintain the channel in perpetuity.

“We would like to participate in an advisory capacity in whatever studies are undertaken,” he said.

The committee has had preliminary meetings with the Central Coast Council mayor Cr Jane Smith, and Council chief Mr Gary Murphy.

“We are meeting various councillors and state members, a variety of other marine stakeholders, and the ferry operator, and we will talk to trawler owners.

“We are trying to look at it as a waterways issue. One of the users is the ferry service, but there are many other users.

“One of the foundations of our charter is to consolidate a story that is based on fact so people can understand what is happening, why it is happening and who the people are who are influencing.”

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 21 Nov 2018  
Interview, 29 Nov 2018  
Mike Allsop, Peninsula Waterways Committee  
Reporter: Jackie Pearson



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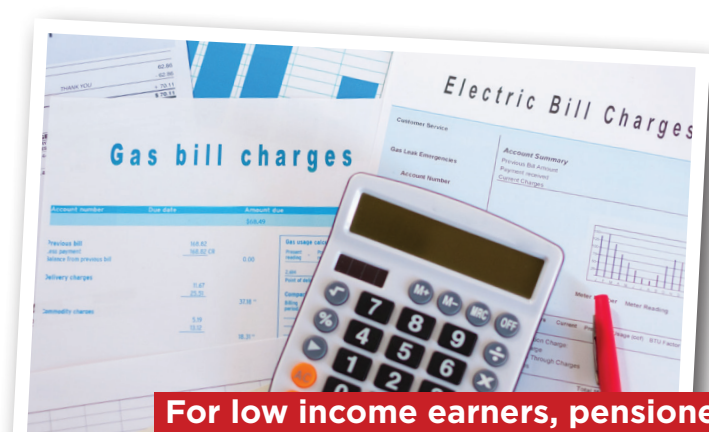
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News

# Community group calls for tree policy submissions

**The Bays Community Group is urging residents to make submissions about Central Coast Council's proposed tree policy.**

The group wants residents to support the Community Environment Network's appeal to protect trees and greenspaces across the Peninsula.

"Our neighbourhood tree canopy is a valuable community resource," said group president Ms Cathy Gleeson.

"Council's 10 year Community Strategic Plan lists as one of its aims: 'promote greening and ensure the wellbeing of communities through the protection of local bushland, urban trees, tree canopies and expansion of the Coastal Open Space System'.

"Council has recently placed on exhibition its draft tree and vegetation management plan for incorporation into the Central Coast DCP.

"Consistent with the Community Strategic Plan, the introduction to the exhibited vegetation management plan sings the praises of trees and their value to the community, but from then on the plan loses the 'Green Vision' espoused by the Community Strategic Plan and dwells on the exemptions available to

landowners to avoid having to obtain a Council Permit to remove a tree or vegetation," Ms Gleeson said.

It states: "The plan details when tree and vegetation management works require a permit from Council, and where exemptions from permits are available."

"Council is interested in your feedback as to whether these proposed exemptions will adequately cater for normal gardening practices, while maintaining reasonable requirements for tree preservation and maintaining the amenity of our suburbs," Ms Gleeson said.

"Seventy per cent of the plan informs the reader of the exemptions available, including 17 pieces of state legislation allowing clearing without a Council Permit.

"The plan advises that an exemption is available where Council is satisfied that a tree is dying or dead and is not required as the habitat of native animals, or when the Council is satisfied that a tree is a risk to human life or property," Ms Gleeson said.

"It further states that the Council 'will be satisfied' where recorded evidence from a trade (AQF3) or consulting (AQF5) arborist, identifying the tree species and condition, is retained by the

landowner for a period of six months after removal, to be made available to Council on request (i.e. photographs and written expert advice).

"The Community Environment Network is concerned that this provision is open to abuse by unscrupulous landowners with the cooperation of tree removers with minimum entry level qualifications.

"The Network is appealing to the Bays community to make submissions to Council to delete this provision and commit instead to being satisfied that trees may be removed by a process that puts the Community Strategic Plan into practice," Ms Gleeson said.

"According to the Network, Council's undertaking to protect urban trees requires it to be actively involved in the tree removal process in all circumstances.

"The plan currently on exhibition is less than adequate in propagating the Green Vision expressed in the Community Strategic Plan in a number of other aspects," Ms Gleeson said.

The Draft Plan can be viewed on the Your Voice Our Coast website.

Submissions are open until December 6.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 20 Nov 2018  
Cathy Gleeson, The Bays Community Group

# Bravery award for firefighter

**An Empire Bay firefighter has been awarded a 2018 Royal Humane Society Bravery Award.**

Mr Jeffrey Morse was awarded a bronze medal for his role in responding to a gas leak in Haymarket on August 25, 2014.

Fire and Rescue NSW crews attended a serious fire at Market City in Haymarket and were advised that a truck had severed a gas main in the basement loading dock and that a large amount of gas was escaping.

The immediate area was evacuated and attempts to locate the gas isolation valves were unsuccessful.

The gas company advised that there was no gas shut off to the building at street level. Power to the building could not be isolated as the main switch room was also in the basement loading dock.

Mr Morse volunteered to enter the basement loading dock area to attempt to locate the main gas valve and shut it off.

Wearing breathing apparatus, he and another officer, made their way to the bottom of the ramp and into the loading dock.

They discovered that their protection hose line was not long enough to reach the location of the leak nor the main valve room.

To further compound their difficulties, painters had removed all signage from the doors in the loading dock area and the keys which had been provided to them did not fit any of the locked doors.

Despite the danger of explosion and the deafening noise caused by the escaping gas, they systematically forced entry into the locked doors and inside the third door they located the valve room and successfully shut off the main gas valves.

NSW Governor General David Hurley presented the awards during a ceremony at Government House on November 8.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 6 Nov 2018  
Rebecca Smith, Fire and Rescue NSW

# 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.

Established in 1988, Scholten Jewellers has been manufacturing fine jewellery on the Central Coast for 30 years, having had shops in Bateau Bay, Gosford, Erina and Tuggerah.

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# Council to close successful community garden

**Central Coast Council has threatened to fine Booker Bay residents who have started a successful community garden on the nature strip.**

However the council says it is located on a footpath and has ordered it to be moved.

Mr Paul Smedley, the resident who started the garden, said that Council had received a complaint about the garden blocking the footpath.

"The Council has asked us to pull it down by December 1 or they will fine us," Mr Smedley said.

"I used to grow a couple of chokos for the old girls behind us, and it grew from there, everyone came along," Mr Smedley said.

"We have over 100 different edible vegetables growing, the kids come past on the way to preschool and eat some snow peas," he said.

"One of the best spin-offs has been that everyone is in touch with each other again.

"The children are involved, the old people are out toiling in the garden, everyone is friends, and everyone knows first names.

"We don't live in each other's pockets but we keep an eye on each other, and we all care about what each other is doing.

"If someone is loitering around someone else's house we are all in touch, it is just how we are in Booker Bay but the garden has definitely brought it together more.



"I have met another hundred people while we have had the garden going," he said.

Another resident, Mr Ken Woolcott, said he thought the garden was "a wonderful idea".

"These things are advocated on all the gardening shows.

"It gets the community involved, it is free food for everybody and it

gives everyone something to do.

"I think Council think they own the verge and they need to say yay or nay on everything.

"They need to pull their head in," Mr Woolcott said.

Woy Woy Public School student Abbey Pritchard also said she loved the garden,

"We can all come together and

have fun and water the plants and learn how to take care of them," she said.

Another resident said: "I live on my own and I just find this such a wonderful spot to come to.

"It is people socialising, getting to know one another.

"We have got a lot of apartments around here with very small

gardens and that is drawing those who have not got their own garden into the community," she said.

According to Council, a complaint was received from a member of the community on October 31 in regards a garden constructed at Davis Ave, Booker Bay.

Rangers attended and found the garden had completely blocked the pedestrian thoroughfare in Eastern Avenue Booker Bay and items placed on the strip would likely cause a danger or impede a pedestrian.

Council considered reducing the size of the garden rather than removing it, however it was deemed that the items placed on the strip would cause a danger and impede pedestrians, especially in the evening as the area is not well lit, and therefore Council issued a direction to the person responsible to remove the items by December 1.

"Council recognises the need and benefits of Community Garden and has provided a site at 85-87 Moana Street Woy Woy should the community resident wish to participate, a statement from Council said.

**SOURCE:**  
Interviews, 19 Nov 2018  
Paul Smedley, Booker Bay  
Ken Woolcott, Booker Bay  
Abbey Pritchard, Booker Bay  
Media statement, 30 Nov 2018  
Central Coast Council  
Reporter: David Abrahams

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These will then be presented back to the community in the new year for further consultation.

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This round of consultation closes 16 December 2018 **[yourvoiceourcoast.com](http://yourvoiceourcoast.com)**



# All council meetings to be held at Wyong

Central Coast Council will hold all its public meetings in the Wyong Chamber for the foreseeable future, because some councillors said they feared for their safety at Gosford.

Two Peninsula councillors opposed the move, decided at the November 29 meeting in the Wyong Chamber.

Cr Lisa Matthews proposed the move, saying that the Gosford chamber was unsafe.

"I propose that we don't meet at Gosford until a serious audit has been done in relation to safety," Cr Matthews said.

She said there had been interactions between councillors and with members of the public that were too close and that she did not feel safe meeting in the Gosford chamber.

"I have been subjected to heckling and I am no longer wanting to tolerate it until we can be given the assurances that we are safe and I don't feel safe in that chamber and I am standing up and asking fellow councilors to support me on this," she said.

However, Peninsula councilors, former Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein and Cr Troy Marquart, did not support the proposal.

Cr Holstein said: "In that chamber, at times it has got boisterous and noisy, but I don't know how the public will perceive that aspect of bringing all your meetings to the north.

"It will disadvantage those who live in the south who wish to interact with their councilors.

"I hope it is not an underlying consideration that councillors feel

it is too far to travel.

"I hear so constantly the disadvantaged north.

"Well, you have just disadvantaged the south by disenfranchising them by not having those meetings.

"I don't know if that is going to be conducive to good local government and I say that in times as the biggest target in the room.

"By all means take some necessary steps but don't disenfranchise the people in the south who want to come to council meetings."

Cr Rebecca Gale Collins also spoke in opposition.

"I think it puts a divide between north and south which as an amalgamated council we should be able to be overcome.

"I do not support a divide for our people, those in the south deserve to go to Gosford chamber just as those in the north deserve to come to Wyong.

"I absolutely don't support any divide and this has no merit."

Cr Bruce McLachlan said it would suite him personally for all meetings to be in Wyong but he could not support the motion and Cr Marquart also declined to support moving all meetings to Wyong.

"I don't think there is a hell of a lot of difference between Gosford and Wyong. We are getting a bit precious here. We are not the Rolling Stones. It is just going to divide north and south. We don't want to do that," he said.

Cr Greg Best supported the move: "I think the chamber and recent events have highlighted the tightness and restricted nature of

that room.

"This room is far far safer, I feel safer here and I am sure the public do too," Cr Best said.

Cr Kyle MacGregor said he had been physically threatened by multiple people in the chamber and the lifts at the Gosford Council building.

"The issue with Gosford is that although there is a divider there, if some crazy person was to go over the top then there really is a very high chance of an incident," Cr MacGregor said.

Cr MacGregor said he had full faith in the ability of Council staff to make appropriate changes to the chamber and he looked forward to going back to Gosford for future meetings.

Cr Jane Smith said that all briefings, not open to the public, would be held in the Gosford Chamber until further notice.

The motion to move all meetings to Wyong until a safety audit of the Gosford chamber was completed was carried.

No specific timeframe has been established for the return of meetings to Gosford.

Gosford Chamber was remodelled during the administration period following the sacking of Gosford Council.

