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Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch and protesters with their fines

# Nature strip parking fines withdrawn after protest

Fines for nature strip parking have been withdrawn after more than 60 people attended a protest on February 6 in Rothwell St, Woy Woy, which saw the intervention of Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

Ms Tesch announced that fines had been withdrawn after she contacted the Minister for Police Mr Troy Grant and NSW Police.

"I spoke to local police commanders the day that fines started arriving and asked them to act fast to fix this situation and that a three week review period wasn't acceptable.

"It needed to happen immediately," Ms Tesch said.

Ms Tesch thanked the police for their quick work in responding to community concern.

"I thank the NSW Police Force for seeing the light and making the right decision to withdraw these unfair fines."

Protest organiser Mr lain Russell, who lives in Rothwell St, received two fines of \$263 each for two family cars parked on the grass verge outside his home.

"I saw a highway patrol vehicle

drive along the street, stopping and photographing every car parked on the verge," he said.

"From what I understand, he targeted as many as 15 streets in the Woy Woy-Umina area – anyone parked on the nature strip received a fine."

Ms Tesch told the crowd she would be acting on their behalf to have every fine revoked.

"Let's not turn this into a 'we hate the police thing'," she said.

"We live in harmony in this community and have been parking like this for 150 years.

"From what I understand, this was not our local police, but a highway patrol officer who issued the fines.

"One person I know of received four fines.

"Lucky for me I was at work – if I had been home I probably would have been fined too."

Tesch urged all those who had received fines not to pay them but to lodge them with her office.

Roseanne Antonio lives in Walford St and received two fines.

"We had two family cars parked on the grass outside our home, but there are often four.

"Luckily two of them were not

there," she said

"I have lived here for 20 years and am a ratepayer and these fines just sickened me.

"We have parked this way for years with no problem.

"I am a single mum, just getting through week by week."

Richard Shanks lives in Crown Rd and received three fines.

"We received fines for my car, my wife's car and my son's car," he said.

"I am a pensioner and I simply can't afford this."

Residents made the point that if homeowners parked beside what would be the kerb (most do not have kerbs), there would be hardly any room for traffic to move between parked cars on opposite sides of the very narrow streets.

In a media release, Ms Tesch said hundreds of local residents had been issued hefty penalty notices for parking on nature strips outside their own homes.

Fines were issued for "Stop on path/strip in built-up area."

"Streets across Woy Woy and Umina Beach were targeted.

"Some families have been hit with thousands of dollars' worth of fines because of the number of vehicles parked outside their homes, with one family receiving notices for all three generations living in the street," she said.

"While local police and Central Coast Council rangers don't usually fine residents for parking on the nature strips, acknowledging that many Peninsula residents don't have any other options, it is understood that a non-local Highway Patrol officer issued the fines.

"The nature of many residential streets on the Peninsula means there is no kerb or guttering, and streets are narrow with no delineation from nature strip to

"This means that most people park off the street on the large nature strips, as has been the custom for decades.

"We have a lot of pensioners and young families living on the Peninsula.

"These people shouldn't have to pay hundreds of dollars in fines for parking outside their own homes.

"The timing for this couldn't be worse, with extra cars parked on the Peninsula during the school holidays, and with family budgets already stretched over the Christmas period.

"I've written to the Minister for Police and the Minister for Finance to demand an immediate review of these fines and asked that they be withdrawn."

After the fines were withdrawn, Ms Tesch congratulated the community for the win.

"This shows that people power can still win over bureaucratic decision making," Ms Tesch said.

"The Peninsula has a great sense of justice and everyone was so quick to stand together to fight this silly decision.

"They knew that coming together and putting pressure on the Minister and the NSW Police was the only way to right this wrong."

"We have great local police here on the Coast, and I'd hate for one negative incident to make people lose faith in those who keep us safe."

SOURCE Media release, 5 Feb 2019 Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford Media statements 6 Feb, 2019 Iain Russell Roseanne Antonio Richard Shanks

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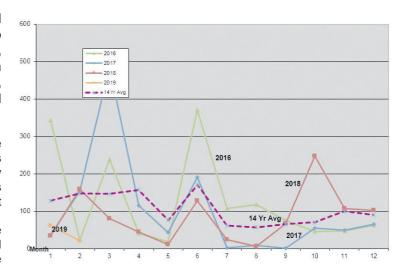
# **Dry start to February**

The Peninsula has had a below average start to its February rainfall total, recording just 21mm of rain in the first week of the month, according to data compiled by Umina's Mr Jim Morrison.

As February is traditionally one of the Peninsula's wettest months it is a worrying figure, particularly as 19.5mm of the total was recorded in a single rainfall event on February 2.

In comparison, by the same time in 2018, the Peninsula had recorded almost double the amount of rain.

All up February 2018 recorded a rainfall total of 158.9mm meaning to be on par this year 137.9mm will need to be recorded before the



end of the month.

So far this year the Peninsula has recorded 81.3mm of rain for

SOURCE: Spreadsheet, 8 Feb 2019 Jim Morrison, Umina

The Peninsula News in partnership with the Woy Wov Little Theatre would like to offer three lucky readers the chance to win a double pass to the Theatre's first production of 2019.

Woy Woy Little Theatre will present its first production for 2019 in the form of Noel Coward's celebrated play, Private Lives, which opens at the Peninsula Theatre on February 22 for a three-week season.

The production is being headed by Director, Jan Grounds, who said audiences can expect the razor sharp wit and verbal



sparring for which Noel Coward's works are known.

The double passes are for the Saturday evening session on March 2 and are nontransferrable.

For your chance to win a double pass, write your full name, address and daytime phone number on the back of an envelope and mail it to Peninsula News Private Lives Competition, PO Box 1056, Gosford, NSW, 2250, before 5pm on Wednesday, February 21.

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# Woy Woy wharf to receive \$4M upgrade

The Woy Woy wharf is to receive a \$4 million upgradenine years after the need for the upgrade was identified.

Cr Chris Holstein said he was happy to see some action.

Cr Holstein said the first grant in 2010 identified the need for an upgrade and since 2014 council had been applying for grants to do the work.

On Thursday, the Deputy Minister Premier and

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Regional NSW John Barilaro and Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Scot MacDonald announced the money had been awarded.

The existing jetty would be replaced by a pontoon wharf accommodating 35-metre vessels up to 250 tonnes.

Mr MacDonald said funded works include improved disability access, a new dedicated fishing wharf, new sea wall, cantilever boardwalk, footpaths, landscaping,

solar powered street lighting and removing power poles.

"The current jetty becomes submerged when a king tide comes in, causing disruption to commuter ferry services and interrupting other recreational activities," Mr MacDonald said.

"The new pontoon wharf will rise with the tide, reducing weather delays and providing certainty for commuters, as well as providing more space so recreational boaters can access the wharf during busy

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch was among those to claim success and acknowledged council's efforts.

Cr Holstein said the council would tip in \$1.3m to the project.

Mr Barilaro said the upgraded facilities would provide safe and convenient access to the waterway precinct from the Woy Woy town centre and train station, increasing tourist visitation during peak periods and out of season, which in turn will create jobs.

Funding was secured through the NSW Government Regional Communities Development Fund. SOURCES:

> Media release, 7 Feb 2019 Scot MacDonald, Parliamentary **Secretary for the Central Coast** Media Release, 7 Feb 2019 **Liesl Tesch Member for Gosford** Interview, 7 Feb 2019 Chris Holstein, Central **Coast Council** Reporter: Merilyn Vale



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## On-demand bus service will extend into The Bays

The State Government has announced it will continue the Peninsula's on-demand bus service for another six months, extending it into The Bays area.

Transport and Infrastructure Minister Mr Andrew Constance said: "On-demand services are in a trial phase and what we are doing now is trialing a change to the service footprint.'

As part of the changes from February 1, the CoastConnect service has been expanded to meet customer demand in Horsfield Bay, Phegans Bay and Woy Woy Bay.

The changes also mean some customers may now need to walk a short distance to a meeting point to be picked up.

The Bays Community Group has been pressing for extension of the service into The Bays area since the service started

Group president Ms Cathy Gleeson welcomed the new service.

"After contacting the Minister for Transport and the local Members of Parliament, we are thrilled we've had success," she said.

"The local community is very happy it has come to fruition.

"We have to keep getting the

word out there so people know about the service.

"As long as I see it out and about, that's great."

The service is operated by Central Coast Community Transport.

Chief executive Mr Steve Paul said the service would be made more efficient and accessible for more people by asking passengers to walk a short distance to a meeting point to be picked up.

He said that, in response to customer feedback, the service hours had been increased by half an hour per shift, operating from 5.30am to 8.30am and 4.30pm to

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7.30pm Monday to Friday.

He said customers could book through a phone app which worked out where the meeting point would be.

During the trial, customers send feedback may info@coastconnectservices.com au.

NSW Government launched CoastConnect in May, offering passengers a new way to connect with local transport hubs.

The trial bus service operates in the morning and afternoon peaks, providing a commuter service connecting passengers on the Peninsula to Woy Woy station.

Member for Terrigal Mr Adam

Crouch said, "The flexibility of on-demand public transport also encourages commuters to leave the car at home, which will in turn help free up more parking spaces near Woy Woy station."

SOURCE Media release 30 Jan, 2019 Ben Sheath, Office of **Adam Crouch MP** Interview 6 Feb, 2019 Cathy Gleeson, Bays **Community Group** Interview, 5 Feb, 2019 Steve Paul, Central Coast **Community Transport** Reporter: Merilyn Vale

# **Community Environment Network**

# **Chairman's Report**



I was asked over the holidays "What does nature do for me?" the answer is easy "Nature makes the planet liveable". Without nature, in the form unpolluted air, trees, clean

water, fish and other animals, then humans cannot survive.

Planning documents issued to justify clearing, over development or filling wetlands on the Central Coast, often claim to be enhancing the environment. Enhancing the environment has to mean helping Nature. However, helping Nature is never in the plans or strategies. At times I feel as if our governments are at war with

We have just experienced the hottest January ever recorded with a temperature anomaly of 5.7 degrees C. (i.e. above the long term average).

That is awfully bad news for everyone and we need to be helping Nature to manage the crisis.

Help CEN to help nature.

John Asquith, OAM

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#### **IN 2018 CEN ACHIEVED:**

- 126ha of bushland restored on the Central Coast by CEN's bush regeneration team
- Over 50,000 plants planted by CEN projects. volunteers and bush regeneration team
- 74 sites monitored for water quality by CEN Waterwatch groups
- 20 water quality monitoring training sessions held by CEN Waterwatch staff
- 597 Central Coast residents trained in Waterwatch including 44 community, 39 teachers and 514 students
- 7 awareness raising events (including 2 catchment crawls) held by Waterwatch staff
- 8 awareness raising and training workshops held though our COSS Connections project
- 20.9ha rehabilitated as part of our COSS Connections project
- 2 Bioblitz events
- · 4 awareness raising workshops as part of our Terrigal Love our Lagoon project
- 26 Land for Wildlife assessments completed by CEN's LFW project officer
- 150,651ha in total for CEN's NSW Land for Wildlife program including 73,802ha of bushland and 18,993ha under restoration
- Supported members and groups undertaking important work to protect the Central Coast environment
- Was a regional voice for the environment of the Central Coast



#### IN 2019 WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SUPPORT THE MANY PROJECTS AND CAMPAIGNS CEN RUNS:

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Wildwatch - connecting kids with nature exploring our environment and monitoring our flora and fauna by providing family friendly events and activities, a wildwatch pack and

**COSS Connections – Maintaining and** improving the ecological integrity of COSS Corridors on the Central Coast whilst ensuring long term protection of COSS Corridors.

diary for those registering.

**Wildplant Community Nursery and Regional** Seedbank- Promoting and growing 'local provenance' native plants for use in our many projects. Plants are available to the public during our monthly sale days with discounts to LFW and HFW members.

Become a Friend of COSS Member - enable the Friends of COSS to continue protecting and conserving the Coastal Open Space System

Help CEN to help our Central Coast environment by becoming a member of CEN or signing up to a much needed monthly donation to support the work undertaken.