Tiered public seating was replaced with unfixed chairs behind the 15 Councillors and separated from the councillors by a balustrade.

The renovations were to accommodate 15 instead of 10 councillors.

SOURCE:  
Central Coast Council  
Agenda 3.2, 26 Nov 2018  
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

# Tree policy comment period extended

Central Coast Council has extended the period for public comment on its proposed new tree and vegetation management provisions in its Development Control Plan Chapter to January 28.

This extension, based on community feedback, will provide residents with more time to lodge a submission on "the important harmonisation" of tree and vegetation management works policies across the Central Coast, according to mayor Cr Jane Smith.

If adopted following exhibition, the existing Wyong and Gosford Development Control Plans would be amended to include the revised provisions.

Cr Smith said Council's revised policy related to urban

and environmental zoned lands and required a land owner to obtain a permit before the pruning or removal of any tree or any vegetation located more than three metres from their house or other approved building, where the proposed pruning or tree removal is not covered by a set of nominated exemptions.

Council may also issue permits for minor clearing of land not associated with new development, where the clearing did not exceed the specified threshold, she said.

"The revised policy accords with recent NSW Government Land Management and Biodiversity Conservation reforms and will provide greater clarity for residents of the Central Coast."

SOURCE:  
Media release, 27 Nov 2018  
Jane Smith, Central Coast Council

# Community support grants approved

Two applications for Community Support Grants have been approved for the Peninsula by Central Coast Council.

The Bays Community Group received \$719.72 as a subsidy for rates on the community hall and the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce received \$4849 for the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival.

The council granted a total of \$72,000 for 22 projects across the region.

The Peninsula grants amounted

to just over seven per cent of the value of these for an area with about 10 per cent of the region's population.

Mayor Cr Jane Smith said: "These grants are being given to organisations and volunteers who provide services to many different groups across our population."

The grant program is open throughout the year and provides grants of up to \$5000 per project, she said.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 27 Nov 2018  
Jane Smith, Central Coast Council



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# Session to discuss Killcare mobile phone tower proposal

Community information sessions about mobile phone towers in Killcare will be held this week.

Optus, Vodafone Hutchinson Australia and Telstra are holding two community information sessions about the installation of the equipment in Killcare Heights.

The two sessions will be held on December 6, at the Killcare Surf Life Saving Club, with the first taking place from 2pm to 4pm and the second from 5pm to 7pm.

“Optus and Vodafone Hutchinson Australia are currently building new mobile network infrastructure across NSW to expand and improve 4G telecommunications services,” said session coordinator Mr Benjamin Davies.

“Killcare is not currently serviced by a dedicated Optus, Vodafone or Telstra mobile facility, resulting in poor network coverage in and around the Killcare Heights area.

“In an attempt to rectify this, Optus, Vodafone and Telstra

propose to install transmitters at the Central Coast Council owned site at 37 Wards Hill Rd, Killcare Heights.

“The proposal requires the erection of a monopole on which equipment can be installed.

“Members of the community may have questions about the proposed telecommunications facility and its proposed location.

“The community information sessions will allow residents to discuss the proposed facility and alternative sites that Optus, Vodafone and Telstra have investigated and examine more information about the proposed facility,” Mr Davis said.

Also present at these sessions will be an independent expert on the current Australian standard relating to electromagnetic energy emissions from telecommunications facilities.

SOURCE:  
Email, 24 Nov 2018  
Ian Bull, WTKCA



## Aboriginal group seeks funding for ‘community place’

A regional aboriginal group is seeking funding to establish a “community place” in Umina for young aboriginal people.

The Barang Regional Alliance had approached government departments on behalf of the Gudjagang Ngara Li-dhi Aboriginal Corporation “to secure investment in the proposed Umina community place”, according to corporation manager Ms Simone Hudson.

“Gudjagang Ngara Li-dhi is from the Darkinjung local Aboriginal

language, meaning listen to the children, and that’s exactly what we have been doing since our inception in 2013,” said Ms Hudson.

“Our youth are our priority and it’s their request to address education, legal, social and economic issues underpinned by a strong connection to aboriginal culture.”

Umina had been identified as the best location for a community place on the Peninsula.

“We are talking up these needs

to all levels of Government and the private sector, seeking funding,” Ms Hudson said.

Under guidance from Gudjagang Ngara Li-dhi, an aboriginal youth group has formed and is named Barudir, which means butterfly in Darkinjung language.

Ms Hudson said Barang was working with Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation to help see the Umina project realised.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 20 Nov 2018  
Caitlin Vine, Brilliant Logic



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## Students speak at Rotary club

Six students from Brisbane Water Secondary College have joined Top Blokes Foundation co-ordinator Mr Kevin Hulls to talk at a local Rotary club.

"Kevin spoke on the growth of the Top Blokes Foundation, now involved with all public high schools on the Central Coast," said Umina Beach Rotary Club publicity officer, Mr Geoff Melville.

"It is working towards being involved with all public primary schools.

"This has been made possible by a Council grant and is having a positive effect.

"With Kevin on the night were six young lads from who have done the program and they outlined what benefits they had gained from the experience.

"The senior course has been expanded from eight weeks to 12 weeks and there are 20 programs in the course to choose from.

"Our club's support for this program was well justified by the presentation Kevin delivered on the night," Mr Melville said.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 25 Nov 2018  
Geoff Melville, Rotary Club of Umina Beach



Top Blokes Foundation's Mr Kevin Hulls with Umina Beach Rotary's Mr Wayne Dowdle

## Ettalong and Umina parking surveys planned

**Parking surveys on the Peninsula are expected to be extended beyond Woy Woy, according to a statement from Central Coast Council.**

Surveys are planned during the summer months to gauge the shortage experienced in Ettalong and Umina.

"These will form part of a further report later in 2019," the Council statement said, in answer to questions from Peninsula News.

"The initial car parking study is focused on commuter parking along the train line at Central Coast train stations," it said, hence the initial focus on Woy Woy.

One of the options listed for Woy Woy in the survey was a parking station 800 m from the town centre with a park and ride bus service.

The statement from Council

said it was still investigating a number of locations.

It said the survey, which is still open for comment, was designed to see if local residents would walk 800 metres from a parking location.

"It is no way implied that we have a site and are constructing anything at this stage," it said.

"The second stage of the commuter car parking study is due back to Council in early 2019 and some recommendations on suitable sites for commuter car parking stations will form part of that report.

"Funding of any future infrastructure would be either out of Council's future capital budget or could be sought from either the State or Federal Government.

**SOURCE:**  
Media statement, 23 Nov 2018  
Gary Murphy, Central Coast Council

## Ettalong businesses compete for Christmas prizes

**A community run tourism activation group on the Peninsula is calling on Ettalong businesses to deck the halls and break out their best Christmas lights with the Lights Up for Christmas competition.**

The Peninsula Tourism Partners are holding the competition this December and are looking for the three Ettalong businesses with the

most festive flare to award a media prize pack.

"Peninsula Tourism Partners wanted to hold the competition to boost tourism around Ettalong this festive season and currently Santa's helpers are out and about collecting applications from participating shops," said president Ms Kim Cole said.

"The response has been overwhelming and I'm sure there will be many beautiful and creative

displays to be enjoyed," she said.

Television personality Ms Margaret Pomeranz will be heading up the judging panel for the competition which will see three \$2000 media prize packages, sponsored by the Peninsula News and Tamburlaine Wines, delivered to the three best displays on December 6.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 29 Nov 2018  
Kim Cole, Peninsula Tourism Partners

## CWA to put on ceramics exhibition

**The Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association has joined with a University of New South Wales student researcher to present a ceramics exhibition.**

Play Pot Print will be an exhibition of co-designed ceramics created by 12 branch members.

Participants from the branch were invited to take part in the design and manufacture of 3D printed ceramics in a series of workshops hosted by student

researcher and artist Ms Chantelle Baistow.

Ms Baistow led the workshops which experimented with ceramic design drawings.

The drawings were then developed into a range of ceramic pieces via 3D printing with clay.

The branch will display its ceramics pieces during an exhibition at the Woy Woy Country Women's Association Hall from 10am to 4pm on December 8.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 21 Nov 2018  
Emily Bowtell, Woy Woy Country Women's Association



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# Chamber calls for ‘smarter’ parking strategies

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has called for smarter strategies to solve the ever increasing parking problems at the Woy Woy interchange.

“The Chamber welcomes the Central Coast Council’s region-wide parking strategy but is keen to see smarter options put in place rather than simply adding more levels to the Woy Woy multi-deck car park or using up even more commercial land for at-grade car parking,” said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

“You will never meet the latent demand for car parking at Woy Woy, so we have to look to other strategies to encourage commuters to leave their cars at home,” Mr Wales said.

“These strategies should include the expansion of the On Demand Transport Service being trialled by the NSW State Government, improving the existing bus services between our town centres, improving the existing kiss-n-ride facilities and encouraging carpooling,” said Mr Wales.

“We are very lucky here on the Peninsula in that we have a very efficient grid system of roads, level suburban areas, relatively good public transport links and being only an hour and half from the Sydney CBD.

“But those advantages also mean that people want to live here and commute to the city while enjoying our unique lifestyle,” he said.

“And compounding the problem are those who are driving their cars to Woy Woy from as far afield as Kincumber, MacMasters and

Copacabana rather than cope with the congestion at Gosford rail station.

“We are a better option which unfortunately is adding to the problem locally.

“By using local bus services and On Demand Transport more efficiently, our road system does have the capacity to cope with the demand.

“Simply adding more car parking spaces is not a smart solution.

“Fundamentally, we have to examine the basic issue of why 8000 people a day commute from Woy Woy rail station to the Sydney metro area.

“This comes down to the lack of local jobs and job opportunities.

“The Chamber believes that Central Coast Council and the NSW State Government should be doing more to promote employment opportunities on the Central Coast so that people don’t have to commute into Sydney in the first place.

“These strategies should include the revitalisation of the Woy Woy commercial centre, improving planning controls to encourage commercial redevelopment and boosting incentives for residential accommodation close to the Woy Woy rail station.

“Sadly, none of these initiatives have been taken up by either the Council or the State Government at a time when revitalisation processes are so important.

“By all means review your parking strategies but address the fundamental reason why you have the problem in the first place.”

SOURCE:  
Media release, 21 Nov 2018  
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce



## Residents wanted for community fire units

The Bays Community Group is calling for residents to join one of the Bays community fire units in time for the fire season.

“We would have all witnessed on television the damage and destruction that the fires have recently caused in California,” said group president Ms Cathy Gleeson.

“This is another reminder to have your home and surrounding property prepared this fire season.

“If you require advice on how to do this please talk to the crew at our own Bays Rural Fire Service in Wattle St.

“There are four community fire units in the Bays.

“You may have noticed one of their red trailers in your street,” Ms Gleeson said.

“There are two trailers in Horsfield Rd, one on Woy Woy Rd near Banyo Cres and one in Taylor St.

“There are no units in Phegans Bay.

“All of the existing units could do with an influx of new recruits, some have a good base of existing members, but they are getting

older.

“Some of the units could do with new recruits to top up their numbers.

“Phegans Bay could benefit from the formation of its own unit so that there is a presence in their area in case of a fire,” Ms Gleeson said.

Anyone interested in joining one of the Bays Community Fire Units should contact The Bays Community Group for more information.

SOURCE:  
Newsletter, 20 Nov 2018  
Cathy Gleeson, The Bays Community Group

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Mr Taylor Martin and Ms Sue Dengate with Woy Woy CWA branch president Ms Jane Bowtell and branch members

## CWA receives \$200 flagpole grant

The Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association has received a \$200 grant to fund repairs of their flagpole.

The grant was delivered to the branch after State Liberal MLC Mr Taylor Martin learned the branch's flagpole was damaged after a recent theft.

Mr Martin said that when he heard about the damage that was caused he contacted Minister for Women Ms Tanya Davies to see

what the NSW Government could do to help.

"The Country Women's Association are always there to help others in the community in need," he said.

"It would be a shame if the branch had to divert money away from the vital work they do in order to fund the repairs," Mr Martin said.

"I thank Minister Davies for responding so quickly and making the funding available to the branch."

Mr Martin said that whoever stole the flags cut the rope and took the rigging with them.

The \$200 grant will fund new steel rigging on both flag poles as well as a roof mounted spotlight for security.

"I look forward to the CWA being able to have their flags flying again soon," Mr Martin said.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 28 Nov 2018  
Todd Kirby, Office of  
Taylor Martin MLC

## Rotary runs barbecue at waste information day

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach have provided barbecued food at the Central Coast waste contractor's open day in Somersby on November 17.

"It was a great community event attended by over 350 people," said Umina Beach Rotary Club publicity officer Mr Geoff Melville.

"Displays provided information about the trucks, general waste, recycling, green waste and

kerbside collections.

"There were give-a-ways, demos and the barbecue manned by Rotary.

"Volunteer Rotarians gave their time to cook and serve a huge crowd," Mr Melville said.

Contractor Cleanaway ended the day by donating \$2000 to Umina Beach Rotary Club.

SOURCE:  
Newsletter, 18 Nov 2018  
Geoff Melville, Rotary  
Club of Umina Beach

## Collection for drought relief

A gold coin collection in Ettalong has raised more than \$1000 for drought relief.

Umina Beach Rotarians collected donations during the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival on November 11 collecting donations for the Rotary Drought Relief Fund.

"We collected \$1650 towards the Rotary Drought Relief Fund," said Umina Beach Rotary Club publicity officer Mr Geoff Melville.

SOURCE:  
Newsletter, 25 Nov 2018  
Geoff Melville, Rotary  
Club of Umina Beach

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Labor candidate for Robertson, Ms Anne Charlton, with Peninsula residents, Mr Peter and Ms Jo-Anne Feltham

## Couple recommends battery use with solar panels

**A Umina couple are recommending the use of storage batteries with solar systems.**

Mr Peter and Ms Jo-Anne Feltham said they had used solar panels and household battery storage for two years.

“When we first bought them, we saw a real change in our power bills almost immediately,” said Mr Feltham.

“Our solar panels power our house through the day and collect a huge amount of battery storage for use during the evening.

“Overnight our oven, hot water system and our washer and dryer all benefit from clean stored energy we’ve collected at home,” he said.

“We have also been able to better understand our energy usage and track how much we are saving using our provider’s mobile app.

“Now that I am retired and my wife has recently finished work we are gaining from the solar panels during the day, but the solar batteries kick in after the sun goes and you still get the energy.”

The Felthams paid a total of \$4000 for their batteries two years

ago “but there is an awful lot that goes into the wiring back to the fuse box and connecting batteries to the metre that goes to the solar panel so the actually batteries were half that total cost.

Mr Feltham said he believed the combination of panels and batteries had halved the household’s yearly power bills and would pay for themselves within four years.

“We have two batteries and on sunny days we have batteries up to 100 per cent so the excess power does go back onto the grid.

“We think it is a long-term investment and good for the environment as well,” he said.

Labor candidate for Robertson, Ms Anne Charlton, said Peninsula residents would benefit from her party’s proposal to subsidise household batteries for solar power storage.

As part of Labor’s plan, households on the Peninsula could claim a subsidy of up to \$2000 to install household battery storage and solar panels like the Felthams, Ms Charlton said.

“Labor’s policy will mean we can afford another battery and put another big dent in our energy bills and a big saving on our household

budget” said Mr Feltham.

He said he believed Peninsula households who use small amounts of electricity during the day but have heavier requirements of an evening and overnight would be able to use the proposed subsidy to benefit from battery storage and break even on the capital cost earlier.

Under the Household Battery Program, from 2020, Labor would provide a rebate for up to \$2000 for eligible battery systems for households with a gross annual income less than \$180,000, Ms Charlton said.

The rebate would be complemented by low cost financing and will also support the purchase of solar systems.

Australia’s Smart Energy Council has estimated solar panels and battery storage could save up to 60 percent in household bills, she said.

Stored energy would also put less pressure on the power grids and create more green jobs on installation.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, Nov 28  
Anne Charlton, Labor  
Candidate for Robertson



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College graduate receives Colombo Plan scholarship

A 20-year-old Woy Woy resident and Brisbane Water Secondary College graduate has been named as a recipient of the New Colombo Plan Scholarship for 2019.

Mr Jack Steed received the honour based on his academic excellence in addition to his leadership and involvement within the community.

The New Colombo Plan is an Australian Government Initiative designed to strengthen ties between Australia and the Indo-Pacific, with the scholarship program providing young Australians with the ability to

undertake study, language training and internships within the region.

Mr Steed is studying a Bachelor of Business and Commerce at Newcastle University and will head to his host location China to study International Business Management at the University of Hong Kong.

He will also undertake internships with major sporting organisations such as the Royal and Ancient Golf Club and, at the 2020, Olympics which are to be held in Tokyo, Japan.

Mr Steed said that he is extremely honoured and humbled to be provided with this once in a lifetime opportunity to study and

work within the Indo Pacific Region for 12 months as a New Colombo Plan Scholar.

"I am extremely grateful and excited for the opportunity to represent Australia within the region.

"I look forward to building both personal and professional relationships in an attempt to gain a better understanding of the rich Chinese culture," Mr Steed said.

"This scholarship will allow me to develop my Mandarin language skills, while broadening my knowledge of both the sporting industry and business sector within Asia.

"I am thrilled by the opportunity to be able to use my love of sport to build and strengthen relationships between Australia and the Indo-Pacific Region," Mr Steed said.

Mr Steed's was presented with the scholarship by the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs Ms Marise Payne at a ceremony in Parliament House earlier last month.

SOURCE: Website, 29 Nov 2018 Brent Walker, BWSC Umina



Rotary awards pride of workmanship

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach held their Pride of Workmanship Awards on November 14.

"The annual awards celebrate the exceptional achievement and commitment of local people to their careers, businesses and most importantly, to the betterment of the Peninsula," said club publicity officer Mr Geoff Melville.

Five business people were awarded on the night including Fantasea Aquariums' Mr Jeremy

Richards, Peninsula Villages' Ms Donna Fleming and Ms Lana Kinross, Holdtech Electrical's Mr Ben Holder and Everglades Country Club's Ms Julie Richter.

The awards were presented by Umina Beach Rotary Club president Mr Paul Quinn and Rotary Vocational Service director Mr Simon Darwin.

SOURCE: Media release, 16 Nov 2018 Geoff Melville, Rotary Club of Umina Beach

Rotary club completes graffiti removal

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has completed its graffiti removal project with help from some volunteers.

The Club was joined by 22 students from the Montgrove College, Orchard Hills, in Penrith.

Four teachers and eight Rotarians joined the students to paint over 90 square metres of graffiti. "Situated on the parkland off Camellia Crt, the group took two

hours of steady work to cover the graffiti," said Woy Woy Rotarian Mr John Greenway.

"Those vandals who do this should know that the maximum penalty for intentionally marking any premises or property is \$440.

"If the marking is done with spray paint, a marking pen or some device that is designed or modified to make a mark that is not easily removed by washing with soap and water the maximum penalty increases to \$2200 and 12 months' imprisonment," he said.

SOURCE: Media release, 24 Nov 2018 John Greenway, Rotary Club of Woy Woy

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# Signs to be replaced on Woy Woy Bay Rd

Central Coast Council has responded to requests from the Bays Community Group for road signage around the Bays.

Bays Community Group president, Ms Cathy Gleeson said missing signs will be replaced and another upgraded.

"Following on from our Bays Community Group meeting held on October 17, I wrote to Central Coast Council on issues raised by residents," said.

"One was the missing No Stopping signs on Woy Woy Bay Rd, as well as a request for a more visible Give Way sign as you enter Woy Woy Bay Rd.

"Council staff were swift in their response and have carried out investigations and will be replacing the missing signage as well as upgrading the sign as you enter Woy Woy Bay," Ms Gleeson said.

"Another issue raised at the meeting by various residents was the number of empty Council bins being left on Woy Woy Bay Rd, well after Council had completed

its weekly pickups.

"Their concerns were due to restricted parking and access into Woy Woy Bay, with large trucks and the regular bus service sometimes experiencing problems manoeuvring around the bins out on both sides of the road, as well as it looking unsightly," Ms Gleeson said.

"If residents could please be mindful of this situation, and return their bins to their properties after collection, it would be very much appreciated by all residents.

"I also revisited with Council the issue of the Woy Woy Bay Public Jetty, asking for an update on the rectification work to the piers that are in very poor condition.

"This jetty is the designated evacuation point for residents in the case of a fire emergency, which many residents have had to experience in the past.

"This is still ongoing," Ms Gleeson said.

SOURCE:  
Newsletter, 20 Nov 2018  
Cathy Gleeson, The Bays Community Group



# Petition circulated to stop seismic testing

A petition to stop three-dimensional seismic testing for oil and gas off the Central Coast was presented to members of the public at the recent Woytopia festival at the Umina Markets by the Save Our Coast organisation.

Organisation members and local volunteers spoke to members of the Central Coast public throughout the day at Woytopia on Sunday, November 18, about the threat of seismic testing and planned oil or gas rigs off the coast.

"Most people are not aware that seismic testing for oil or gas occurred 22km off Swansea earlier this year," said Save Our Coast member Mr Gary Blaschke.

"There is now a proposal underway to conduct significantly more destructive seismic testing over 500 square kilometres of ocean from Umina to Newcastle in the search for oil or gas that could result in a line of gas rigs off our beaches," he said.

"The public are horrified to hear of these plans, and very pleased that we have alerted them and are doing something to raise awareness to try to stop this horrendous plan," he said.

"Seismic testing involves intense and explosive underwater airgun blasts, which detonate every few seconds for 24 hours continuously for days or weeks on end, in the search for oil or gas" according to Save Our Coast founder Dr Natasha Deen.

"Seismic blasts have been shown to harm marine life from killing plankton over 1km away

and causing malformations in oysters, to harming and deafening fish, turtles, penguins, whales and dolphins," Dr Deen said.

"Fishermen from around the world report loss of catch, and seismic testing decimated the oyster industries in Tasmania and Victoria," she said.

The oil and gas exploration company claims it is currently under negotiation with the regulator to pass the environmental plans for this testing, to determine the best targets for an oil or gas field.

When located, the area is up for grabs from oil and gas companies, with two-thirds of Australia's gas exported, with the potential of oil or gas rigs off our favourite beaches, according to Dr Deen.

The petroleum exploration permit 11 stretches more than 4500 square km from the northern beaches of Sydney through to Newcastle.

"Our coast has been opened up for petroleum oil and gas

exploration and extraction and this has been imposed on the local community by the federal government without consultation.

"To expose our marine animals to this harm, and risk devastating our beautiful coastline, is unconscionable," she said.

"If we act together and speak up, we can make a difference.

"We hope to protect our precious marine animals and save our coast.