We need volunteers to assist with fundraising, office admin support, nursery work and assisting on our Waterwatch project and helping to coordinate our Wildwatch and Habitat for Wildlife programs.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Water quality, Microplastics and Marine Debris Monitoring

When: Saturday 9th February 2019 Where: Terrigal Scout Hall Time: 9.30 am -2pm

Cost: \$10A, \$5C (lunch included) Join the Marine Discovery Centre, Take 3 and Central Coast Waterwatch to learn how to monitor marine debris

and water quality and what can be done with the data. Bookings are essential for catering purposes For more information contact Karen O'Neill on 4349 4756

or email karen.oneill@cen.org.au Online Bookings at www.ccmdc.org.au/events

#### **Central Coast Consolidated Local Environmental Plan** Information Workshop

When: Thursday 14th February 7-9pm Where: Science Common Room, Ourimbah Campus Time: 7-9pm

Please register at www.cen.org.au/events

#### **Bensville Wetlands Bird Walk**

When: Saturday 16th February 2019

Where: Kylie Close, Bensville Time: 8:30 - 10:30am (morning tea included)

For more information contact Rachael Kneeves on 4349 4757 or waterwatch@cen.org.au

Online Bookings at www.cen.org.au/events

#### **Wildwatch Waterbug Survey**

Come along and have fun dipnetting for waterbugs and learn how these waterbugs can tell you how healthy your waterway is.

When: Saturday 23rd February 2019

Where: Katandra Reserve, Holgate

Cost: \$5 donation per person (discounted family rate) includes morning tea

For more information contact Karen O'Neill on 4349 4756 or email Karen.oneill@cen.org.au Register at www.cen.org.au/Events

#### **Wildplant Community Nursery**

Our plant sales are held on the first Saturday of each month 9am to 12pm. Our next sale day is: Saturday 2nd March 2019 - CEN Office, Ourimbah

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The Community Environment Network (CEN) is an alliance of individuals and groups that work for ecologically sustainable development.

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#### Surf club members praised for rescue of injured man

Members of Killcare Surf Life Saving Club have been praised for their role in helping a 63-year-old man who suffered spinal injuries, having been dumped by a wave at Killcare Beach on January 27.

The man is expected to require extended hospital care and rehabilitation, but is expected to be able to "walk out of hospital".

Surf club president Mr Peter Bagnall said: "Just as we were sending the Nippers down to the beach on Sunday morning, word came up that the patrol was dealing with a potentially serious spinal injury after a 63-year-old man was dumped by a wave.

"With the patient reporting no feeling in his legs, the situation was not looking good.

"With the road ambulances significantly delayed, the Careflight chopper was dispatched to pick up the patient.

"Some truly impressive flying saw the helicopter landed in a pretty tight squeeze on the grassed area next to the main car park."

Mr Bagnall said the patrol "dealt with the incident in a textbook manner".

"It was a baptism of fire for Tristan Edema who was 15 minutes into his first ever patrol and was first on the scene.



"Spinal injuries are potentially catastrophic and require the utmost calm under incredible pressure to deal with as successfully as possible.

"Complicated by the patient's wife being understandably distressed and hyperventilating, the patrol team did an incredible job with a complex and high stakes operation.

"The club's honorary doctor, Dr Jane Shapiro, happened to be on the beach.

"Her help and advice were invaluable."

Mr Bagnall said duty officer Dave Sneddon set the Rookies to work on traffic and crowd control.

"They stepped up and played an important role in ensuring a smooth and quick evacuation," Mr Bagnall said.

"Word is that the patient has a long road of recovery and rehab ahead, but thanks in no small part to the initial care from the patrol, he will walk out of hospital.

"Both the patient and his wife wanted to thank everyone involved for the professional level of help, especially Dr Shapiro for keeping the patient's head still for such a prolonged period."

The victim's daughter Ms Hayley Bajada thanked the surf club members who assisted her father and said he was recovering slowly in Royal North Shore's Intensive Care Unit.

"It could have been such a different day for my family and I can't thank everyone enough that we still have him.

"Kiss your loved ones today. Life can change so quickly," Ms Bajada said.

The club also received a letter of thanks from Careflight aircrew officer Mr Kurt Pride, praising club members for their assistance.

"Please pass on our thanks to the patrol team and Rookies for all their assistance.

"They did an excellent job with crowd control and care for the patient.

"It was very much appreciated by our team."

After the airlift, it was business as usual for patrol members who had to deal with a day full of blue bottle stings and one small head wound.

Mr Bagnall reminded swimmers to remain aware of their surroundings while in the surf.

"This incident should serve as a bit of a wake-up call.

"We tend to get a little complacent on our home beach, but the legendary Killy shore dump can be incredibly dangerous.

"Treat it with care," he said.

SOURCE: Newsletter, 1 Feb 2019 Peter Bagnall, Killcare SLSC Social media, 3 Feb 2019 Hayley Bajada, Facebook

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#### A 60th and a 70th anniversary held on Valentines Day

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Mr and Mrs Norm and Pat Pringle met as teenagers in the 1940s and wed on February 19, 1949.

Seven full decades later, the couple is living together in a retirement apartment at Peninsula

Mr Pringle, 91, can consider himself lucky to have survived so long and not because of his "dodgy heart" that saw the couple move to Peninsula Village for increased care options in mid-2017.

"He doesn't have the best track record when it comes to wedding anniversaries," Mrs Pringle said.

"One year, he forgot to buy me flowers and couldn't find any florists open on his way home from work that day.

"So he popped into the local grocer and bought me a cauliflower instead.

"They say it's the thought that counts, so I think I'll return the favour and place a cauliflower on his coffin when the time comes,' she laughed.

"We moved over here 18 months ago after living in independent living at Cooinda Village for 24 years," said Mr Pringle.

"I am a bit of an old romantic and so I have organised a special cruise to celebrate our 70th



Norm and Pat Pringle

wedding anniversary, with Pat and I off to Tasmania," he said.

On February 7, fellow residents Mr and Mrs Jack and Lorraine Dierikx celebrated 60 years of marriage.

They have lived under the same

roof at Don Leggett House for the past 12 months.

Unlike the Pringles, the Dierikx do not share an apartment because of their differing care needs, but they regularly visit and enjoy each other's company.



"Peninsula Villages has been incredible making sure we can be as close as possible.

"It wasn't easy for them because we started off in different buildings, but the staff here went above and beyond to move us under the same

roof." Mr Dierikx said.

The Village held a special Chinese banquet to celebrate the Dierikx anniversary.

> SOURCE: Media release, 7 Feb 2019 Katey Small, Brilliant Logic

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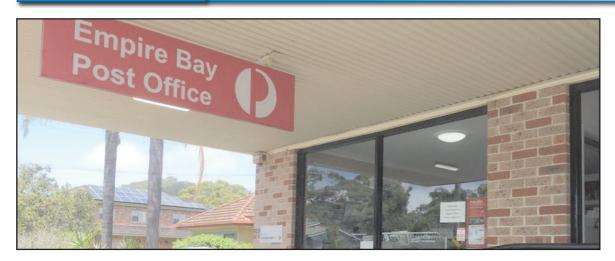
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# Empire Bay post office closes after lease expires

The Empire Bay Post Office has closed and is likely to remain that way after the previous franchisee was unable to find a new operator to assume the lease.

The Peninsula News understands that post office operator, Mr Paul Weston, had been seeking someone to take over the business since November, as his lease expired in January this year.

Mr Weston was unable to do so and closed the post office on January 16.

Long-time Empire Bay resident Mr Geoff Melville has described the closure "a great loss to the community".

Mr Melville owned the real

estate agent next to the post office for a number of years and said the local post office had been a core part of Empire Bay since the suburb was founded.

"This really is such a blow to the community.

"We have so many older people here, pensioners, who were able to just walk down to the post office, but those days are over," Mr Melville said.

According to Mr Melville, residents now have to commute to the post office in Ettalong.

"This is an issue in itself as many residents who rely on Australia Post services are now forced to rely on public transport to get to Ettalong and we all know how unreliable our local bus services can be," Mr Melville said.

Mr Melville believes there was little to no chance a late offer from a potential post office leasee was likely.

He said the current landlord had plans to put the post office site as well as another vacant site located directly behind the post office up for rent with the potential to rent both spaces and convert them into one larger business.

Mr Melville said Mr Weston had given 12 years of service to the Empire Bay community.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Nov 2018
Gregory Olsen, Empire Bay
Social media, 10 Jan 2019
Craig Hillman, Empire Bay
Interview, 7 Feb 2019
Geoff Melville, Empire Bay
Reporter: Dilon Luke

# Farnell Rd decision likely before the end of March

The Save Our Woy Woy Community Group has been told the application for a residential flat building on the corner of Blackwall and Farnell Rds, Woy Woy, is likely to be considered by Central Coast Council before the end of March.

The project, which is lodged as development application 54551 and is estimated to cost over \$11 million, would comprise 27 units and six townhouses.

Group founder Mr Harvey McDougall said the group had met with mayor Cr Jane Smith, deputy mayor Cr Chris Holstein and local ward representative Cr Richard Mehrtens to voice their opposition to the proposed

The group also put forward its thoughts about Council approving non-compliant development applications.

He said the group was allowed five representatives at the meeting on Tuesday, February 5, and he was joined by Ms Beverley Biram, Mr Iain McLean, Mr Grahame Roll and Ms Janice McDougall.

"The meeting was good with each of us speaking strongly," Mr McDougall said.

"The response from each of the councillors was encouraging without being committal."

Mr McDougall said he understood the Council planners were in the process of writing up their report to be presented to the councillors a week before the application is to be decided.

The group was expecting to be notified at the same time as councillors.

He said the group had prepared speeches for the meeting.

SOURCE: Media release, 7 Jan 2019 Harvey McDougall, Save Our Woy Woy



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# West St development to be considered by Council

A proposed development for the corner of West and Morris Sts, Umina, will go before Central Coast Council tonight, February 11, with a recommendation from council staff to approve the proposal.

The application for 20 residential apartments above retail and commercial space and carparking in the basement is "considered reasonable" and "in the public interest", according to the 100-plus page planning staff assessment.

The proposal from Owner Sans Filter Pty Ltd would see the demolition of a two-storey commercial building at 211 and 213 West St and, in its place, the construction of a five-storey block of 20 apartments at an estimated cost of \$7.6 million.

When the original application was lodged in July 2017, the council received 31 submissions objecting to the proposal.

In June 2018, the applicant lodged amended plans, which attracted 24 submission objecting and one submission in support.

In July 2018, Councillors Louise Greenaway and Jeff Sundstrom asked that the application be brought before Council for determination in the event staff recommended approval. The current proposal is above the maximum height by 6.8 per cent

It is above the four storey height allowed in the Gosford Local Environment Plan by one storey or 25 per cent.

It is above the floor space ratio by 10 per cent.

The site falls 9.34 per cent short of the required 1000 square metres for such a development.

The height of the facade to Morris St is 50 per cent above Gosford Development Control Plan 2013 guidelines and an external wall height would be 19 per cent above.

But the council report says that while the development is contrary to several requirements envisaged for the Umina Village Centre, on balance, the design is supported.

The report said: "It is considered that the proposal is consistent with the stated objectives of the zone and is consistent with the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development as specified within the Local Government Act 1993."

The report said the the proposed mixed use development was designed to lift the architectural standard of the eastern end of the Umina Beach town centre entry and offset the poor built quality of the existing building to the south east (on the corner of Rickard Rd

and West St)

Umina resident Mr Bill Gregg said mayor Cr Jane Smith was on the record saying she wants to stop non- complying development applications being approved by Council

She might like to start with this building application, he said.

"The principal consultant for the developer admits the current application does not comply with several of our council's current planning controls," Mr Gregg said

"Forty local residents took the time to object to the submission.

"Morris St is a quiet street used by many pedestrians, and during weekdays used as parking by employees of local businesses.

"If there is to be a land mark building in Umina Beach, it should be in the middle of the shopping centre and it should comply with council regulations.

"Developers and consultants should not be allowed to change our council regulations to suit their developments.

"Changes to council regulations should be made by our elected councillors after consultation with local residents," he said.

SOURCE: Central Coast Council agenda 2.1, 11 Feb 2019 Email 24 Jan, 2019 Bill Gregg, Umina



# Car and trailer in water after 'launching mishap'

A driver has had a wet start to his week after his car and boat trailer ended up in the Brisbane Water off Koolewong boat ramp around midday on February 3.

Emergency services said they were unclear as to exactly how the skipper's boat trailer and four wheel drive found its way into the water nose first, but called the incident a launching mishap.

The vehicle was partially submerged for around 90 minutes as emergency services worked to remove it from the water.

SOURCE: Social media, 3 Feb 2019 Roger Palmer, Marine Rescue Central Coast

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# Corkwood tree may stay on proposed nursing home site

A corkwood tree that was to be removed to build a proposed nursing home at Woy Woy can stay, subject to council approval, the site owner says.

"I'm in no hurry to take the tree out," Thompson Health Care owner Mr Doug Thompson told Peninsula News.

"It will only be removed on council advice that it has to go.

"Council was suggesting a swamp mahogany but it would be nice if the cork tree stays."

Mr Thompson, who owns Tarragal House at Erina, is awaiting a decision from the Joint Regional Planning Panel on the future of his proposed 160-bed three-storey nursing home at 45 Hillview St, Woy Woy.

The panel held a meeting to hear submissions from the public on January 24.

The panel voted to support the proposal conceptually but was reviewing consent details.

The panel expected to make a decision within weeks.

Objectors wanted to see the site protected.

The land is home to some of the last examples of ecologically endangered Umina coastal sandplain woodland.

The Australian Conservation Foundation Central Coast branch said the three-storey proposal was non complying in an area where only one and two storey developments were allowed.

Branch president Mr Mark Ellis said planning provisions should not be whittled away by an accumulation of incremental precedents which become the de facto benchmark but bear little resemblance to the formal provisions.

The branch says the development would have significant impact on the rare



Objector Mr Norm Harris inspects the corkwood tree

bushland on site.

But Mr Thompson said he believed the site would benefit from his development

He is proposing to build a threestorey nursing home on a site that was partly cleared in 2007 to build independent senior housing.

"I'm sure when finished, the greatest detractors will be happy," he said

He said he had already spoken to his ecologist about planting only endemic native species and no exotic species would be introduced.

The land would be better cared for than it was now because his company would be looking after the land, hand clearing the weeds carefully under council supervision.

It would become be a better site for birds and animals.

"We will plant more trees in the

area but nothing will be planted that doesn't come from the area," Mr Thompson said.

He described it as a wonderful site and he was only building on that area that had already been cleared.

He said he was never a fan of a proposed boardwalk which would have only given shelter to rats and feral cats.

The boardwalk through the site was discussed at the panel meeting and Mr Thompson said at the meeting that he was happy to remove it from the plan.

He said he was happy to meet on site with interested people.

SOURCE
Interview, 6 Feb 2019
Doug Thompson,
Thompson Health Care
Media Release, 25 Jan 2019
Mark Ellis, ACF Central Coast
Reporter: Merilyn Vale

# Applicant to take Killcare fence dispute to court

Mr Tony Denny has said he will take an ongoing fence dispute to the Land and Environment Court after Central Coast Council rejected his application for a fence at Wards Hill Rd, Killcare Heights, on January 29.

Mr Denny had asked for retrospective approval for one section of the fence which was put up without council approval and permission to move another section of the fence back to two metres to allow screening vegetation in front of it.

He said in a social media post after the council meeting that a case had already been lodged at court and he estimated the cost to the community would be in excess of \$50,000.

He said the money could have been put to far better use than losing a court case.

He thanked the council staff for their report recommending his fence be approved.

The application went to council for the third time on January 29.

After debate, the 1.8m sheet steel fence was rejected due to it being not compatible with the desired character of the scenic buffer precinct of Killcare Heights.

Other reasons included because it wasn't in the public interest and because landscaping could not be relied on to cover the undesirable "unrelieved metal sheeting" and because the fence did not comply with the Development Control Plan for the area.

Councillors who voted to allow the fence to remain were Liberals Tory Marquart and Jilly Pilon and independents Chris Holstein, Bruce McLachlan and Greg Best. Those who voted against the fence were ALP councillors Richard Mehrtens, Jeff Sundstrom, Lisa Matthews, Kyle MacGregor, Doug Vincent, Jillian Hogan and independents Louise Greenaway and mayor Cr Jane Smith.

A number of people spoke at the residents' forum before the meeting both in support and against the fence.

Two speakers spoke for the applicant.

One suggested the fence being set back two metres meant it was no longer a boundary fence but an ancillary structure.

The second speaker said he supported the fence and that drivers should have their eyes on the road, not on the fence, to laughter from the gallery.

Killcare-Wagstaffe Community Association president Ms Peta Colebatch drew applause from the public for her speech opposing the fence.

Afterwards she said the association was pleased council upheld the planning provisions and listened to the concerns of the residents.

"However the fence still remains, and although we have written to Mr Denny for the third time, offering to meet to see if we can arrive at a mutually acceptable approach, we understand that he has now lodged an appeal against the Council decision, so we fear that the issue is not yet resolved and will drag on," she said.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council agenda
2.3 and 2.4, 29 Jan, 2019
Email, 5 Feb, 2019
Peta Colebatch, WTKCA
Social media, 30 Jan 2019
Tony Denny, Killcare Heights
Reporter: Merilyn Vale



# Marquart asks for flood maps to be added to plan

One of the three Central Coast Councillors representing the Peninsula, Troy Marquart, has asked for the flooding chapter to be withdrawn from the council's draft development control plan until maps are added.

Cr Marquart is asking fellow councillors at tonight's council meeting (February 11) to agree to withdraw the chapter that deals with flooding and then to re-exhibit it with maps clearly showing proposed hazard areas.

The draft chapter introduces a flooding hazard category from one to six

He said he wanted a report detailing how many properties currently zoned with development rights either residential or commercial will face "complete sterilization" of those rights with the proposed hazard categories.

He has asked for clarification of what depth of flood was considered safe for emergency vehicles to enter.

And he said he wanted council to consider the impact of a requirement in the draft chapter that homes experiencing a flood depth of 20cm or more must display a flood danger sign prominently on their property.

The draft plan currently on exhibition is a complex policy comprising over 120 separate documents.

"Amongst the detailed information being exhibited is Chapter 3.1 – Floodplain Management," Cr Marquart said.

"This Chapter introduces a new Hazard categorization to be applied via six separate categories, H1 through to H6.

"These Hazard categories will be applied to every property in the LGA subject to any form of flood affectation, Catchment or Coastal.

"The proposed hazard categories will impact many thousands of homes, possibly 30,000 plus.

"The proposed hazard categories apply various development constraints depending on flood affectation culminating in the complete sterilization of residential properties from all future development in categories H4 and above.

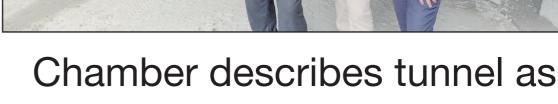
"For some other land uses, such as residential subdivision, the Chapter proposes the consideration of a Possible Maximum Flood, an event the SES describes as having an occurrence probability of 1 in 10,000 to 1 in 10,000,000 years!

"The Plan, while referencing hazard mapping, actually includes no mapping for the proposed Hazard zones within the exhibition documents, nor any guidance that would allow residents to reasonably ascertain which Hazard category that Council will apply to their property."

If Cr Marquart's notice of motion is successful, the chapter would be exhibited for six weeks.

The Plan is currently on public exhibition until February 28.

SOURCE: Central Coast Council agenda 6.4, 11 Feb 2019 Reporter: Merilyn Vale



The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has described the NorthConnex tunnel project as "an economic gamechanger" for the Peninsula.

The comments from Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales follow a site inspection with Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch and Member of the Legislative Council Mr Taylor Martin.

After the visit, Mr Wales praised the NSW State Government on "its commitment to the Central Coast".

"It was clear from today's site inspection that the \$3 billion nine kilometre NorthConnex tunnel project is going to mean significant savings on travel times and transport costs between the Central Coast and Sydney by linking the M1 at Wahroonga to the M2 at West Pennant Hills eliminating 21 sets of traffic lights along Pennant Hills Rd," Mr Wales said.

"It will also make the Woy Woy area and the wider Central Coast more accessible to Sydneysiders and those who want to invest and do business in our area.

"The completion of the project by mid-2020 will also present major economic opportunities to the Central Coast as Sydneybased businesses look to the area for investment and relocation with lower business operating costs compared to Sydney", said Mr Wales.

economic game-changer

"This is also an opportunity for the Central Coast Council and the NSW State Government to encourage business investment by promoting the advantages of NorthConnex and therefore creating local employment opportunities.

"By highlighting the lower cost of operating a business, the large pool of local skilled workers and the highly attractive lifestyle on the Central Coast, all levels of government have the potential to boost local jobs and stop the daily migration of workers into the Sydney metro area," said Mr Wales.

"NorthConnex won't only make it easier to get to Sydney, it will also make Sydney easier to get to the Central Coast.

"As a region, we need to capitalise on this new connectivity and reap the benefits.

"Although there will be a toll charge for users of the NorthConnex, we are pleased that the NSW State Government has introduced a Toll Relief program where free car registration will be given to owners of privately registered light vehicles if they've spent \$25 or more per week on one tag or tagless account.

"Alternatively, motorists will still be able to use Pennant Hills Rd which will have significantly less traffic once NorthConnex opens," said Mr Wales

"In particular, NorthConnex will make the Peninsula more accessible, presenting opportunities for the local tourism industry by taking advantage of our beautiful beaches, National Parks and local cafe restaurant precincts.

"There are huge advantages to NorthConnex including a saving of up to 30 minutes in travel time, the removal of semi-trailers off Pennant Hills Rd, improved connectivity and a massive reduction in noise pollution.

"It's also important to note that while the tunnel will have two lanes in both directions, it has been constructed to accommodate a third lane into the future.

"With the completion date due in mid-2020, it's up to the Central Coast as a region to recognise these opportunities and ensure that the Council and all State and Federal agencies direct resources to the promotion of the business and tourism opportunities resulting from the NorthConnex project," Mr Wales said

SOURCE: Media release, 5 Feb 2019 Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

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## Comment period extended for caravan park proposal

The period for public comment about a caravan park in Wards Hill Rd, Empire Bay, has been extended by two weeks, giving residents until Friday, February 15, to comment.

A group of local residents requested the extra time for public scrutiny of the proposal for the demolition of structures, the establishment of 39 short term caravan sites and relocation of nine approved long term sites.

Group member Ms Kaye Lovie said the group was happy with the extension of time which came after representations to Councillor Jeff Sundstrom.

Ms Lovie said the application meant manufactured homes would be sited at 7 Pomona Rd, south of a drain that dissects the caravan park, known as Bayside Gardens Lifestyle Village.

She said it would mean a total of 43 dwellings on 1.4 hectares when neighbours in the street have one dwelling on the same size block.

The group hopes locals will take advantage of the extra time to object to the proposal and, with enough submissions, that the application will go to the councillors for a decision.

The site has been a caravan park since the 1980s.

In 2006, it changed from shortterm to long-term accommodation with a total of 68 sites.

In 2017, council refused an application for a further 48 sites on the basis that it was not consistent with the existing use rights applicable to the land which existed only for the short-term caravan park accommodation.

This latest application would result in the land comprising 68 long-term sites and 39 short-term sites.

Ms Lovie said resident objections included loss of character, zoning, environmental and social impacts.



She said it did not complement the semi-rural character of Empire Ray

"Consider bulk, scale of development and manufactured homes each with water tanks and possible raised floor heights, impact of noise, night time street lights, car movements, loss of trees and open green space, people walking on streets with no paths," she said.

The land is zoned 7c2 Scenic Protection – rural small holdings so caravans are prohibited but Bayside has existing rights usage from its consent in the 1980s.