"You can sign and get more information on our website [saveourcoast.org.au](http://saveourcoast.org.au)"

Locals interested in learning more are invited to an information session and free screening of the award winning film Sonic Sea, about the symphony of ocean sound and the impact of noise on marine animals, at Soul Food Cafe, Woy Woy on Wednesday, December 12 from 5:45pm.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 28 Nov 2018  
Natasha Deen, Save Our Coast



The state of the Woy Woy Bay Jetty was again raised with Council by The Bays Community Group

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# Take collective action now to reduce global warming

The home owners' meeting at Davistown RSL on November 24 declared it was not organised to discuss climate change, but in effect aired concerns on the perceived effects of climate change on their coastal private property. In their opinion, they do not feel supported or adequately involved in government decision-making in relation to handling coastal hazards and are left to face the consequences in what they see as a proposed government policy of planned retreat as articulated in the NSW Coastal Management Act, rather than building resilience

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to climate change impacts. Whether this is a fair representation or not of our current

government thinking, I think climate change will affect us all as Australians, no matter where we live and I think we need to focus our energy at this point in time not so much as on our own particular piece of turf or sand, but in electing governments who recognise the threat now and who are prepared to take action now collectively, to reduce global warming so that we do not face catastrophic temperature rises with all the environmental consequences that will accompany global warming. We have an opportunity in coming state and federal elections in 2019 to have our voices heard. Email, 26 Nov 2018 Suraya Coorey, Woy Woy

# Roundabout is wrong solution

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I know road works cost a fortune, never finish on time and always overrun by about double the originally estimated cost.

Just look at what is happening in Sydney.

But, how can it possibly be estimated to cost \$7 million for a roundabout at a single intersection where the only tricky bit is getting cars out of Picnic Pde and on to Memorial Bay Dr?

I recall the interminable delays we had to endure while the construction at the intersection of Victoria Ave and Charles St was taking place.

It didn't cost much over \$1 million but went on forever and is dangerous when it is raining because of its excessive size.

The poor bloke with the furniture shop, where the Chinese Restaurant now is, went broke. It took that long.

Central Coast Council and its predecessor seem to have a love-hate relationship with roundabouts.

Is it really the answer, in this instance, or could a simpler solution be available after a bit of "outside the square" thinking?

At present travelling along Memorial Bay Dr to cross the Rip Bridge is a straight run.

The insertion of a roundabout will significantly interrupt this and cause delays where there are currently none.

Wrong solution, guys. Back to the drawing board.

Email, 28 Nov 2018 Laurie Powell, Woy Woy

# Arts business plans have been submitted

Bruce Hyland wrote (Civic facilities needed for socially-aware community, Peninsula News edition 457) that we need to see a business plan for a performing arts centre before we commit to one. Past president of the Friends

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of the Performing Arts Precinct, Dr Mark Thomas confirmed at the annual general meeting on November 17 that a number of definite business plans were submitted to Gosford Council over

the last number of years. It has been a matter of frustration for the Friends that these have not progressed. All related documents have been passed on to current president Barney Waters. Email, 18 Nov 2018 Dr Romaine Rutnam, Avoca

# Others take Paris Accord seriously

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I recently returned from an eight-month trip which took me to China and southern Europe where I was pleased to see governments and businesses taking the Paris Accord seriously, killing nuclear power, closing


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gas and coal-fired power stations, investing massively in wind, solar, hydro storage and batteries and generally just pulling their weight for our tiny and overwrought planet.

It is dismaying to see my Australian Government and its Abbott-puppet Prime Minister aligning itself with the madmen of the Trump catastrophe in climate warming denial.

None of this immorality is helped by the bullying NSW Government as it rides roughshod over the interests of Central Coast citizens, in favour of the greedy interests of Korean coal corporations at Wallarah 2 and the vested interests of foreign oil corporations with the Petroleum Exploration Permit 11 off the Central Coast shoreline.

Email, 26 Nov 2018 Dr Van Davy, Pearl Beach



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Another roundabout  
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no, no, no

Matthew Wales, Central Coast Council and the NSW State Government: No, no, no, no, no, no.

The last thing we need on the Peninsula is another damn roundabout.

It has been shown time and again that roundabouts simply do not work in this country because, quite frankly, few people in this country - and this includes the Peninsula - know how to use them correctly.

A case in point: Try exiting Wellington St onto Ocean Beach Rd and see how you go.

Every day there are near misses as drivers refuse to obey the road rules.

I am sick and tired of nearly getting cleaned up by ignorant motorist approaching this roundabout from Ocean Beach Rd heading south while hurtling through at warp speed as they believe they have right of way.

They do not. This road rule was abolished many years ago and yet, to many motorists, this "rule" still exists.

As it stands, there is at Maitland Bay Dr and Picnic Pde a very good right hand turning lane which works very well.

Why change it? A roundabout here would create a build-up of traffic along Picnic Pde right back to Ettalong Beach shopping centre, just as

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the ill-conceived traffic lights at the intersection of McMasters Rd and Ocean Beach Rd have caused.

It is damn near impossible to exit right out of Dunban Rd because traffic mostly south bound continues to block access to traffic from Dunban Rd.

Prior to these lights going in, it was a relatively easy to make that right hand turn.

It isn't anymore.

And as for the projected \$7 million dollars (and you can bet, knowing state governments and councils, that the real costs will be at least double that figure—as it always is) to build the damn thing, someone is kidding aren't they?

I would be amazed if this thing could not be built for under \$500,000 surely?

Can I suggest this \$7 million be used to build new desperately needed footpaths.

Walk down just about any west bound street off Ocean Beach Rd armed with both a stroller and a mobile scooter to see how young mothers and the handicapped struggle with cars zooming past only inches from them.

A roundabout at Maitland Bay Dr and Picnic Pde?

This would have to be one of the dumbest decisions ever.

Email, 27 Nov 2018  
Alan Mitchell, Umina

Trusty post lady  
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Through rain, sleet, storms, heat waves and fires, our trusty post lady Vanessa Lyne has never let us down.

Always friendly, helpful and just a really nice person, Vanessa has gone beyond the call of duty for some 23 years and has now decided to retire.

What an icon in the Bays. We are losing an essential and integral part of our community.

I would like to put on public record my sincere thanks and appreciation to Vanessa who has delivered my mail, boxes of wine,

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parcels and, most importantly, on occasions, medication.

Vanessa is a gem, a person who appreciates all Bays residents who will miss her and her service to us all.

I know you will join me in thanking Vanessa and wishing her a long, healthy and satisfying next phase in life.

We hope that she comes back for a chat and a coffee anytime.

Email, 20 Nov 2018  
Bob Puffett, Woy Woy Bay

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Community up in arms over clearing of Crown Land

The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) has launched an official compliance investigation into alleged clearing of Crown Land at MacMasters Beach, while Central Coast Council continues to work, with multiple agencies,

Feedback sought on Terrigal Beach boardwalk

A concept design has been developed and Central Coast Council is now inviting community feedback on its proposal to build a \$5.8m boardwalk from Terrigal Beach promenade to The Haven.

Leagues Club Field to become a family friendly regional playground

The transformation of a major public space in Gosford CBD is one step closer to reality, with the NSW Government announcing a partner to design and develop upgrades to the Leagues Club Field.

Contract let for next section of Pacific Highway upgrade

Stage 3B of the Pacific Hwy upgrade is a step closer, with a construction contract awarded for the section between Ourimbah St and Parsons Rd, Lisarow.

Public meeting regarding Mangrove Mountain Landfill

A public meeting regarding the Mangrove Mountain Landfill will be held at the Mangrove Mountain Hall, from 7pm, on November 28.

Comprehensive water meter replacement project underway

Central Coast Council is rolling out a \$2.5m multiyear project to replace water meters across the Central Coast.

Winney Bay Cliff Top Walk project being re-examined

Member for Terrigal, Adam Crouch, has welcomed Council's commitment to undertake a site inspection at the Winney Bay Cliff Top Walk location, one of five resolutions made by Council in relation to the Winney Bay area.

Online survey on draft Climate Change Policy opened

Central Coast Council has kick started comprehensive engagement with the community on its draft Climate Change Policy, with an online survey, which opened on Monday, November 12.

Local member encourages residents to make submissions over landfill

NSW Member for Gosford, Liesl Tesch, has encouraged residents in her electorate to make submissions in relation to a currently advertised application for increased waste dumping on Mangrove Mountain.

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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Environment report finds that hundreds of people are dying premature deaths

Publicly available air quality monitoring should be conducted at Wyee, a community with an aging coal-fired power station, but with no current air monitoring, according to a new report into the health burden of fine particle pollution from coal-fired power

Transport for NSW has provided information on Kangy Angy flooding arrangements

Transport for NSW has provided information to Kangy Angy residents regarding the intercity fleet train maintenance facility hydrology and flood model.

Further removal of melaleuca biconvexa to take place following broken promises

Due to poor planning and lack of foresight by Transport for NSW (TFNSW) and TFNSW Contractor, John Holland, further removal of melaleuca biconvexa, that provide habitat to the critically endangered Swift Parrot and Regent Honey Eater, will soon

Petroleum Exploration Permit allows for inquiry to assess coal mine approvals

The Australian Coal Alliance (ACA) has backed calls for a fresh, independent investigation into the NSW Planning Department's processes for assessing coal mine approvals.

Greens introduced a Bill to set pollution limits for coal fired power stations

The Greens have introduced a Bill to the NSW Parliament which would set pollution limits for coal fired power stations to bring them into line with the rest of the world, and force them to install modern pollution control technology.

Petroleum Exploration Permit allows for three-dimensional seismic testing

Three-dimensional (3D) seismic testing for natural gas deposits within a 500 square kilometre area off the Central Coast is likely to occur in 2020, and a \$15m gas exploration well could be drilled off the Coast, between February, 2019, and

CEN warns against three-dimensional seismic testing for gas

Three-dimensional (3D) seismic testing for gas off the shores of the Central Coast could have substantial negative impacts on marine and bird species across a vast area, according to Chair of the Community Environment Network, John Asquith.

Auditor General to be invited to look into all matters relating to the airport

Through an endorsed Mayoral Minute, Central Coast Council will request that the NSW Auditor General conduct an independent financial audit and performance review into all matters relating to Central Coast Airport.

Captain's Call is the latest attempt to deal with a major legacy issue

Mayor of Central Coast Council, Jane Smith's, Captain's Call to request her CEO, Gary Murphy, to ask the NSW Auditor General to conduct an independent financial audit and performance review into all matters relating to Central Coast

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Health

# Donations sought to assist with cancer treatment

The Ettalong Diggers club and family friends are calling for donations to support a local resident Ms Saffron Fyvie who has been diagnosed with cancer.

"She's a local, a wife, a mum, a daughter and a popular team member here at Ettalong Diggers," said Diggers chief Mr Bill Jackson. "Her life has been turned upside down with the recent diagnosis

of an aggressive and cancerous tumour and she has been advised that at this point her only option is a peritonectomy, an invasive surgery that will remove her bowel, spleen, peritoneal lining and anything in her abdomen the cancer may have spread to.

"Everyone who knows Saffron knows she is a fighter, but sometimes the hardest thing to do is ask for help.

"So Ettalong Diggers are asking staff, members and guests to help us help Saffron and her family through this difficult time," Mr Jackson said.

Ettalong Diggers will hold a fundraising afternoon, Showing Up for Saffron, on December 16 from 1:30pm with tickets at \$25 a head.

Entertainer, Mr Dave Patten will host the interactive game show style event which will feature a variety of special guests.

There will also be a raffle

featuring great prizes.

"All monies raised from this event will be passed on to Saffron's family.

"All our special guests are donating their time and services," Mr Jackson said.

Family friend Ms Maeve Mitchell has also launched a fund-raising campaign online.

"Saffron Fyvie is a loving partner to Steve, devoted mother to Ebony and above all she is strong, beautiful, witty and someone you can always count on to tell it like it is," Ms Mitchell said.

"It's a situation no one wants to find themselves in, but here we are.

"Despite going through a hysterectomy to save her life in January, Saffron is facing yet another tough fight, one where the outcome is very much uncertain.

"With further surgery, a lengthy recovery period, chemotherapy, and extensive time spent in hospital away from her family all in her very near future, Saffron and Steve have a lot on their plate.

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As of November 28 the Go Fund Me campaign has raised \$1815 of its \$15,000 goal.