Ms Lovie says those consents were for powered open grass area caravan sites for tourist accommodation – moveable cars and caravans – and not for the permanent fixed manufactured homes being proposed.

She says the increased scale will have a detrimental effect on neighbours and the environment.

The land is identified as flood prone but the applicant submitted a report with the application that recommends floor heights for the new sites and concludes that the development can satisfy the requirements of council's development control plan and the NSW Floodplain Development Manual

Trees will be cleared but

compensatory plantings are proposed.

The land is classed as bushfire prone but a bush fire assessment report has been submitted in support of the proposal which makes a number of recommendations for protection.

The report for the applicant says the proposal will create an increase in the number of people in the area "which will have a positive social impact".

"The new short term sites are located on a disused part of the property and their presence will improve the surveillance of this area and reduce the opportunity for any anti-social behaviour."

It says the increased tourist population resulting from the development will help support local businesses in the nearby local centre and that it is unlikely to result in any significant impacts on the surrounding environment.

The application shows that all new sites will contain self-contained cabins with ensuite facilities and their own laundry and drying facilities. No more than 12 people are allowed to stay overnight at each site.

SOURCE Email, 29 Jan 2019 Interview, 5 Feb 2019 Kaye Lovie, Empire Bay DA Tracker, Central Coast Council Reporter: Merilyn Vale

# Community Garden group consulted about new policy

Woy Woy Community Garden group is being consulted by Central Coast Council about a new community garden policy.

Councillor Jillian Hogan accompanied a council staff member on a visit to the garden last Tuesday, February 5, which came while the group was still coming to terms with an arson attack on January 20.

Garden founder Ms Jill Meredith hosted the visit.

"We're trying to turn a negative into a positive but emotionally it's a bit of a rollercoaster," Ms Meredith said

The garden group has so far raised \$3000 for a new garden shed after a fire burnt out a container which housed all the garden equipment.

Community gardens are on the council agenda after Cr Kyle MacGregor asked the council if it had a community garden policy or program.

The answer came at the first meeting of the council this year.

"Community Gardens are currently managed using the procedures of the two former Councils," a staff report said.

"Staff are in the process of preparing a consolidated draft Community Garden Policy. This policy is being prepared with the input of key stakeholders and will be brought to Council for consideration in the first quarter of 2019."

Cr MacGregor said he asked

the question after attending the opening of a "wonderful new community garden in my ward at Dunbar Way in North Gosford late last year".

"Attending this event was inspiring to see the way that it brought people together and created great benefits for local residents," he said.

"I saw how the garden was a social place that brought people together and provided a sense of community as well as activity and even fresh produce for the people that lived in the area.

"I was pleased to see the response that council is developing a consolidated community garden policy and I hope that this leads to the delivery of many more community gardens.

"These are the kind of initiatives that prompted me to run for council, freely available public spaces that bring people together, generate community and create social cohesion amongst our community.

"Community gardens and the like are essential pieces of community infrastructure that are led by and provide a sense of ownership to people in their community.

"I look forward to the further introduction of more community gardens across the coast in the near future."

SOURCE Central Coast Council agenda 5.8, 29 January, 2019 Interview 5 February 2019 Jill Meredith, Woy Woy Community Garden

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# **CWA** branch meets with urban tree group

The Umina Beach Country Women's Association branch recently met with a local greenspace initiative group to discuss the lack of urban greenery on the Peninsula.

"We were delighted to meet with the wonderful ladies of the Grow Urban Shade Trees group, who work with the Umina Community Group to plant more trees around the Peninsula," said branch publicity officer Ms Margaret Key.

"Just imagine what beautiful shade trees we will have in the coming years.

"To drive or walk down a street lined with trees delivering shade is one of the simple pleasures of life.

"Also, the added benefit of achieving greater property values wherever a street or suburb is a leafy green and calm oasis," Ms Key said.

According to Ms Key, the branch felt so strongly in support of the group's work that members have decided to "greenify" the Umina Beach CWA Hall.

"In the autumn, we will be planting trees and shrubs on the surrounds of our hall on the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and Sydney

"Something to look for as you whiz through the roundabout.

"If you would like a tree planted on your nature strip, it makes no difference if you're a homeowner

"The group will guide you on the process and ask for a small donation to cover costs and an ongoing commitment to nurturing your tree through the early years of establishing," Ms Key said.

SOURCE: Media release, 6 Feb 2019 Margaret Key, Umina Beach CWA branch



The representatives of tree groups who met with council staff

# Tree group meets with Council staff about urban strategy

A Umina community group campaigning for a greener Peninsula has met with other environment groups and council planners to discuss Central Coast Council's **Urban Forest Strategy.** 

Members of the Grow Urban Shade Trees group met with members of Save Wyong Trees, the Central Coast Community Environment Network and senior strategists and policy writers from Central Coast Council on January

Group member Ms Debbie Sunartha said that Council's Urban Forest Strategy was of particular significance to the Peninsula, which suffered from a severe lack of urban trees and dedicated greenspaces.

She said the urban forest strategy was "possibly the most important strategy this Council has drafted for decades".

"It's looking like the Central Coast Urban Forest Strategy is emphatically moving ahead, and with it our dream for a strategic framework for extending and improving the provision of green space, landscaping and shade trees in urban areas not just on the Peninsula, but across the entire

"It will spell out the benefits of plants and open spaces. identify opportunities, responsibilities, systems processes for protecting and improving on the trees and green spaces we have as well as planning for smarter, greener, cooler and more sustainable cities and suburbs," she said.

Ms Sunartha said the benefits of an environmentally-sound strategy would be enormous.

"This is something that will benefit not just our environment and the humans and animals that share it, but industries like tourism, building and landscape design, horticulture and real estate.

"Most importantly it will protect our health and the health of our children by providing clean air and shade now and in the future.

"The meeting reminded us that ordinary people can help make a difference.

"We are just regular people who found each other and share a passion for good planning and the value of trees.

"If you have something you feel strongly about, pick up the lap top, phone or the good old pen and paper and tell your decisionmakers your vision," Ms Sunartha

> SOURCE: Social media, 29 Jan 2019 Debbie Sunartha, GUST



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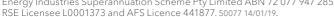


Umina CWA members hearing from GUST member, Ms Debbie Sunartha

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# No money for St Huberts Island dredging, Council told

St Huberts Island residents will not be getting their canals dredged any time soon.

Central Coast Council staff have said there is not enough money available for dredging.

The matter came to Council on January 29 after Crouncillor Rebecca Gale Collins asked last year what had happened to the funds raised by residents for dredging on St Hubert's Island, back when that area of the coast was Gosford City Council land.

Council staff reported that the fund had \$380,789 in it as of November and that was not enough for dredging given the environmental and site constraints.

The report to Council said the canals of St Huberts Island were defined as both artificial waterways and submerged blocks of Council owned land by virtue of their classification as "drainage reserves".

"These canals are classified as 'operational land' under the Local Government Act 1993 and accordingly are managed differently from natural waterways," the report said.

"In the past, zoning of the drainage reserves prohibited structures such as pontoons, jetties, walkways and moorings within the reserves.

"Following amendments to permit a limited number of structures within the reserves, the former Gosford City Council resolved that funds and associated interest collected from the adopted licence fees for structures and mooring spaces, be used exclusively for the maintenance and improvements within the canals.

"These fees have been collected and accumulated in a fund with a current balance of \$380,789 as of the end of November 2018.

"Following a request from a resident, Council recently carried out an investigation into the feasibility of beach scraping activities whereby residents could scrape sand back from the low-tide mark to nourish the shorelines.

"A preliminary acid sulfate soils assessment was undertaken which included material sampling from within the intertidal zone of all the canals at a maximum depth of 500mm below ground level.

"Subsequent laboratory analysis of the samples confirmed the presence of acid sulfate soils in the canals.

"With the current level of

funding in this account available for maintenance and improvements within the canals, dredging is not an option given the environmental and site constraints.

"With the confirmed presence of acid sulfate soil in the canals, there will be high costs associated with the treatment and disposal of dredged spoil material at an appropriately licensed facility to accept the relevant class of waste.

"Such high costs would mean that it would not be possible to complete these activities within the current funds available.

"Detailed environmental studies of the beds of these drainage reserves would be required, and approvals such as dredging permits and environmental licenses to disturb these areas would be highcost, and may be difficult to obtain.

"The undertaking of a hydrographic survey to verify canal depths and sedimentation to facilitate evaluation of current conditions against the original design would also be required to determine any future maintenance options for the canals," the report concluded.

SOURCE Central Coast Council agenda 5.11, 29 Jan 2019 Reporter: Merilyn Vale

# Workshop about draft climate change policy

A workshop about Central Coast Council's draft climate change policy will be held at Ettalong on Wednesday, February 27.

The Council endorsed a draft climate change policy in August saying the draft policy provided a framework to support future actions around planning for the possible impacts of climate change.

The policy aimed to enable Council to align its operations and strategic planning with the NSW State Climate Change Policy Framework.

Mayor Cr Jane Smith said it was vitally important that the community have a voice in the development of Council's climate change policy and related strategies, plans and actions.

"The purpose of these community workshops is to further educate and work directly with the community to develop the first climate change policy for the Central Coast," Cr Smith said.

"We know the community has a keen interest in climate change and there has already been a lot of discussion and commentary on the draft policy and how it may impact the community.

"It is crucial Council demonstrates leadership in addressing climate change and its impacts through responsible planning and collaboration in the best interests of our community.

"We are doing this by involving the community every step of the way in this policy development.

"Council is serious about managing risk on behalf of and with our community."

"We need to reduce emissions to start solving the long term challenges of climate change but also adapt to the changes that we know are already happening."

Public exhibition started on Monday 4 February and will run until Friday 15 March 2019.

The Gosford West ward workshop will be held on Wednesday, February 27, from 6pm - 8:30pm at the Mantra Ettalong.

To register for a workshop and receive a Climate Change Community Information Pack, visit the Council's climate change website at www.yourvoiceourcoast. com/climatechange or contact Council on 1300 463 954.

SOURCE Press release, 4 Feb 2019 Jane Smith, Central Coast Council

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# Peninsula group pampers homeless people

Jo Brannigan was washing her hair when she realised how lucky she was.

The thought has morphed into a group of Peninsula residents heading off to Sydney on February 23 to pamper homeless people.

"There's more to life than food and shelter and many things we used to think of as luxuries we now consider necessities," Ms Brannigan said.

"But we tend to forget that those things are not available to some in the community, the homeless for instance. "For those people, even food and shelter are a struggle so anything more can seem an impossibility.

"When we need a pep-up, we get a manicure or a facial or something but homeless people can't.

"So that's the idea, to offer them a little pampering, and also to engage with them."

Ms Brannigan has a group of about 10 people going with her to Sydney's 24/7 Street Kitchen Safe Space in Martin Place.

But more volunteers are welcome.

"If you can do manicures, pedicures, haircuts, beard trims, hand massage, facials, or donate shampoos, facial cleansers, disposable gloves, toothpaste or brushes, or some other little service that can give a welcome feeling of comfort to a homeless person please contact us on 0422 278 081," she said.

SOURCE Media release, 21Jan 2019 Barry Riley, Woy Woy Interview, 5 Feb 2019 Media statement, 6 Feb, 2019 Jo Brannigan, Empire Bay Reporter: Merilyn Vale



# Police seek help after home invasion

Police are appealing for public assistance following a home invasion at Umina.

It occurred at just after midnight on Wednesday, January 30, with three unknown men forcing entry into a unit on Trafalgar Ave.

Two of the men were allegedly armed with what is believed to be a baseball bat and a knife.

Once inside the unit they allegedly assaulted the occupant, a 44-year-old man, before fleeing the scene on foot.

They were last seen running into Gwedonlen Ave.

The occupant was treated at the scene by NSW Ambulance

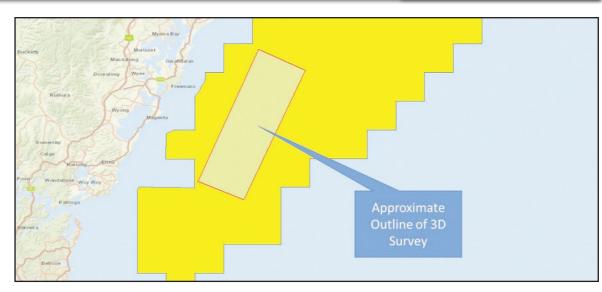
paramedics before being taken to Gosford Hospital for treatment for a large laceration to his head, bruising and swelling to his elbow and shoulder.

He has since been released from hospital.

Officers from Brisbane Water Police District established a crime scene and have commenced investigations.

As inquiries continue, anyone with information is urged to come

> SOURCE: Media release, 31 Jan 2019 Vivienne Crawford, Brisbane **Water Police District**



# Act now to prevents oil and gas rigs, says activist

Peninsula residents need to act to make sure they don't see oil and gas rigs off their beaches, says Empire Bay activist Mr Gregory Olsen.

"By the end of this year, Woy Woy Peninsula residents may be enjoying our wonderful beaches and maritime pursuits under the spectre of massive oil and gas rigs, just off the coast, courtesy of the Federal Government," he said.

"However, before these rigs can be constructed, 3D seismic testing, in an 80 square kilometre section off our coast will occur, killing all marine life in that area as well as affecting dolphins and whales within a huge area beyond.

"This will start next month, in March 2019, if final approval is given."

"Petroleum Exploration Permit 11 has been approved by the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority, despite the total absence of any consultation with the Central Coast beach and coast-using community, or the Central Coast fishing and sea-life community, or the Central Coast Council, who oppose it unanimously," he said.

Council voted last year to oppose the oil and gas exploration and wrote to the Federal Minister for the Environment requesting he receive a delegation from council.

The council received a response which said there were would be a number of consultation events in early 2019 but it did not agree to a council delegation.

Minister for Resources Mr Matthew Canavan said these events would be in Newcastle.

He urged the council to attend a roundtable meeting in Newcastle and a community drop-in session that would provide members of the public with information about the regulation of offshore petroleum, including seismic activities.

Cr Best moved at the Central Coast Council's February 11 meeting that council respectfully request community forums be held on the Central Coast.

He said council should, on behalf of its 340,000 residents and ratepayers affirm its "strident opposition" to the exploration using controversial seismic blasting.

Meanwhile, hundreds of people were expected to attend a rally in Newcastle last Thursday, February 7, including the independent candidate for Robertson, Mr David Abrahams.

Mr Olsen said it was outrageous that public meetings were not being held on the Central Coast.

He said the risks to the lifestyle and amenity of the Peninsula were

"Residents will be subjected to the smell of oil and gas on a daily basis, not the mention the visual pollution.

"Marine craft will be prohibited from venturing near the rigs.

"Oil and gas leaks are virtually inevitable and the risks of fire is

"An uncontained oil spill will devastate the beaches we love and enjoy not to mention the long term damage to the environment and marine life and sea birds.

"Only foreign oil and gas corporations will benefit as they are the major stakeholders," he

"There will be no direct employment generated, except in the cleaning up of oil spills on our beaches and collecting dead marine life."

Mr Olsen said anyone opposing the plan should write to their local Federal Member of Parliament and relevant Ministers.

> SOURCE Email, 7 Feb 2019 Gregory Olsen, Empire Bay Central Coast Councl agenda Item 6.2, 11 Feb 2019



# Young man wanted over store theft

**Brisbane Water Police have** released CCTV images of a man they wish to speak to about a theft from a business late on Sunday afternoon, February 3, in Umina.

Police say that a young man entered a business on West St, Umina, filled a shopping basket and left without paying.

Brisbane Water Police have obtained images of a man they believe may be able to assist with their enquiries.

The man is described as caucasian, 18 to 19 years old, slim build, medium height, clean shaven, wearing a grey cap, white and blue stripped shirt, grey shorts and black sneakers.

Police are urging anyone with information to call Crime Stoppers.

> SOURCE: Social media, 5 Feb 2019 Vivienne Crawford, Brisbane **Water Police District**



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Peninsula Villages has honoured some of its most dedicated volunteers with special Australia Day awards

# Volunteers recognised at special ceremony

Four volunteers at Peninsula Village have been recognised at a special Australia Day ceremony.

Ms Annette Kelly, Ms Karen Batson, Ms Deb Van Breugel and Mr Christopher Bryden, were recognised for their "invaluable contribution" and "exceptional efforts over the past year" with special awards.

Ms Kelly and Ms Baston, who spent up to five days a week or more in their volunteer role, were presented with engraved Australia Day silver medallions from the village.

Bryden received an antique bronze lapel pin and Ms Van Breugel a commemoration certificate.

Ms Kelly said: "As an independent living resident of Peninsula Village myself, I really saw how beneficial and rewarding it would be to give back and help fellow residents who are not as

"My duties include everything from mail delivery to supported shopping, assisting with leisure and lifestyle activities and calling bingo and often I support the team up to six days a week.

"It's a great way to keep active, stay social and give back," she

Ms Baston said: "Just like Annette, I have been here volunteering with the Village for almost four years and I thoroughly enjoy the social aspect as much as the rewarding feeling of helping

"I have made some wonderful friendships and am so pleased to help residents maintain their independence.'

Ms Van Breugel is volunteer bus driver for the village, a position he has held for almost 10 years.

"I volunteer four days a week and am responsible for driving residents to special excursions. shopping trips and outings.

"I truly enjoy the opportunity to

allow residents to get out into the community.

"If you have the time, it is really rewarding to use it for giving back and supporting others," Ms Van Breugel said.

Peninsula Village Mr Shane Neaves made the presentation during an Australia Day achievement ceremony at the Umina Village on January 24.

"The Australia Day Achievement medals and pins are a way to acknowledge the contributions and performance of dedicated team

"Each of these volunteers have gone the extra mile to make our older aged residents feel more at home," Mr Neaves said.

With regular and reliable volunteers declining in numbers, Mr Neaves is hoping that the recognition of these community role models might encourage others to donate their time to support residents.

"As a not-for-profit organisation, we can never have too many helping hands.

"We'd love to hear from more people interested in helping their neighbours and experiencing the goodwill of making someone else's life more enjoyable," Mr Neaves

SOURCE: Media release, 29 Jan 2019 Katey Small, Brilliant Logic



# Memorial garden for dolphin receives a refresh

A Woy Woy memorial garden honouring the life of Elusive the Brisbane Water dolphin received refreshing landscaping works.

Mr Daniel Rond, a Ferry Master with Central Coast Ferries and the person who launched the community fundraiser to first have the garden installed, paid for the restorative works out of his own pocket.

The memorial garden contains an engraved plaque and memorial stone honouring Elusive, which was first unveiled in 2017 in Anderson Park.

The plaque and stone now sit in a privately-owned garden bed outside of a nearby Greek restaurant.

Mr Rond was also the driving force behind the community fundraiser that raised the \$2000 needed to purchase the plaque and memorial stone and associated labour to install the garden.

At that time professional landscaper, Mr Scott Porter, was contracted to create the garden and Mr Rond again utilised Mr Porter's skills to refresh the space

Mr Rond spoke to the Peninsula News about the death of Elusive and its effect on the community back in March 2017 when preparations to install the garden were being finalised.

"More than 300 people donated to have the memorial garden installed and hundreds turned up for the unveiling," he said.

"She was a lone dolphin and was named Elusive by locals because you never knew when she would pop up to say hello," Mr Rond said.

"She was a beloved wild pet to people ranging from the ferry passengers to local boat users and residents on the Central Coast.

"She was a crowd puller and crowd pleaser and much loved by the boating community.'

Social media, 4 Feb 2019 **Daniel Rond, Central Coast Ferries** 

# Wicks drops in on home park

**Federal** Member Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks dropped into an Ettalong manufactured home park to take part in the village community's pre-Australia Day celebrations.

"I was absolutely delighted to join Ingenia Lifestyle Village's Big Aussie Barbecue in Ettalong," Ms

Ms Wicks and the residents enjoyed Australian trivia, traditional barbecue, games and other activities and a fancy dress competition.

"It was a fantastic way to kick off Australia Day celebrations," Ms Wicks said.

SOURCE: Social media, 25 Jan 2019 Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson



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Alwyn Doolan, fourth from left, with Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch and other well-wishers

## Tesch greets man on treaty mission walk

He is more than 3000 kilometres from where he started, but Alwyn Doolan stopped off in Ettalong Beach on his walk from Bamaga on the tip of Cape York to Canberra to put a treaty with First Nations' peoples back on the national agenda.

One of the people to greet him was local Labor MP Liesl Tesch, who shares his vision.

"I taught Aboriginal Studies for 12 years and am passionate about making sure that our indigenous brothers and sisters get the recognition and respect that they deserve," Ms Tesch said.

"We should all share Alwyn's mission, but successive governments have failed to address the injustice that continues in our community when it comes to aboriginal peoples."

Ms Tesch said she was pleased that NSW Labor had committed to seek a treaty with aboriginal peoples if elected at the March State election.

"I am proud to be a part of a party that wants to work with aboriginal people to not only recognise the facts of history, and acknowledge the wrongs of the past, but help to put things right for the future".

"This dispossession of our indigenous people, its inherent injustice and its ongoing consequences, is the oldest continuing problem in our society.

"An elected Labor Government will take the next step and establish a treaty process in NSW, in consultation and negotiation with the state's indigenous representatives."

Treaties with Indigenous communities have been reached in Canada and New Zealand, and Victoria and South Australia are

already proceeding with their own negotiations.

The contents of a treaty would be determined by negotiation; but could cover such things as the recognition of historic wrongs, an agreement of how services like health and education are provided, economic development opportunities and language rights.

"It is time to build on the existing relationship with the NSW aboriginal community to achieve lasting generational change," Ms Tesch said.

"A treaty is a fitting way to honestly acknowledge the past,

but more importantly, to create a meaningful way forward, to make a practical difference for the health, education and employment of indigenous Australians in NSW."

Ms Tesch wished Alwyn the best of luck with the rest of his walk and his cause.

"He has come so far, and touched so many people's hearts on the way.

"I just hope that his story and his mission can also move the Prime Minister to do better for our First Nations' people," she said.

SOURCE: Media release, 24 Jan 2019 Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

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# Conservation claims require comment

Thank you for reporting the Joint Regional Planning Panel hearing of the development application for a three-storey nursing home on rare endangered bushland.

Your article reported developer Mr Doug Thompson claiming he was a conservationist, a comment ignored by the panel members on the night, but not ignored by the public and one that requires comment in opposition.

Objector Ms Charmaine Beckett's presentation about the ecologically endangered UCSW on site seemed irrelevant to Mr Thompson - which can be verified by the meeting's recordings.

If Mr Thompson was a conservationist as claimed, I would expect that he would have taken action weeks, perhaps months, before the Panel hearing to ensure conservation was a strength of the proposed development.

Instead Mr Thompson waited until negotiations began between the Panel, the development team and Council staff to alert him to the fact that there were serious conservation issues yet to be addressed.

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One issue has been reported, being the use of exotic species.

The other serious issue, not reported, is the removal of the boardwalk in the midst of an endangered ecological community.

That this development was supported in the council assessment in the midst of the UCSW indicates the disregard for ecology and the overwhelming support for development.

The interest of Mr Thompson was not alerted to the approved boardwalk development until the last stages of the development assessment process.

This is definitely not the actions of a sworn conservationist.

If you are not convinced, listen to a recording of the meeting.

Another issue not discussed at the hearing is why the proponent did not downscale the development to ensure protection of the UCSW.

Removal of a tree, questioned by Ms Beckett, raises questions about the ecological management of the site, over the long term.

This is an issue that requires specialist advice, which was not provided to or available to the Panel.

The issue of ecological character was not addressed by Mr Thompson and the large development team - again, a failing that a recognised conservation supporting developer would not make.

A full transcript of the hearing would have Peninsula News readers claiming the report was all fiction.

You had to be there to believe it was all true.

The attendance of Mr Thompson at the hearing was to showcase the development, and was fully exploited by the development team at every opportunity.