SOURCE:  
Website, 2 Nov 2018  
Maeve Mitchell, Go Fund Me Campaign  
Website, 28 Nov 2018  
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## Food drive for Mary Mac's

A "food drive" is being held at a Woy Woy shopping centre to support Mary Mac's Place.

Mary Mac's manager Ms Catherine Pantehis said the food drive would help Mary Mac's feed hundreds of in need people this Christmas.

"The donations will be used to directly purchase the meat we need to provide over 90 meals per day," she said.

"The donations towards meat allows us to continue to provide nutritious meals to those who need them."

Mary Mac's provides a hot lunch Monday to Friday to those on the Peninsula needing a helping hand.

The service also provides

essential services like washing and shower facilities and a vital link to services such as Legal Aid and housing services.

"Often members will visit purely for social inclusion as they live in isolation.

"Money (and in turn, meat) donated during Deepwater Plaza's Christmas food drive is very much appreciated.

"Mary Mac's Place is not funded. "We rely on donations or grants to provide this service to our community", Ms Pantehis said.

Donations can be made in the collection buckets at Nev and Jim's Butchery until Christmas at Deepwater Plaza.

A local shopping centre and a local butchery business are holding a Christmas food drive for Mary Mac's Place Woy Woy.

The donated cash will be converted to vouchers which will allow Mary Mac's Place to purchase fresh meat from the butchery for meals this Christmas and into the New Year.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 27 Nov 2018  
Jodie Elkin, Deepwater Plaza

## Six new surgeons at hospital

Six new surgeons have come to Woy Woy.

Brisbane Waters Private Hospital chief Ms Kathy Beverley said: "We have had some great surgeons join our team this year: Dr John Morton and Dr Ed Bateman orthopaedic surgeons, Dr Oliver Florica bariatric and general surgeon, Professor Angus Cameron paediatric dental

surgeon, Dr Vanessa Sammons neurosurgeon, and Dr David Parkin gastroenterologist have all recently begun consulting in Woy Woy.

"We are thrilled to have them at the hospital adding their expertise to our surgical care," she said.

SOURCE:  
Website, 27 Nov 2018  
Kathy Beverley, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital

## White Ribbon Day at Umina campus

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus held a White Ribbon Day event to raise awareness of family violence on November 23.

The event was highlighted by a multi-school assembly which was attended by students from public schools across the Peninsula and

community groups such as Umina Rotary and Umina PCYC.

The event ended with students and community members coming together on the campus oval to form the white ribbon icon synonymous with White Ribbon Day.

SOURCE:  
Website, 23 Nov 2018  
Brent Walker, BWSC Umina

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# Student enterprises raise \$700 for Mary Mac’s Place

Umina campus commerce students from Brisbane Water Secondary College are donating over \$700 to Mary Mac’s Place in Woy Woy.

The donation comes as part of an assignment to the Year 9 Commerce class to operate their own small business on campus.

“It was the accumulative profit of each business that raised the money for the substantial donation,” said class teacher Mr Robert Brown.

Each business was officially operational for two weeks and saw students offer a variety of goods and services for sale to the rest of the student body.

“Natural care products, handmade bath bombs, perfumes, a book store, a buzz out skills tester, teacher car wash service, spider soft drinks, confectionary, guessing jar competitions and a sports skills tester were just some of the products and services Year 9 were selling,” Mr Brown said.

“Students were required to advertise their product or service within school; taking into account the demographic and clientele base that a Year 7 to 9 junior campus would offer.

“Some businesses targeted students as their primary market, some targeted teachers, some did both.

“Students were in charge of organising their own roster, keeping records of their own accounts (including expenditure, cost price, retail price and profits) and ensuring that they met strict deadlines,” Mr Brown said.

“I loved the assessment task.

“Seeing everyone’s response to the stall and seeing the reward of our hard work, people enjoying themselves, gave you a real sense of fulfilment,” said student Maddison May.

“It wasn’t always easy though, we weren’t prepared for the high amount of sales we got on the first day of our spider drink stall and ran out of stock quickly.

“We bought a lot more for the next day and it was quiet.

“It just goes to show that business can be unpredictable so you really need to think on your feet,” Maddison said.

Additionally, prior to business operations, students created a risk management plan.

This included any work health and safety issues that could occur and what measures they have in place, both preventative and consequential, to ensure smooth business operations.

At this time, they also pitched their business ideas to a panel of four teachers, with diverse expertise, in order to receive feedback and implement necessary adjustments.

“We are always constantly reminded of the talent and application of our students at Brisbane Water Secondary College.

“The panel was thoroughly impressed by the ingenuity and entrepreneurship.

“What they achieved is nothing short of inspiring,” said science head teacher Mr James Guthrie.

After students had concluded their sales, they came back to the panel and presented their business

evaluations to both parents and teachers.

“As a result, students raised over \$700 in profit to donate to Mary Mac’s Place,” Mr Brown said.

Student Guy Cooper said the class wanted to donate their earnings to give back to their community.

“Mary Mac’s are a non-for-profit so the donation is going to those who really need it.

“We even got to tour the facility to see firsthand the positive impact it has made for the homeless people in our community.

“They make a real difference,” Guy said.

“This task goes to show that the students at Brisbane Water Secondary College are learning and putting into practice real life skills whilst also gaining an understanding and huge sense of appreciation for local and small business,” Mr Brown said.

“You have to be dedicated and fully committed to the business to ensure everything is running smoothly.

“Going through this assessment task made me realise that I like a fast-paced work environment and being able to think on my feet,” said student Jordan Curran.

Mary Mac’s homeless services coordinator Ms Catherine Pantheis said the students’ donation would go a long way.

“This effort will help us do a lot of things; provide meals, laundry, showers and other support services for homeless people and anyone else in need,” she said.

SOURCE:

Media release, 27 Nov 2018  
Robert Brown, BWSC Umina



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Three classes get pet rabbits

Woy Woy Public School has introduced pet therapy into three classes this term.

"We have three new little additions to our school population," said principal, Ms Ona Buckley.

"Three classrooms, 3/4R, 2Y and K-6E, have classroom pet rabbits for our students to love and

enjoy.

"There is a lot of research about positive emotional wellbeing when children are exposed to and interact with pets.

"Children in these classes are really lapping up this experience of caring for their own classroom pet," Ms Buckley said.

"There is a policy on animal welfare from the Department of Education and the school has a comprehensive risk assessment covering having pets in classrooms.

"We have had one in our Preschool for many years," Ms Buckley said.

According to Ms Buckley, the school's new class pets, Ruby, Peter and Moonstar, are settling in well and have been a hit amongst the students.

SOURCE:  
Newsletter, 23 Nov 2018  
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School



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Almost \$10,000 raised in fun run

Pretty Beach Public School has raised more than \$9600 through its 2018 School Fun Run.

"We raised over \$9600 to improve our Library learning space," said relieving principal, Mr

Dave Rattray.

He said the Parents and Carers Group organised the event and the distribution of prizes for students.

SOURCE:  
Newsletter, 22 Nov 2018  
Dave Rattray, Pretty Beach Public School

Preschool playground receives design award

Woy Woy Public School's Guliyali Preschool playground and the construction company behind it have received a National Playspace Design Award from the Kidsafe Play Symposium.

The Guliyali playground took out the award for its skilful integration of play elements that challenged physical skills in a safe and controlled environment.

The design was also praised

for its use of natural timber and plethora of play elements.

Principal Ms Ona Buckley attended the symposium and said it was an educational experience.

"It was a fantastic event, with a wide variety of information and insights into playground safety and design, nature pedagogy and encouraging autonomous learning through play," Ms Buckley said.

SOURCE:  
Website, 26 Nov 2018  
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

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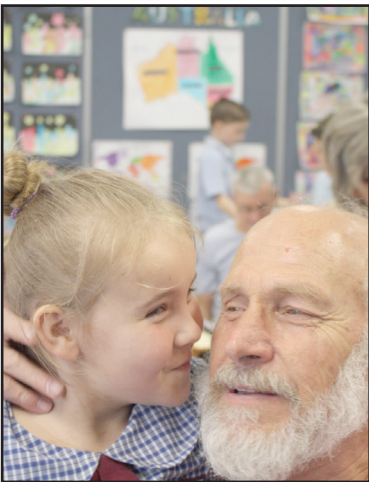
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Grandparents' day

Umina Beach Public School held its Kindergarten to Year 2 Grandparents Day on November 22.

grandparents to the school," said principal Ms Lyn Davis.

they had been learning this term. The day ended with a picnic lunch.

SOURCE: Newsletter, 27 Nov 2018 Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School

Awards for Ettalong school canteen

Ettalong Public School's canteen volunteers have been awarded a Healthy School Certificate.

Ms Lynn Balfour. The objective of the strategy is to tackle childhood obesity.

"Scores on Doors is the NSW hygiene and food safety scoring program that displays the results of regular inspections of food premises."

SOURCE: Newsletter, 20 Nov 2018 Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School

Stage 1 students have local history walk

Stage 1 students from Pretty Beach Public School participated in a local history walk on November 14.

Bay Club to see the war memorial. "We discussed the memorial's importance and significance to the local area."

thoroughly enjoyed this brief but educational excursion," said relieving principal, Mr Dave Rattray.

SOURCE: Newsletter, 22 Nov 2018 Dave Rattray, Pretty Beach Public School

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Gulyali Preschool staff with their awards

Preschool staff win award for program

Woy Woy Public School's Gulyali Preschool staff have received an award for their successful implementation of the Munch and Move program over the past 10 years.

the award for their decade of participation in the Munch and Move program," said principal Ms Ona Buckley. "The preschool staff are proud of their efforts and thankful for the opportunity they've had to implement the program," she said. The program teaches children

to make healthier food choices and develop fundamental movement skills. The award was made by by the Central Coast Health Promotion Service. SOURCE: Website, 20 Nov 2018 Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

Lessons focus on cyber safety and responsibility

Woy Woy Public School has been focusing its Positive Behaviour for Learning lessons around cyber safety and responsibility. "Teachers have been discussing with students how to be responsible when using computers and devices," said principal Ms Ona Buckley. "Lessons have focused on the importance of being careful not to damage hardware, only using applications that the teacher has directed students to use and only visiting websites that are relevant to the work students have been asked to do. "Students have also been taught about the importance of telling a teacher or a parent if they accidentally open an inappropriate webpage. "On a related note, the school

has spoken with a number of students and parents this year about inappropriate cyber interactions on social media websites and when playing online games. "We strongly recommend that if you decide to allow your child to access and use these forums, you encourage them to report any negative comments they receive to you, or better still, that you regularly monitor their interactions," Ms Buckley said. "We are increasingly finding that children of primary school age don't have the requisite life experience to enable them to deal appropriately with conflicts that arise on social media and gaming platforms," she said. SOURCE: Newsletter, 23 Nov 2018 Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

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# Kindergarten orientation was a success

Pretty Beach Public School's 2019 Kindergarten Orientation was a success, according to relieving principal Mr David Rattray.

"All the 2019 students came for five consecutive weeks on a Wednesday morning.

"They all participated in sharing stories and completing craft activities, number and writing tasks as well as being involved in imaginative play.

"The students had this opportunity to make new friends.

"During our final session, they had a Teddy Bear's Picnic.

"All the students were presented with a special completion of Kindergarten Orientation Certificate at the end," Mr Rattray said.

SOURCE:  
Newsletter, 22 Nov 2018  
Dave Rattray, Pretty Beach Public School

# Gymnastics classes see students stretching and twirling

Students at Pretty Beach Public School have been undertaking gymnastics classes this term.

"Over the past few weeks students have been bending, stretching and twirling their way through our gymnastics program," said relieving principal Mr Dave Rattray.

"Pretty Beach Public School was successful in receiving a \$2200 grant.

"This has meant that we were able to secure four gymnastics sessions, led by an enthusiastic coach from the Umina PCYC.