Letter, 30 Jan 2019 Norman Harris, Umina

# Accolades go to those who worked for wharf upgrade

Bring on an election and, all of a sudden, decisions that have been steadfastly refused by this NSW Government are now on the agenda.

The Woy Woy Wharf is a point in question.

I believe that our Council, particularly Cr Richard Mehrtens, have been pushing for this matter for a while, not to mention the effort of our sitting state Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

After the building of the boat ramp in the park along the waterfront on Brisbane Water Dr, residents were hoping that finally the Woy Woy Wharf would be next.

It was also puzzling why the announcement was made with the presence of an out of area Member of Parliament present.

Happy to finally see the building of a badly-needed public amenity but my accolades will be going to those that I know worked hard to bring this matter to fruition.

Email, 7 Feb 2019 Genny Murphy, Woy Woy

#### **Forum**

# Thanks for TV guide

Congratulations on the inclusion of channel 74 in your TV guide.

This is not available in either the Herald or the Telegraph.

Well done.

Email, 16 Jan 2019 Fay Tattersall, Point Clare



#### **Climate Change Community Workshops**

Central Coast Council is developing the first **Climate Change Policy** for the entire region in consultation with our community. The draft policy will provide a framework for Council to develop strategies, plans and actions to adapt and mitigate the impacts of Climate Change for our local government area.

As part of the public exhibition, a series of Community Workshops to discuss the draft policy will be held in every Ward across the coast in February and March 2019.

#### The Entrance Ward

Wednesday 20 February 6pm - 8:30pm Mingara Recreation Club Mingara Drive, Tumbi Umbi

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Tuesday 26 February 6pm - 8:30pm Erina Centre, Erina Fair Terrigal Drive, Erina

#### **Gosford West Ward**

Wednesday 27 February 6pm - 8:30pm Mantra Ettalong 51-52 The Esplanade Ettalong Beach

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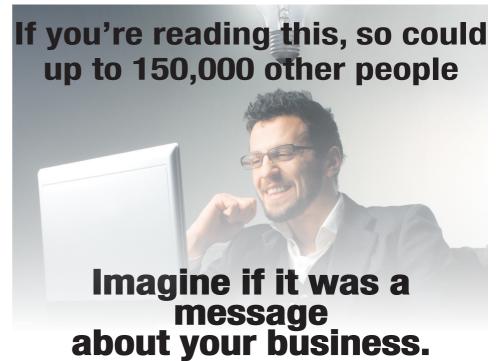
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# **Another example** of short-sighted non-compliance

I am responding to your front page report in edition 461 and follow up letters in edition 462 regarding noncomplying development.

I have lived in my home on Woy Woy Rd for over 15 years.

When I bought, I applied to renovate and extend the property.

During this process, I enquired about subdivision potential as the block of land was large (about 1100m2).

I was told categorically that the block was not big enough as to subdivide and that I would need 650m2 for the block, adjoining the water and 550m2 for the block adjoining the main road.

These were the local planning provisions.

I could easily do the mathematics and realised that my block did not comply.

Two years ago, my neighbours sold their house and moved.

The house was bought by a man from Sydney.

Sometime later he informed me that he was applying for a subdivision on his newly-acquired home

I wished him luck but, as his block was no bigger than mine, I presumed he would get the same answer as I had previously as the planning provisions were still the same.

I was shocked when I was informed that he had succeeded.

On further investigation, from Council records, I found out that neither block complied.

One block varied by 22.4 per cent and the other by 14 per cent from the provisions.

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Now an application for a "granny flat" has been passed on the front

This means that three dwellings will now cover a block, which according to the provisions, is not big enough for two.

Indeed, if one extrapolates the area taken up by the drive serving the three proposed properties (113.8m2) then the average size of the blocks is barely 325m2.

Woy Woy Rd is a very busy road and records show that well over 20,000 vehicles use it daily.

A single carriage way drive services this site.

This is inadequate: More cars, no on street parking, limited off street parking, more storm water from three rooves and sewage.

I could go on.

This is just one personal example of this Council and noncompliance.

It is short-sighted and I cannot understand why the provisions are in place but not enforced.

Email, 29 Jan 2019 Lisa Mills, Woy Woy

## Other Regional News - In brief

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

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

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YOUR INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

#### **Future of Winney Bay Clifftop Walk** funding unclear

by its decision of December, 2018, to scale NSW Government Infrastructure Grant. back the design of the Winney Bay Clifftop Walk.

#### **New amphibious vessel**

Despite protracted and sometimes Local boaters will be safer on the water Restoration works are underway at the heated debate at its meeting on January thanks to a new amphibious vessel for sea Springfield Pond Wetland, according to 29, Central Coast Council voted to stand rescue operations, funded by a \$161,000 Central Coast Councillor, Jeff Sundstrom.

#### **Springfield Pond Wetland restoration** underway

#### **Details of new Development Application lodged by Verde Terra** sought

operator of the contentious Mangrove every day. Mountain Landfill.

#### Two years in the job and still loving it

Mountains District Association (MDA) has By the time the State Election takes place Green Point resident, Ken Austin, has called for Central Coast Council to release on March 23, Gosford MP, Liesl Tesch, will received an Order of Australia Medal in the details of a new Development Application  $\,$  have spent almost two years in the job that  $\,$  2019 Australia Day Honours. lodged in December, 2018, by Verde Terra, she says still has her "pinching herself"

#### Order of Australia Medal for Ken Austin for exemplary humanitarian service

#### **Regional Business Chamber reports** drop in business confidence

region, alarmingly low.

Power station pollution control licence

renewed

without significant change to pollution

controls at Delta Electricity's Vales Point Power Station at Mannering Park.

Ourimbah master plan nearing its final

stages

#### Council to resist compulsory introduction of Independent Hearing **Assessment Panels**

(IHAP) for the region.

#### Millions of dollars collected in waste levy are not being reinvested

NSW Business Chamber, Central Coast, Central Coast Council is set to go into Central Coast Council has joined the is calling on all political parties to outline battle to retain its planning powers, with State-wide Save Our Recycling campaign, their policies for supporting business the passing of a resolution at its January calling on the NSW Government to reinvest prior to the March 23 state election, with 29 meeting to resist the introduction of an 100 per cent of funds collected through confidence in Gosford and throughout the Independent Hearing Assessment Panel the waste levy into waste minimisation, recycling and resource recovery.

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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Lake Munmorah to have a regional

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#### Norman Strong received an Order of Australia Medal for services to rugby

league

Ourimbah residents will have another Berkeley Vale resident, Norman Strong, Central Coast Council will conduct a chance to participate in the future planning received an Order of Australia Medal series of community workshops in each of their area at an information session (OAM) in the 2019 Australia Day Honours, Ward across the Coast as part of its public about the final draft of the Ourimbah for services to rugby league.

The NSW Envirnment Protection Authority A regional recreation facility will be built

(EPA) has renewed the five-year licence at Lake Munmorah.

#### Climate change community workshops planned

Five railway stations to be upgraded

on re-election to State Government

The Liberal Government has pledged

the upgrade of five railway stations on

reelection to State Government in March.

exhibition and community consultation on its draft Climate Change Policy.

#### **Chief Inspector Colin Lott received an Order of Australia Medal**

master plan.

Tuggerah Lakes Police District Chief Major safety improvements on Wilfred Tuggerah Lakes Police District will soon of Australia Medal (OAM) in the 2019 Entrance North, will cost \$10.4m. Australia Day Honours.

#### Wilfred Barrett Dve to have major safety improvements

Inspector, Colin Lott, received an Order Barrett Dve, between Norah Head and The be bolstered by a squad of specialist

#### More police promised

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# Stroke volunteer asks locals to tell of 'stroke champions'

Stroke Foundation Volunteer of the Year, Ms Brenda Booth of Woy Woy, is calling for nominations of Peninsula "stroke champions" in the Foundation's 2019 awards.

"Winning a Stroke Award was a very proud and humbling moment for me because there are so many people right across Australia who are doing a lot of amazing work to raise awareness, who achieve incredible personal goals poststroke and who improve treatment, care and support for stroke survivors and their families.

"If you know someone who should be recognised for their dedication to stroke, please nominate them.

"It's a wonderful way of letting them know their efforts are appreciated and important," Ms Booth said.

Stroke is one of Australia's biggest killers and a leading cause of disability.

It happens in an instant and its impact can be devastating, she said.

Stroke Foundation chief executive Ms Sharon McGowan said Ms Booth was a wonderful

example of someone who has been strongly committed to stemming the tide of stroke for many years at a local, state and national level.

Ms Booth's contribution has included public speaking, advocating with members of parliament and involvement in Stroke Foundation campaigns, committees and activities.

"The Stroke Foundation wants to know about and celebrate people like Brenda, who are often quiet achievers who donate a great deal of their own time to lessen the burden of stroke on the community," Ms McGowan said.

"These individuals are collectively making a difference to the state of stroke in this country," she said.

The 2019 Stroke Foundation Stroke Awards run across six categories: Improving Life After Stroke, the Creative Award, Fundraiser of the Year, Courage Award, Volunteer of the Year and President's Achievement Award.

Nominations open on February

SOURCE: Media release, 4 Feb 2019 Emily Granland, The Stroke Foundation



Brenda Booth

# Aged care facility says it supports Royal Commission

Management of the Peninsula Village aged care facility at Umina has announced its support for the Royal Commission into Aged Care.

"Peninsula Villages is fully supportive of this Royal Commission process, as we want a safe, high quality and high performing aged care system in this country," said chief executive Mr Shane Neaves.

"To this end, the Royal Commission aims to examine issues and examples of what is not working, where the aged care system has failed, and explore what needs to change in order to meet the changing needs and expectations of the growing numbers of older Australians.

"Peninsula Villages would like

to keep our community informed about the Royal Commission," Mr Neaves said.

The Royal Commission's public hearings started in January, with the aim of delivering an interim report in October 2019 and a final report in April 2020.

SOURCE: Social media, 14 Jan 2019 Shane Neaves, Peninsula Villages

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More than \$12,000 has been raised for Cooper Fawcett

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month.

The fundraiser was launched on January 11 for the family of Cooper Fawcett who was admitted to Westmead Children's Hospital suffering from a growth on his brain.

Family member Ms Niki-Lee Fawcett said the family had been "trapped in a nightmare" ever since his diagnosis.

"After an MRI, the worst fear was confirmed that Cooper has a mass on his brain," Ms Fawcett said.

"He was flown to Westmead Children's hospital which is where his parents Mack and Chantelle and his siblings have been residing ever since.

"It has been a nightmare to say the least and, if the tumour wasn't bad enough, Cooper has lost his speech and basic motor skills including walking and holding things.

"Cooper will have to re-learn to walk and talk through extensive therapy," Ms Fawcett said.

She said Cooper's father had exhausted his leave entitlement, but needed to be with Cooper throughout this trying time.

She said the money raised would go to cover the family's living expenses.

"This community is amazing and I have had so many people wanting to help.

"Chantelle and Mack are so grateful for all the support they have had thus far," Ms Fawcett said.

"They have been told Cooper will need to remain in care at Westmead for at least three months, which means he will need his mum and dad by his side," she said

As of February 5, the fundraiser has raised \$12,967 for the family.

Anyone wishing to donate can find the fundraiser on the Go Fund Me website.

SOURCE: Website, 5 Feb 2019 Niki-Lee Fawcett, Fawcett family fundrasier saratoga medical

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# Peninsula Village development to start in March

Extensions to the Peninsula Village aged care facilities in Pozieres Ave, Umina, are expected to start in March.

"We have now selected the builder who will undertake the development of our approved new aged care facility on Pozieres Ave," said chief executive Mr Shane Neaves.

"We will be announcing this appointment shortly with a view to a March construction commencement.

"We are also delighted to continue work on the refurbishment of the Pam Palmer House area, with the development application now approved for new staff rooms, a tea house and wellness and community hall.

"New lifts are also being installed in the coming months and we look forward to continue to plan for our residents now and into the future to ensure the safety and convenience for all," he said.

SOURCE: Social media, 23 Jan 2019 Shane Neaves, Peninsula Villages

# Healthy Harold visits Ettalong

Students at Ettalong Public School have welcomed Healthy Harold and the team from Life Education to the school.

Healthy Harold arrived on school grounds on February 1 to help students make safe and healthy lifestyle choices.

Harold spoke to children on a range of topics from diet and exercise to social media use, selfrespect and healthy relationships.

> SOURCE: Social media, 1 Feb 2019 Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School



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## Money donated to woman diagnosed with cancer

More than \$17,000 has been raised by the friends and family of a Umina woman recently diagnosed with cancer.

Friends and family of Mr and Mrs Janek and Karen Chorazyczewski rallied throughout January to raise the funds after learning that Mrs Chorazyczewski had been diagnosed with stage colorectal cancer.

Upon diagnosis it was also revealed Mrs Chorazyczewski had tumours in her sigmoid colon

Calling themselves Karen's Fight Club, the group have set a \$20,000 goal to assist the Chorazyczewski's with medical costs and other associated expenses.

They have raised \$17,165 of their goal as of February 6.

Karen's Fight Club member Ms Katie Marie said: "In January, Karen underwent a mammoth surgery at St George Hospital to remove the tumours (including bowel and liver resection), lymph nodes, and other tissues (peritonectomy) and commenced intraperitoneal chemotherapy.

"Karen's surgery went well and she is now undertaking a lengthy recovery which will include



several weeks in hospital and many months of recovery at home with additional chemotherapy.

"Understandably, Karen cannot return to work as an emergency department nurse and her husband Janek will require extended periods of leave from his job as an ambulance officer to care for Karen.

"With two infant children to

support, the loss of income as well as the requirement for inhome assistance, additional child care, meals, cleaners, travel, utility bills, everyday expenses and so on is expected to have quite a financial impact on their

"This is where Karen's Fight Club can help.

"We have set up this fundraiser to give the community the opportunity to help ease the financial burden.

"From the beginning, Karen has said there is no way she would have been able to stand up to this aggressive cancer without the amazing support of her family and friends," Ms Marie said.

Mr Chorazyczewski said his family were touched by the generosity of their supporters.

"Truly, you have no idea how much it means to us that so many people care so much.

"We have been moved to tears too many times to count from the messages and love sent to us,"

Mr Chorazyczewski said his wife was currently in recovery and enjoying spending time with their sons.

"One thing we would like people to take away from Karen's story is just how quickly bowel cancer can take over your life.

"The enduring message that Karen wants passed on is that it can happen to anyone.

"Listen to your body and pay attention to the subtle signs.

"Don't allow your concerns to

be dismissed.

"If you notice any changes to your bowels, gut health or sense of wellbeing insist on getting a colonoscopy regardless of your risk profile or being told it's 'unlikely to be cancer'.

"You know your body better than anyone," he said.

Bowel cancer is one of Australia's most common cancers with around 17, 000 people diagnosed each year.

Mr Chorazyczewski younger people should also be aware of their bowel health.

"Bowel cancer can and does happen to young people.

"Karen is 36.

"We have two young children, one of whom is just a baby, and was born right when this madness was discovered.

"Early detection is the key to survival so please everyone regularly get checked," Mr Chorazyczewski said.

To donate to the campaign, visit the Go Fund Me website and search for Karen's Fight.

> SOURCE: Website, Jan 15 Katie Marie, Umina Janek Chorazyczewski, Umina

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The CCCM currently employs around 60 teachers who deliver the organisation's programs. It has five full-time staff (Artistic Director, Financial Controller, Communication and Events Manager, Senior Office Administrator and Accounts Assistant), assisted by a part-time Schools Manager and two casual

The (CCCM) is seeking to recruit a General Manager in a key strategic role to deliver high customer service and enhanced teamwork. The GM will be responsible for oversight of business-as-usual activities, driving and reviewing projects and contributing to strategic initiatives.

The successful candidate will ideally be an Individual with 8-10 years minimum experience in a music education or related organisation, and have skills that include managing people in a not for profit, largely government funded environment. As a progressive and dynamic institution, the CCCM has to engage with digital technology, financial management and fundraising with the help of volunteers.

2019 and beyond will be a challenging and exciting time for the Conservatorium, and these challenges will be met by an experienced and dedicated individual, who will be charged with the day to day management of the CCCM business, including the operational oversight of staff and teachers. In an increasingly regulatory environment, human resource management, management of Government funding and capacity to secure new sources of revenue from services, sponsorship and private sector funding will be key objectives.

#### TERMS AND REMUNERATION

This position is being offered for an initial period of six months on a fixed-term all-inclusive contract with a view to extension pending the meeting of key performance indicators. Remuneration package to be negotiated.

#### **HOW TO EXPRESS INTEREST**

To find out more about this position and for details on how to apply, please contact CCCM Board Member Ian Hemphill on hemphill.ian@icloud.com or 0416 142 419.

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#### **Edcuation**



# New playground equipment ordered

Umina Beach Public School is set to receive new equipment for the school playground this term.

"A design has been chosen and orders have been made for installation of our new equipment in the primary area of the school playground," said principal, Ms Lyn Davis.

"The Parents and Carers Group have worked very hard to raise the

funds needed for this project.

"Total cost will be approximately \$60,000 with the school and the Group sharing the costs.

"Profit from our school canteen in 2018 has been directed toward the school cost of this new equipment."

> SOURCE: Newsletter, 5 Feb 2019 Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School

#### **Dinosaur toys wanted**

Umina Beach Public School is seeking donations of dinosaur toys.

"Do you have any unwanted toy dinosaurs wanting a new home?" asked principal Ms Lyn Davis

"We would appreciate any

donations for our Kindergarten classes.

"Please drop them off to the school office."

SOURCE: Newsletter, 5 Feb 2019 Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School

#### Music bus visits Umina

Umina Beach Public School was visited by The Music Bus on February 8.

"The Music Bus brings music education to primary schools across the country, providing

the teacher, instruments and curriculum, and a high-tech mobile music classroom," said principal Ms Lyn Davis.

All students from K-2 spent some time in the bus.

Among the instruments students learnt about were the ukulele, the guitar, keyboard and drums.

SOURCE: Newsletter, 5 Feb 2019 Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School

#### Kindergarten start school

Umina Beach Public School has unveiled its 2019 Kindergarten staff and support team.

"We are excited to be welcoming our new Kindergarten students who started school on February 4. "Our 2019 Kindergarten team couldn't wait to see our new Kindies in their new school uniforms and welcome them to Umina Beach Public School," said principal Ms Lyn Davis.

SOURCE: Social media, 4 Feb 2019 Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School

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\*\$6,280, NOW \$5,580, departing 10/05/2019 including many must-see highlights in Spain, Portugal & Morocco.

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\*\$6,780, NOW \$5,990, departing 14/04/2019 including Athens, Corinth, Mycenae, Epidaurus, Olympia, Ioannina, Kalambaka, Meteora, Delphi, Hosios Loucas and cruise to Mykonos, Milo, Santorini, Crete & Kusadasi.

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\*\$7,680, NOW \$7,480, departing 01/06 & 13/09/2019 including Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Albania, Macedonia, Bulgaria & Serbia.

#### 15 Day Russia Waterways Tour (Special)

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#### 15 Day China Shangri-la Tour (Special)

\*\$3,690, NOW \$3,290, departing 14/04/2019, including Kunming, Shangri-la, Lijiang, Dali, Jianshui, Yuanyang, Pu'er and Xishuangbanna.



# Straight into schoolwork on first day back

Students at Ettalong Public School were straight into their schoolwork on the first day of the new school year, according to principal Ms Lynn Balfour.

"All students were placed in their new classes immediately after recess on their first day back resulting in no lost valuable teaching time and, of course, there were lots of excited students when they found out who their new teacher was," she said.

"Our school day starts at 8.55am and ends at 2.55pm.

"We encourage all children to be at school at least five minutes before the bell rings so they can catch up with friends.

"Students arriving late miss the beginning of lessons and also

cause disruption to other children who have just settled into their day.

"Please make sure your child arrives at school after 8:30am when teachers commence playground duty and before the morning bell.

"Kindergarten students started lessons on February 4 and will finish their day at 2:30pm, for their first two weeks.

"They will stay for full days from February 18.

"We have a busy few weeks ahead with our swimming carnival and parent information sessions.

"We will also have a free sausage sizzle in between the parent information," Ms Balfour said.

SOURCE: Newsletter, 5 Feb 2019 Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School

#### Umina artist wins exhibition

An Umina artist has been awarded first place in the miniature section of the Central Coast Art Society's 2019 Summer Exhibition.

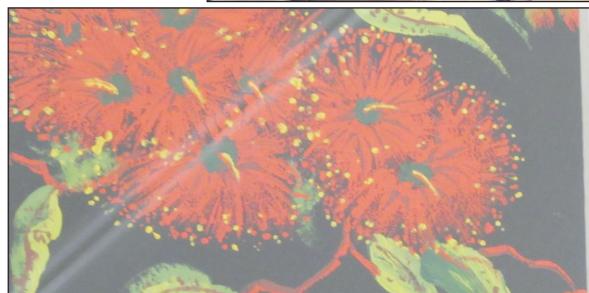
Umina's Ms Judith Hoste took out first place with her work Red Gum Blossom.

Ms Hoste's piece was painted in gouache, a type of opaque watercolour on a black background.

Of the win, she said it was "a wonderful surprise".

SOURCE: Social media, 18 Jan 2019 Judith Hoste, Umina









# Double header special feature at folk club

The Troubadour Folk Club's next concert will be a double header special, featuring Shawn Lidster from Newfoundland and local band New York Public Library.

The special double feature concert will take place from 7pm on February 23 at the club's new venue, the St Luke's Church Hall, Woy Woy.

Club president, Mr Michael Fine, said the concert would be one of the club's best ones yet.

"Shawn hails from Newfoundland and brings a perfect mix of his heritage with Australiana charm to his mixed bag of Celtic alternative country blues," Mr Fine said.

"Shawn has had songs he has written and performed for



the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Newfoundland, Prince Charles and even had a song played on the famous Hockey Night in Canada.

"His Newfoundland album Legends, was added to the K-12 curriculum throughout Newfoundland and Labrador Schools in 2009 as a learning resource for students.

"A number of songs in traditional style became famous, with extensive airplay on CBC Radio, VOCM and other popular radio stations across Canada, and on internet and folk radio stations around the world."

Lidster's first appearance at the Troubadour will be supported by local group New York Public Library, an Australian bluegrass, Irish, country music folk band making a return visit to Woy Woy.

"They may remind you of great old groups like the Weavers and the Kingston Trio, but be warned, they may play anything that takes their fancy, with lots of comedy thrown in.

The New York Public Library is made up of: John Flanagan (vocals, mandolin, tenor guitar), Warren Boyd (vocals, banjo, guitar), Isabelle Fogarty (vocals, double bass, ukulele) and Alan Smart (Guitar and not much else).

Tickets are essential.

SOURCE: Media release, 6 Feb 2019 Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club

# Noel Coward play opens Little Theatre year

Woy Woy Little Theatre will present its first production for the year with Noel Coward's Private Lives opening on February 22 at Peninsula Theatre for a three-week season.

Director Ms Jan Grounds said razor sharp wit and verbal sparring would be the order of the day in this play which sees a divorced couple find themselves in adjoining hotel rooms in France, each with a new spouse in tow.

"This is probably Noel Coward's most perfect and performed play," Ms Grounds said.

"It was written in 1930 in just a few days and, after almost 90 years, it still has a lot to offer, as the characters are so well drawn and the language is deliciously clever and amusing.

"I have loved Noel Coward's work for such a long time that to direct this play is such a gift.

"Several years ago, I was assistant director and stage manager for Woy Woy Little Theatre's Hay Fever, so doing another of Noel Coward's plays seemed an opportunity not to be missed," she said.

The play has a strong cast comprising some of the group's best-known performers.

Ms Kellie Martin (last seen in Sylvia) and Mr Thomas Unger (last seen in Baskerville) are the divorced couple, with Mr Clayton Williamson (also last seen in Baskerville) and Ms Rebecca Bright (last seen in the 2018 Flash Festival) as their respective new spouses

Completing the cast is Ms Kirsty Bolton, a newcomer to the Woy Woy Little Theatre stage, as the maid.