"Students have been eagerly displaying their skills in these



sessions and have definitely been receiving a great workout," Mr Rattray said.

SOURCE:  
Newsletter, 22 Nov 2018  
Dave Rattray, Pretty Beach Public School

# Mini fete raises \$1700

Pretty Beach Public School's Year 6 Mini Fete was held on November 16.

"The fete was successful in raising around \$1700," said relieving principal Mr Dave Rattray.

"This money will be put towards the Year 6 farewell," he said.

There were nine stalls at the fete including the haunted house, sponge throw, sweet shop, maze, water fight, obstacle course, find in food and the beauty salon.

SOURCE:  
Newsletter, 22 Nov 2018  
Dave Rattray, Pretty Beach Public School

# Children's author visits Year 4 students

Empire Bay Public School received a visit from children's book author Ms Rose Impey on November 27.

Students in Year 4 were visited by Ms Impey, author of children's series Sir Lance-a-Little, Baddies, Creepies and Animal Crackers, as

well as young adult novels.

"Rose is a writer of books for children of all ages," said principal Ms Simone Champion.

For Ms Impey, it was her experience of telling stories in school as a teacher that led to her starting to write them down.

"Year 4 really appreciated Rose for taking the time out to come and read to them and to answer their questions about her work," Ms Champion said.

SOURCE:  
Website, 27 Nov 2018  
Simone Champion, Empire Bay Public School



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## Resident organises online music competition

**A Blackwall resident has organised an online competition for local and emerging musicians.**

Mr Alfredo Zotti has created The Bluesy Tubes Competition to provide a platform for aspiring local musicians to showcase their talents to a wider audience and said he was inspired to create Bluesy Tubes after seeing the wealth of talented artists trying to launch their careers online.

"There is no doubt that the music industry, in Australia, as probably in the rest of the world, is facing a crisis due to a number of complex factors.

"The live music industry in particular has been affected in such a way that non famous musician who could once play professionally and make a living have had to either change profession or settle to play music and perform casually which means that they can no longer rely on music as their sole source of income," Mr Zotti said.

"Last year an idea came to my mind and that is that musicians can generate their own activities.

"Perhaps we can start without money in order to stimulate the industry, in order to expose local talent and bring the many wonderful artists to the world simply by using the internet.

"Indeed many music experts do argue that music is going to happen on the net and that it will

be increasingly so as time goes by. "Why not organise a competition for local singers?

"I decided to create a competition that would have entertainers, singers and songwriters compete, not so much for the sake of getting the prizes but mostly to make something good, coordinated and professional happen," Mr Zotti said.

Mr Zotti said the video sharing site, YouTube, would be the focal point of the competition.

"The competition will take place on YouTube so that the whole world can see it.

"What we can learn from these YouTube film clips is that there are so many wonderful and talented artists that need to be known.

"Their music needs to be appreciated because they contribute to the world of music in more ways than we can imagine," Mr Zotti said.

Bluesy Tubes gets underway in March and already local artists have entered the competition including: Peter Healy, Jack Derwin, The Blues Angels, Jane Germain, Stonefish, Driftwood, Peter Tos Senior, Muma Jane and the Rusty Kat, Steve Cooper, Brad Jones, Russell Davies, Two Buck Blues Band, Andre Mitchell and Scott McLaren Trio.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 27 Nov 2018  
Alfredo Zotti, Blackwall

## Free outdoor film screening

**Everglades Country Club will hold an outdoor screening of Christmas film, The Grinch, from 6pm on December 14.**

Children's entertainment business Party Star Entertainment will help run the free family friendly event.

Activities at the screening will face painting, balloons and games for children in attendance.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 29 Nov 2018  
Sarah Kane, Everglades Country Club

## Donation for Children's Portrait Prize

**Patonga artist Ms Jocelyn Maughan has donated \$1000 to the Children's Portrait Prize, held at the Gosford Art Gallery.**

"The competition is open to young people aged 5 to 18 and broken down into several age groups," Ms Maughan said.

The subject of the portrait is

drawn from the artist's life on A4 paper with entries closing on December 12 at the Gosford Art Gallery.

"I do this annually as my own way to try to keep drawing skills alive," Ms Maughan said.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 12 Nov 2018  
Jocelyn Maughan, Patonga

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[Ettalong Uniting Church]

Saturday 22nd December - 7.00 pm **Combined Churches Carols and Lessons** [Ettalong Baptist Church]

Monday 24th December - 6:30pm **Christmas Eve carols**, led by some of our young people .You are welcome to come dressed as an angel, a shepherd or a wise man/ woman. [Umina Uniting Church]

#### Christmas Day

7:30am [Ettalong Uniting Church]

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# Environment group to hold Club Woytopia

Organisers of the Woytopia Sustainable Living Festival are holding a Christmas event, Club Woytopia, at the Everglades Country Club on December 15.

The night features local blues artists Johnny Devilseed and Old Man Rubes, and the Rhythm Hut's Five Lands Band, as well as Latin jazz from the Ricky Vargas Group.

Comedian Gemma Garner will host the night and DJ Mannschaft will round off the night with a selection of 70's funk.

The event is being organised by

the Peninsula Environment Group.

"After this year's Woytopia Festival was cancelled, we partnered with Umina Beach Markets in November to put on a mini-festival day, which was a great success.

"But the market wasn't suitable for some of the bands we had booked for Woytopia, so we're also putting on this extra event, Club Woytopia," said event manager Mr Mark Mann.

"The performers involved were generous enough to reschedule for the new date," he said.

According to Mr Mann, the Club

Woytopia evening was not an environmental event per se, but would help support the Woytopia Festival.

"Club Woytopia will be purely and simply a fun night out with some great local music.

"However, any income from the night will help cover some of our losses from the cancellation of the Woytopia Festival, which in turn will help us to keep running the festival in future," Mr Mann said.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 28 Nov 2018  
Mark Mann, Peninsula Environment Group



Johnny Devilseed and Old Man Rubes are playing Club Woytopia

# Postponed Woytopia festival 'a success'

The postponed Woytopia Sustainable Living Festival held at the Umina Beach Markets on November 18 was a success, according to Peninsula Environment Group organiser Mr Mark Mann.

The group cancelled the regular

Festival at Woy Woy South Public School due to torrential rain flooding the festival site.

"Volunteers, stallholders, speakers, entertainers and musicians and visitors came along and made our Woytopia at Umina Beach Markets a great success," Mr Mann said.

"After the disappointment of having to cancel the regular Woytopia Festival, we're so happy that we could still put on a great little event for the Peninsula community," Mr Mann said.

SOURCE:  
Website, 21 Nov 2018  
Mark Mann, Peninsula Environment Group

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A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF EVENTS OVER THE NEXT THREE WEEKS ON THE CENTRAL COAST

MONDAY, DEC 3

San Remo-Blue Haven Community Christmas Event, Northlakes Public School, 4pm - 7pm

TUESDAY, DEC 4

Twilight Business Networking, ReviveR Bar Gosford, Bookings required, 5:30pm

WEDNESDAY, DEC 5

2018 Christmas Memorial Service: An Invitation to Remember Loved Ones This Christmas, White Lady Funeral Home Wyoming, 6:30pm

Wave Of Wisdom Social & Christmassy Fun at The Ark, The Ark Cafe, Norah Head, 10am

Community and Business Women's Network Event, Soldiers Beach Surf Club, Ticketed, 12pm

Aunty Molly's Seniors Entertainment Events: Christmas Crackers, Wyong Golf Club Ticketed, 05/12 & 10/12, 11am

THURSDAY, DEC 6

Gosford Raceday, The Entertainment Grounds Gosford, Ticketed, 12pm

Community Christmas Morning Tea, Building 1, 8 Rankens Court Wyong, 10:30am

Wave Of Wisdom Christmas Surf & Beach Day, Avoca Beach, 9:30am

The CMPNY's First Annual Concert 2018, The Art House Wyong, Ticketed, 6 & 7/12, 7:30pm

FRIDAY, DEC 7

Christina Henson Productions: Outlaw Opera, Avoca Beach Picture Theatre, 7 & 14/12, Ticketed, 7:30pm

Aussie Nightmarkets, The Entertainment Grounds, 5pm

Twilight Market, Living Timbre 370 Pacific Hwy Wyong, Free, 4 - 9pm

Central Coast Council Pop up Stall - Have your Say: Revitalise Peninsula Precinct, Umina Skate Park, 4 - 6pm

Christmas party ft Tijuana Cartel + The Big Ilch, The Rhythm Hut, Ticketed, 6:30pm

Mad about Science - Lets make snow! Face painting, Balloons & Disco, Everglades Country Club Woy Woy, Free, 6pm

Carols on the Grass evening, Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School, 7pm

Robson Partners Economic Breakfast Breakers Country Club, Dover Road Wambera, Ticketed, 7:30am - 9am

Intrepid Landcare eadership Retreat: young people passionate about the environment, Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Centre, 7/12 - 9/12, Applications close 18/11

The Community Christmas Carols, Valley View Public School, 4 - 8pm

Housos and Fat Pizza, Woy Woy Leagues club, Ticketed, 8p

Avoca Christmas Twilight Markets, Avoca Beach (next to tennis court) 5 - 9pm

SATURDAY, DEC 8

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Riding the waves - A Concert for Harp, Guitar and Choir: Michael Johnson and Evripides Evripidou, Erina Community Baptist Church, Ticketed, 3pm [www.michaeljohnson.com.au/riding.php](http://www.michaeljohnson.com.au/riding.php)

Stratford Music: End of Year Concert in the Orchard!

The Pecan Orchard Somersby, Ticketed, 08/12 - 3pm - 5pm, 09/12 - 11am - 1pm

Avoca Beachside Markets, Heazlett Park Foreshore, Central Coast Council Pop up Stall - Have your say: Revitalise Peninsula Precinct, Umina Surf Life Saving Club, 1 - 3pm

Christmas Contra With Pastrami on Ryebuck & Julie Bishop Calling, East Gosford Progress Hall, Ticketed, 7:30 - 11pm

Coast Classic Theatre Company present: Vita and Virginia, Gosford Regional Gallery, Bookings essential, 5:30pm

JIMEOIN - 'RESULT' Comedy Show, Ettalong Diggers, Ticketed

Literary Lovers at the Gallery, Gosford Regional Art Gallery, Ticketed, 6pm

Waterline: Exhibition by The Makers Studio Central Coast, Art Gallery Cafe Ettalong, 4 - 6pm

Work Christmas Party, The Entertainment Grounds Gosford, Ticketed, 5:30pm

SUNDAY, DEC 9

The Italian Tenors, Ettalong Diggers, Ticketed, 4pm [www.ettalongdiggers.com](http://www.ettalongdiggers.com)

A Taste of Irish Christmas, Central Coast Leagues Parview Room, Ticketed, 2:30pm

Central Coast CouncilPop up Stall - Have your say: Revitalise Peninsula Precinct, Peninsula Recreation Precint, 10am - 12pm

JazzLeague: Zackerbilks - 8 piece band from

Canberra, Central Coast Leagues Club, Free, 2 - 5pm

Lior - Between You And Me, Laycock Street Community Theatre, Ticketed, 7:30pm

JIMEOIN - 'RESULT' Comedy Show, Mingara Recreation Club, Ticketed

4th Annual Carols on the Green, Everglades Country Club Woy Woy, Free, 7pm - 8:30pm

Central Coast Concert Band Odyssey Concert, Gosford RSL, Ticketed, 1 - 3PM

Central Coast Mariners Youth vs. Sydney FC Youth, Central Coast Mariners Centre of Excellence, Ticketed, 4:30pm

Phoenix Collective Presents Tango Origins and Passion, Greenway Chapel Greenpoint, Ticketed, 2:30pm

WEDNESDAY, DEC 12

Big Christmas Comedy Night, The Hive Erina Fair, Ticketed, 7pm

'Let Me Be Frank' A Christmas Special, Laycock Street Community Theatre, Ticketed, 11am

John Sheehan talks on Beethoven/an Interesting Life, Terrigal Haven Men's Probus Club Inc.

THURSDAY, DEC 13

Star Academy - This Is Me, The Art House Wyong, Ticketed, 6pm

FRIDAY, DEC 14

Cinema under the Stars - Christmas Edition, Everglades Country Club Woy Woy, Free face painting & balloons, 6 - 7pm, Disco & Games, 7 - 8pm, Movie, 8:15pm

Trouble in Paradise 'I'm So Much Happy' EP Launch w/ Port Royal + Cookbook Book Club, The Rhythm Hut,

SATURDAY, DEC 15

Christmas Wreath Workshop, The Event Space at The Clan Terrigal, Ticketed, 11:30am & 2:30pm

Johnny Devilseed and 5 Lands Band, Everglades Country Club, Ticketed, 7pm - 11:30pm

Cheese High Tea: A Cheesy Indulgence, Crowne Plaza Terrigal, Ticketed, 1:30pm

SUNDAY, DEC 16

Christmas Fest! Kibble Park Gosford, Free event, 5:30pm - 9pm

JazzLeague: Jingle Boys Jazz Band, Central Coast Leagues Club, Free, 2 - 5pm

Multicultural Christmas Carols, Woy Woy Presbyterian Church, Free, 5pm

WEDNESDAY, DEC 19

Timomatic 'Mash Up' Live Performance, Ettalong Diggers, Ticketed, 7pm [www.ettalongdiggers.com](http://www.ettalongdiggers.com)

THURSDAY, DEC 20

Stand Up Competition, Comedy Night and Comedy Open Mic, The Hive Erina Fair, Ticketed, 7pm

FRIDAY, DEC 21

Christmas Craft & Disco, Everglades Country Club Woy Woy, Free, 6pm

SATURDAY, DEC 22

Bushcraft and Survival Skills, Glenworth Valley, Bookings required

SUNDAY, DEC 23

Anglican Christmas Services, All Saints Anglican Church The Entrance, Sunday - 9am, Christmas Eve - 10:30pm, Christmas day - 9am

JazzLeague: Eric Gibbins' New Orleanians, Central Coast Leagues Club, Free, 2 - 5pm

TUESDAY, DEC 25

Christmas Day Breakfast, Florida Beach Bar, Ticketed, 7am - 10:30am

Christmas Lunch, Seasalt Restaurant, Ticketed, 12pm - 3:30pm

Christmas Lunch - Grand Ballroom, Crowne Plaza Terrigal, Ticketed, 12:30pm - 3:30pm

Celebrate Christmas at Archies, Archies Brasserie, Ticketed, 11:30am - 1pm, 1:3

FRIDAY, DEC 28

Superhero Dressups, Face Painting & Disco, Everglades Country Club Woy Woy, Free, 6pm

MONDAY, DEC 31

2018 New Years Eve Celebration Ft Pseudo Echo, Memorial Park The Entrance, Free, 6 - 9pm [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/events](http://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/events)

2018 New Years Eve Family Raceday, The Entertainment Grounds, Free kids entertainment, 12pm - 6pm

New Years Eve at the Everglades - The 60's Chart Toppers, Everglades Country Club Woy Woy, Ticketed, 7:30pm

New Years Eve, Seasalt Restaurant, Ticketed, 7:30pm - 12:30pm

NYE 2018 Rod Stewart & Cher Show with a Live Showband Dinner, Ettalong Diggers, Ticketed, 7pm [www.ettalongdiggers.com](http://www.ettalongdiggers.com)

WEDNESDAY, JAN 2

Mini Members New Year Party, Everglades Country Club Woy Woy, Free, 11am - 2pm

MONDAY, JAN 7

'Good news week' January School Holiday Program, Berkley Vale Highschool, 7/01 - 11/01, Kids & Adult programs: 9 - 11:30am, Teen program: 6:30 - 9pm

TUESDAY, JAN 8

Storytime Ballet - Coppelia, Laycock Street Community Theatre, Ticketed, 8 & 9/01 - 11am, 2pm & 4pm

WEDNESDAY, JAN 9

Juggling Show & Workshop, Everglades Country Club Woy Woy, Free, 11am - 12pm, Disco, 12pm - 2pm

THURSDAY, JAN 10

The Art House Presents - IN THE HEIGHTS, The Art House Wyong, Ticketed, 7:30pm [THEARTHOUSEWYONG.COM.AU](http://THEARTHOUSEWYONG.COM.AU)

JIMEOIN - 'RESULT' Comedy Show, Nelson Bay Diggers, Ticketed

FRIDAY, JAN 11

Cinema under the Stars - Tangled, Everglades Country Club Woy Woy, 8:15pm

TUESDAY, JAN 15

Madagascar: A Musical Adventure Jr., Laycock Street Community Theatre, Ticketed, Multiple Screenings

WEDNESDAY, JAN 16

Tom Ballard Live Comedy show, The Art House Wyong, Ticketed, 8pm [THEARTHOUSEWYONG.COM.AU](http://THEARTHOUSEWYONG.COM.AU)

Putt Putt Golf, Everglades Country Club Woy Woy, Free, 11am - 2pm

FRIDAY, JAN 18

Escape From Trash Mountain - School Holiday Show and Workshop, The Art House Wyong, Ticketed, 18 & 19/01, 10am & 2pm

SATURDAY, JAN 19

Luke McGregor/ Tommy Little: Comedy Double Bill, The Art House Wyong, Ticketed, 7:30pm [THEARTHOUSEWYONG.COM.AU](http://THEARTHOUSEWYONG.COM.AU)

Under the Sea - Kids Buffet High Tea, Crowne Plaza Terrigal, Ticketed, 2pm

Oz Rock Show Performing 70's, 80's and 90's Rock, Everglades Country Club Woy Woy, Ticketed, 7:30pm

SUNDAY, JAN 20

Peter Helliar - Live, The Art House Wyong, Ticketed, 8pm [THEARTHOUSEWYONG.COM.AU](http://THEARTHOUSEWYONG.COM.AU)

MONDAY, JAN 21

The Art House Presents: CHILDREN ARE STINKY - SHOW & CIRCUS WORKSHOPS, The Art House Wyong, Ticketed, 21 - 23/01, Multiple sessions

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# Initial sales of surf safety book ‘promising’

Initial sales of a new children’s surf safety book, **Annie and the Waves**, have been promising, according to its author Ocean Beach surf lifesaver, Ms Louise Lambeth.

Annie and the Waves was launched on November 25 at Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

Already 30 copies had been bought by Ettalong businesses and residents, she said.

“Annie was first written six years ago and it has been a journey of

highs and lows to get her into print, and now, here she is,” said Ms Lambeth.

“The process to print has been a huge learning curve and I am very grateful to the Peninsula community for backing this project and helping to get the book into print.

“Developing this book really has been a local effort; School teachers, surf life savers and librarians reviewed and edited the storyline.

“Seven-year-old Eva, from St John the Baptists Primary School, did a test reading and provided

illustration advice.

“Fundraising events to raise money for the illustrations were well supported by local businesses and Ocean Beach Surf Club.”

Annie and the Waves has been dedicated to the memory of a boy who drowned at Pearl Beach in July 2014.

“Remember to swim between the flags because if a life saver can’t see you, they can’t save you,” Ms Lambeth said.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 28 Nov 2018  
Louise Lambeth, Ocean Beach SLSC

# Authors’ event at local book shop

A local book shop will host an authors’ event with two Australian writers on December 5.

The event at Umina Book Bazaar will feature suspense writer, Ms Sarah Barrie, and historical fiction writer, Ms Tea Cooper.

Ms Barrie will be discussing her new book, *Blood Tree River*, a stand-alone twisted rural suspense thriller set against the dark backdrop of Tasmanian mountains.

Ms Cooper will discuss her latest book, *The Naturalist’s Daughter*, which follows two women, a century apart, who are drawn into a mystery surrounding the biggest scientific controversy of the 19th century, the classification of the platypus.

The evening is free to attend. Doors open at 6pm.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 29 Nov 2018  
Sarah Barrie, Author



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community bonds  
2nd Mon, 7.30pm  
Wagstaffe Hall 4360 2945  
info@wagstaffetokillcare.org.au

## Entertainment

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

## Health Groups

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Music

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

**Coastal a Cappella**  
Vibrant women's a cappella  
chorus. New members  
welcome - music education  
provided. Rehearsals.  
Tues 7pm Gosford Tafe  
Performance opportunities  
Hire us for your event  
0412 948 450  
coastalacappella@gmail.com

**Soundwaves**  
A cappella harmony for Men  
- new members welcome.  
Rehearsals Mondays 7.00pm  
to 9.30pm Central Coast  
Leagues Club, Dane Drive,  
Gosford  
Ring Max on 4324 3631  
or Kieran 4324 1977

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

## Political Groups

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

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

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

**Woy Woy Branch**  
Everglades Country Club  
7.30pm 2nd Mon  
**Peninsula Day Branch**  
1pm 2nd Mon  
CWA Hall Woy Woy  
4341 9946

**Liberal Party of Australia**  
**Woy Woy Branch**  
4th Thur 6.30pm  
Everglades Country Club  
woywoyliberals@gmail.com

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

## Service Groups

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

**Rotary Clubs**  
International service club  
improves lives of communities  
in Aust. & o/seas. Fun-filled  
activities, fellowship and  
friendship.

**Rotary Club of Kariang**  
Phillip House, 21 Old Mount  
Penang Rd, Fri 7.15am  
4340 4529  
kersuebay@philliphouse.com.au  
**Rotary Club of Umina Beach**  
Wednesdays 6.30pm  
Everglades Country Club  
0409 245 861  
curleys@ozemail.com.au  
0409 245 861

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

## Special Interest

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

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

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

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

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

**Central Coast Soaring Club Inc**  
Gliding Club, Learn to fly,  
Instruction FREE to members  
Come and have an Air  
Experience Flight  
All Welcome  
14 and up for Training  
Flying at Bloodtree Road  
Mangrove Mountain Thur,  
Sat, Sun (weather permitting)  
0412 164 082  
0414 635 047  
www.ccssoaring.com.au

**Ettalong Toastmasters**  
We provide a supportive and  
positive learning experience in  
which members are  
empowered to develop  
communication and  
leadership skills, resulting in  
greater self-confidence and  
personal growth  
2nd & 4th Tue, 7:30PM,  
Ettalong Diggers  
0408 416 356

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

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

**Woy Woy Judo Club**  
Mon & Fri -Beginners  
From 4:30pm  
Tue & Thur - graded classes  
4:30pm - 8:30pm  
27 Bowden Road Woy Woy  
Min Age 3 years old  
0434 000 170  
www.woywoyjudoclub.com

## Veterans

**National Malaya Borneo Veterans Association**  
1st Sat (except Jan) 10.30am  
Umina Club  
Melbourne Avenue  
Umina Beach  
4342 1107

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

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

## Women's Groups

**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

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

# NEWSPAPERS

## Central Coast

### If you would like your Community Organisation listed here

see [www.duckscrossing.org](http://www.duckscrossing.org) or [www.centralcoastnewspapers.com](http://www.centralcoastnewspapers.com) for the forms or contact Central Coast Newspapers on - 4325 7369

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



# Soccer club elects committee

**Umina United Soccer Club has elected its committee for the coming year.**

Returning president is Mr Lee Fulwood.

Vice presidents are Mr Paul Edwards and Mr Albert Atkin.

Club secretary is Ms Karen Croft.

Treasurer is Mr Gavin Robinson.

Directors of junior and senior football are Mr David Brewer and

Mr Phil Rayner respectively.

A full list of the new Committee is available on the club's website.

Mr Fulwood said: "Umina United turns 40 in 2019 so it's an exciting season ahead for our players, committee, coaches, managers, referees and supporters," he said.

**SOURCE:**  
**Website, 27 Nov 2018**  
**Lee Fulwood, Umina United Soccer Club**



# Gold award for sporting challenge

**Woy Woy South Public School has received a gold award from the 2018 Premier's Sporting Challenge.**

The 10-week physical activity challenge is open to all public schools in NSW and aims to have more students being active, more

often.

The goal of the program is to build resilience, improve concentration and support students overall health and wellbeing.

**SOURCE:**  
**Website, 19 Nov 2018**  
**Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School**

# Swim and survive program

**Year 7 students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus have been taking part in a specialised swimming course.**

"Year 7 have been undertaking the Swim and Survive Program at

Peninsula Leisure Centre," said campus principal Mr Brent Walker.

"The program caters for all Year 7 students and aims to skill the students in and around water environments," he said.

**SOURCE:**  
**Website, 27 Nov 2018**  
**Brent Walker, BWSC Umina Campus**

# Taekwon-do fundraiser

**A Woy Woy martial arts school is holding a fundraiser at the Umina Beach Markets on December 16.**

Members of the Australian Independent Taekwon-Do Academy have qualified for the 2019 Unified Taekwondo World Championships being held in Brazil.

The fundraising aims to ensure each member of the team can attend the championships.

Academy members will also be putting on a taekwondo display at the markets.

**SOURCE:**  
**Website, 29 Nov 2018**  
**Amanda Morrison, Woy Woy**

# Peninsula directory of services, contacts and support groups

# Ambulance, Police, Fire 000

## Emergency

Ambulance, Police, Fire 000  
Police Assistance Line 131 444  
Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000  
Woy Woy Police Station 4379 7399  
Energy Australia 13 13 88  
Gas Emergency 131 909  
Gosford City Council 4325 8222  
Marine Rescue NSW - Central Coast 4325 7929  
SES - Storm and Flood Emergency 132 500

## Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Organisations

Mingaletta 4342 7515  
Aboriginal Home Care 4321 7215  
Drug & Alcohol rehab 4388 6360

## Accommodation

Dept. of Housing Gosford 4323 5211  
Cassie4Youth 4322 3197  
Coast Shelter 4325 3540  
Pacific Link Com Housing 4324 7617  
Rumbalara Youth Refuge 4325 7555  
Samaritans Youth Services 4351 1922  
Youth Angle • Woy Woy 4341 8830  
Woy Woy Youth Cottage 4341 9027

## Animal Rescue

Wildlife Arc 4325 0666  
Wires 1300 094 737

## Community Centres

Peninsula Community Centre 4341 9333  
Men's Shed Cluster Inc 0413 244 484

## Counselling

Centacare: 4324 6403  
Relationship Australia: 1300 364 277  
Interrelate: 1800 449 118

## Family and Relationships

Centacare Gosford 4324 6403  
Central Coast Family Support Service 4340 1099  
Horizons (For men with children) 4351 5008  
Uniting Care Burnside Gosford 1800 067 967

## Health

Poisons Information 131 126  
Ambulance Text Mobile 106  
Ambulance GSM 112  
Gosford Hospital 4320 2111  
Woy Woy Hospital 4344 8444  
Sexual Health @ Gosford Hospital 4320 2114  
After Hours GP Help Line 1800 022 222

## Legal & Financial Help

Financial Counselling Service 4334 2304  
Tenants' Advice and Advocacy Service 4353 5515  
Woy Woy Court 4344 0111

## Libraries

Gosford district:  
Umina Beach 4304 7333  
Woy Woy 4304 7555

## Problems, Habits & Addiction

Alcoholics Anonymous 4323 3890  
Narcotics Anonymous 4325 0524

## Professional support phone services:

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

## Transport

Taxi 131 008  
Busways 4368 2277  
City Rail 131 500

## Welfare Services

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

# THE SHAME FILE

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Affordable Roof Solutions</b> - Brad Sedgewick Ettalong</li><li>• <b>Depp Studios</b> - Formerly of Umina</li><li>• <b>Tony Fitzpatrick</b> trading as Futurtek Roofing</li><li>• <b>Stan Prytz</b> of ASCO Bre Concreting</li><li>• <b>Andrew and Peter Compton</b></li><li>• <b>Bruce Gilliard Roofing</b> of Empire Bay</li><li>• <b>Jamie McNeilly</b> formerly of Jamie's Lawn Mowing, Woy Woy</li><li>• <b>William McCorriston</b> of Complete Bathroom Renovations</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>First Premier Electrical Service</b> of Umina Beach</li><li>• <b>High Thai-d</b> Restaurant of Umina Beach</li><li>• <b>Mal's Seafood &amp; Charcoal Chicken</b> of Ettalong Beach</li><li>• <b>Simon Jones</b> - All external cleaning and sealing services</li><li>• <b>Erroll Baker</b>, former barber, Ettalong</li><li>• <b>Tye King</b> - Formerly The Fish Trap Ettalong Beach</li><li>• <b>Jessica Davis of Erina</b> - Trading as A1 cleaning services</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Simon and Samantha Hague</b>, Trading as By the Bay Takeaway Empire Bay</li><li>• <b>Rick Supplice</b> of Ettalong Beach, Trading as Rick's Flyscreens</li><li>• <b>Mountain Mutts</b> - Monique Leon, Ettalong Beach</li><li>• <b>RJ's Diner</b> - Ryan Tindell of Woy Woy</li><li>• <b>Thomas James Clinton</b>, Trading as TMA Products &amp; AthroBalm &amp; Effective Business Solutions of Ettalong</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Greenultimate Solar PTY LTD</b></li><li>• <b>Decorative Fabrics &amp; Furnishings</b> - Steve McGinty, Wyoming</li><li>• <b>Menhir Tapas &amp; Bar PTY LTD</b></li><li>• <b>Dean Lampard</b> - Trading as Lampard Painting</li><li>• <b>Callum McDonald</b> - Trading as Sunset Decks</li><li>• <b>Linda Smith</b>, Bookkeeper Horsfield Bay</li><li>• <b>Robcass Furniture Removals</b>, Mannering Park</li><li>• <b>Emma Knowles</b> - Blacksmith NSW</li></ul> |
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**ANTENNAS**

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

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**Ph: 4341 7736**  
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**or 4393 9890**  
Safe Work NSW Lic. AD212564

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**0427707080**  
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**0412 132 729**  
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- Kitchen Updates and Robes

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**4341 1346**  
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Folk and Acoustic Music Club  
**DEC 15 at 7pm**  
**A WILD AND WACKY CHRISTMAS**  
St Luke's hall - Woy Woy  
**Price \$5 Bring a plate to share**  
[www.troubadour.org.au](http://www.troubadour.org.au)  
**4342 6716**

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Paediatric Massage Consultant  
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**0423 150 561**  
[calmingsoulsmassage@gmail.com](mailto:calmingsoulsmassage@gmail.com)

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**Umina Surf Life Saving Club members have collected a gold and two bronze medals for Australia at the International Life Saving Federation's 2018 Lifesaving World Championships held in Adelaide.**

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Website, 27 Nov 2018  
Conny Wilson, Lifesaving  
World Championships 2018

**The Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association is seeking local women to fill vacant positions on their management committee.**

Association member Ms Lisa Coakley said if the positions of treasurer and games and grading

Website, 20 Nov 2018  
Lisa Coakley, Woy Woy  
Peninsula Netball Association

**Everglades Women's Golf Club held their annual Pink Ribbon Golf Day on November 1.**

"The annual event raises funds for breast cancer research and raised approximately \$1500," said Everglades Country Club president Mr Trevor Walker.

**SOURCE:**  
**Newsletter, 18 Nov 2018**  
**Trevor Walker, Everglades**  
**Country Club**

**A group of Peninsula charity bowlers raised \$690 during their November charity bowls day at Sporties Woy Woy.**

The money will go to Central

"The money is used to defray the costs of accommodation for the families and to cover travel

Media release, 18 Nov 2018  
Ken Dixon, Woy Woy  
Charity Bowlers

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# Bradman Best trains with the Knights

**Woy Woy Roosters Rugby League player Bradman Best has trained with the Knights NRL squad this month, despite being underage.**

Scouted by the Knights as a young teen, the Knights made good on a promise to give the 17-year-old centre a taste of the NRL.

"It was unbelievable," said Bradman.

"I was really nervous coming in," he said.

"Some of them even knew my name."

"It was pretty special to get that opportunity," he said.

Bradman started playing for Woy Woy at the age of 10.

A centre with size and strength beyond his years, the Knights first took note of Best's potential at age 13 and they've been keeping an eye on him since.

"He was always an exciting junior," said Knights player list manager Mr Troy Pezet.

"Scott Dureau's decision to shift Bradman from the forwards to fullback at age 15 to enhance his skill, communication and game awareness has proved a real winner in Bradman's development,"

he added.

It didn't take the centre long before he progressed through the grades and earned representative selection.

"I've played a bit of rep footy," Bradman said.

"I played a year young for the Harold Matthews Cup."

"I played Harold Matthews again at my own age and played in the 2017 Origin and we won that."

"A year later, I played SG Ball Cup a year young and made the Origin team a year young there."

"This year I've been selected for the Australian Schoolboys team to play in England," Best said.

While Bradman was already contracted beyond next season, the youngster is one of a host of emerging talents to extend his deal.

He's still eligible for SG Ball but is likely to feature heavily in the Jersey Flegg side in 2019.

Bradman follows in his father's footsteps.

Roger was an Australian Schoolboy who later played for Manly and the London Broncos.

**SOURCE:**  
**Media release, 12 Nov 2018**  
**Nathan Brown, Newcastle Knights**



# Stridsman defeated by top Finnish boxer

**Umina PCYC boxer Anja Stridsman was defeated by top Finnish female boxer Mira Potkonen in the 2018 AIBA Women's Boxing World Championships on November 17.**

Anja was drafted for the championships opening bout and debuted with a strong performance.

She took out Columbia's Cordero Hernandez in a three-round split, which saw Anja unload a volley of punches to break a point score stalemate and take out the win.

Her day two bout looked as if day one was repeating itself.

Sadly for Anja, it was Potkonen who broke the three-round split to seal the win.

Despite the loss, Anja said: "My world championship quest may have ended but I am very proud of the boxer and the athlete I have become."

"I am incredibly disappointed that I do not get to stand on the podium alongside the top in the world as I believe that I could, but I have the utmost respect for Mira as a person and as an athlete and I hope that she continues to do her thing well."

"This has been a massive year for me, both difficult and rewarding, but at the end of the day, probably the best year of my life."

"I am confident and proud of myself as a boxer, athlete and



as a person and I will never stop chasing goals as lofty as the sky and beyond," she said.

Fellow Umina PCYC boxer Kaye Scott also competed, but was defeated in the quarterfinals, where she was knocked out by India's Lovlina Borgohain.

"My campaign for a second world championships medal has ended," Scott said.

"It's extremely disappointing to not succeed at something that you worked so hard for."

"However, it's part of evolving and developing as a competitive athlete."

"Boxing is a tough sport, and to succeed on the world stage you

have to be durable and resilient."

"I can't deny my sadness but I hold my head up proudly."

"I performed well in the ring and I guess top eight in the world isn't too bad," Scott said.

"I have only recently transitioned to PCYC Umina Beach, which has a very unique style of fighting."

"I'm excited to learn, develop and practice these skills to add to my boxing repertoire."

**SOURCE:**  
**Website, 17 Nov 2018**  
**AIBA Women's World**  
**Boxing Championships**  
**Website, 28 Nov 2018**  
**Anja Stridsman, Umina PCYC**  
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