"Having such a talented strong cast meant that the language, fun and utter madness of Private Lives could be showcased," Ms Grounds said.

For session times, ticket information and bookings visit Woy Woy Little Theatre's website.

SOURCE: Media release, 5 Feb 2019 Terry Collins, Woy Woy Little Theatre

# Five new teachers at Umina

Umina Beach Public School has five new teaching staff this year.

"Several new staff members have been welcomed into the Umina Beach school community," said principal Ms Lyn Davis.

"Amongst our new teachers we have Cindy Dewstow who is teaching a Year 3 class (3D); Louise Lisney who is teaching a Year 6 class (6L); Gavin Bradley is teaching a Kindergarten class (KB) and Naomi Kinsela is teaching a Year 4 class (4K).

"An itinerant teacher for hearing impaired children has also been appointed to our school in the form of Kim Pearson," Ms Davis said.

SOURCE: Newsletter, 5 Feb 2019 Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School



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#### New boat for Marine Rescue

The Marine Rescue service at Point Clare has commissioned a new rescue boat for the Brisbane Water on February 2.

Central Coast 21 is a 7.5 metre vessel that can respond to emergencies on Brisbane Water and up to 15 nautical miles offshore.

Marine Rescue NSW Commissioner Stacey Tannos said the Hunter-Central Coast region had been one of the state's busiest in terms of marine rescues this summer.

"Central Coast rescue crews responded to 50 incidents in the past two months, including nine life-threatening emergencies," Commissioner Tannos said

"Thanks to the ongoing support of the State Government, we've been able to ensure our volunteers have modern, reliable and safe rescue vessels.

SOURCE: Media release, Feb 2 Ben Sheath, Office of Adam Crouch MP



# Peninsula events in Seniors' Festival program

Central Coast Council has published its Seniors' Festival program featuring a number of Peninsula events.

The Festival officially runs from February 13-24 but Council has had events running from February 1

"From cooking, film making and art exhibits to retirement planning, line dancing and water sports, there's something for everyone at this year's NSW Seniors' Festival," said mayor, Cr Jane Smith.

Events on the Peninsula include a full day of activities for seniors from 9am on February 13 at the Ettalong Senior Citizens' Centre, including indoor bowls, leatherworking classes, bridge, scrabble and table tennis.

Also on February 13, Umina Library will host the Art of Ageing Exhibition, a digital photography exhibition which celebrates the role and contributions of older people to society.

It will run every day until February 22.

The Peninsula Leisure Centre will hold water aerobics from 12:30pm on February 13 and

**Council** again on February 15 and 20.

It will also hold senior strength training classes by appointment only from February 13 to 24.

The senior citizens' centre will hold an old time/new age dancing program from 9am on February 14, followed by Polynesian dance classes, card games and Mahjong.

The centre will also be holding the Creative Folk Art Social Group from 12:30pm on February 14.

February 15 sees the centre hold line dancing, indoor bowls and panting classes.

On February 18, it will hold chess and move n groove dance sessions.

Meanwhile, on February 15, Woy Woy Library will be hosting a series of information sessions for seniors.

The sessions will be run by speakers from the Financial Information Service and cover such topics as: understanding your retirement income streams, understanding your pension and estate planning.

The Service will also hold an accommodation options in retirement workshop and an understanding aged care fees and charges at the Library on February 22.

Places are limited for all sessions so bookings are essential.

The Hawkesbury River Cruise and Broken Bay Sport Recreation Lunch will take place on February 19

The cruise is available for Peninsula residents with pickup points at Patonga and Brooklyn.

Bookings are essential.

The senior citizens' centre will hold a Latin American Ballroom Dancing class on February19 and a Canasta card game.

Podiatrist Seleisa Duddy will give a foot care and ageing presentation at the centre on February 22.

Bookings are essential.

On February 28, Woy Woy Library will host a My Gov and My Aged Care website navigation masterclass. Bookings are essential.

SOURCE: Brochure, 30 Jan 2019 Seniors Festival Program, Central Coast Council Reporter: Dilon Luke





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

#### **TUESDAY, FEB 12**

Grandparents Storytime, Erina Library, Free, 10:30am

Shirl's Sing-A-Long, The Greens Bowling Club, The Entrance, Free, 10:30am - 12:30pm

2261 Community Roundtable, The Entrance Community Centre, RSVP, 12pm

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEB 13**

Active Over 50's Classes, Lake Haven Recreation Centre, Free, 8:30am - 9:30am

Tim Maddren - Me & Mv Shadow, Laycock Street Community Theatre. Ticketed, 11am

Indoor Bowls, Leatherwork & Table Tennis, Ettalong 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre, Free, 9am - 12pm

Mindful Art & Chess, Gosford 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre, Free, 9am - 12pm, Be Connected Program, 10am - 12pm

#### Have your Say -Information Session, **Central Coast Council** Wyong Office, 6pm - 8pm

yourvoiceourcoast.com/planningcontrols

**GEC Chamber February** Lunch Event, The Entertainment Grounds, Gosford, Ticketed, 12:15pm - 2pm

**CBWN** after hours Sparkle Event. Nexus Smart Hub Wyong, Ticketed, 5:30 - 7:30pm

Centrelink and Carer's Benefits - Seniors Festival Event, Tuggerah Library, Free, Bookings essential

10am - 12pm Silver Storytime - Seniors Festival Event,

Erina Library, Free 10am - 12pm

Seniors Discount Voucher Booklet Giveaway, Centre Court - Gosford Imperial Centre,

Free, 10am - 2pm Accommodation Options for

Older Australians. Tuggerah Library, Bookings essential. 12pm - 2pm

Bridge & Scrabble, Ettalong 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre, Free, 12pm - 3:30pm

Aqua Water Aerobics, Peninsular Leisure Centre, Free, 12:30pm-1:30pm

Social Scrapbooking, Line dancing, Gosford 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre, Free, 1pm - 3pm

Understanding the Costs of Aged Care, Tuggerah Library, Free -Bookings essential, 2:15pm - 4:15pm

Free Senior Strength Training, Lake Haven Recreation Centre & Peninsular Leisure Centre, 13 - 24/02, Bookings essential

#### **THURSDAY, FEB 14**

Valentine's On The Greens, **Evergaldes Country Club** Woy Woy, Ticketed, 6pm

Active Over 50's Classes, Lake Haven Recreation Centre, Free, 8:30am - 9:30am

Old Time / New Vogue Dancing, Ettalong 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre, Free, 9am - 12pm

Darts, Gosford 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre, Free, 9:30am - 12pm

Central Coast Council's Seniors Concert and Expo, Central Coast Council Wyong Service Centre, Free - Bookings essential,

Rock "N" Roll Revival Office of Sport - Myuna Bay Centre, Ticketed, 10am - 2:30pm

10am - 1pm

Grandparents Storytime, Erina Library, Free, 10:30am

Polynesian Dance, Ettalong 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre,

Free, 12pm - 1pm, Cards - Hand & Foot, 12pm - 3:30pm, Creative Folk Art Social Group, 12:30pm - 2:30pm, Mahjong, 12:30pm -3:30pm

#### FRIDAY, FEB 15

Martin Freney Earthship Designer Talk, Narara Ecovillage, Donation entry, 15 &16/01, 7:30pm

Candy's Strawbale Workshop, Narara Ecovillage Ticketed, 15, 16 & 17/02

Tuggerah Lakes U3A presents a Talk on Local Railways -Then and Now, The Entrance/Long Jetty RSL Hall, 10am - 12pm

Aqua Water Aerobics. Gosford Olympic Pool Free, 8:30am - 9:30am

Linedancing. Ettalong 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre, Free, 9am - 11am, Painting Social Group. 9am - 12pm Learn Indoor Bowls - 12pm

Seniors Active Day, Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Centre, Ticketed, 9am - 2:30pm

**Understanding Your** Pension, Woy Woy Library, Free, Bookings essential, 10am **Understanding Retirement** Income Streams -12:15pm. Estate Planning - 2:30pm

**Nutrition and Cooking for** Positive Ageing, Gosford 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre, Free, 10:30am, Table Tennis, 1:30pm -3:30pm

#### **SATURDAY, FEB 16**



**Free Microchipping** Day, SoCare Wyong Animal **Care Facility, Central Coast Animal Care** Facility – Gosford Pound, 10am - 4pm centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/pets

Wyong Family History Group Drop In Session, Tuggerah Library, Free, 9am - 12pm

The Kings of Country Rock, The Art House Wyong, Ticketed, 8pm

**Central Coast Council** Pop up Stall -**Consolidating planning** controls, Central Coast **Council Wyong Office,** 6 - 8pm

Centrelink and Carer's Benefits, Erina Library, Free - Bookings essential, 10am - 11:45am, Accommodation Options for Older Australians - 12pm, Understanding the Costs of Aged Care - 2:30pm

It's BBQ Time, Toukley 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre, Ticketed, 12pm - 3:30pm

**Mardi to Warnervale** Pipeline project - Drop-In Information Session, **Watanobbi Community** Centre. 9am - 11am yourvoiceourcoast.com/M2WP

Sydney Comedy Club at the EG. The Entertainment Grounds Gosford, Ticketed, 6:30pm - 11:30pm

The Songs of Steely Dan, Laycock Street Community Theatre, Ticketed, 8pm

#### **SUNDAY, FEB 17**

Coast Onscreen Seniors Short Film Workshops: Film Editing Techniques, Workshop 3, Bookings required, 10am - 2pm

#### **MONDAY, FEB 18**

Seniors Festival Open Days, Terrigal 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre, 18 - 22/02, Free, 7:30am - 3:30pm Mini Market - 9am - 2pm

Aqua Fitness, Toukley Aquatic Centre, Free, 7:45am - 8:45am

Active Over 50's Classes. Lake Haven Recreation Centre, Free, 8:30am - 9:30am

Village Information Night, The Entrance Library,

Chess, Ettalong 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre, Free, 9am - 11am, Move 'n' Groove - 11:30am

- 12:30pm

Knit & Knatter, Social Painting Group, Origami, Gosford 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre, Free, 9am - 12pm

Join & Enjoy Week, Long Jetty Over 50's Club for Leisure & Learning, Free, 18 - 22/02, 9:30am - 11:30am & 1pm - 3pm

#### **TUESDAY, FEB 19**

Sit & Sew Social Group, Gosford 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre, Free, 9am - 12pm



**Rhonda Burchmore -Up Close & Personal,** The Art House Wyong, Ticketed, 11am 4335 1485

Managing Your Money, Lake Haven Library, Free, Bookings essential, 10am - 12pm

Seniors Hawkesbury Cruise and Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Lunch, Hawkesbury River / Broken **Bay Sport and Recreation** Centre, Ticketed, 9:30am - 2:15pm

Latin American / Ballroom Dancing, Ettalong 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre. Free. 9:30am - 11:30am

Scams and Online Safety for Seniors, Tuggerah Library, Free - Bookings essential,

1:30pm - 2:30pm

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEB 20**

Climate Change Community Workshop The Entrance Ward, **Mingara Recreation** Club, 6 - 8:30pm To register visit

Moving into a Retirement yourvoiceourcoast.com/climatechange

Bookings essential, 2 - 3pm Summer Flicks: 'The African Queen'. Tuggerah Library, Bookings essential, 1:30pm - 4:30pm

> Host of ABC Craig Reucassel - War on Waste program, The Art House Wyong, Free, 6 - 7pm

Coast Onscreen Seniors Short Film Workshops: Film Finalisation, Workshop 4, Bookings required, 10am - 2pm

Seniors Canoeing/Kayaking, Seniors Stand Up Paddleboard, Avoca Lagoon, Ticketed,

10am - 12pm

Healthy Ageing Talk, Gosford 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre, Free -Bookings essential, 10am - 12pm

& Upload, The Hub, The Erina Centre, Free - Bookings essential, 10am - 2pm

Walking Football, Pluim Park, The Home of Central Coast Football, Free - Bookings essential

#### **THURSDAY, FEB 21**

**Mardi to Warnervale** Pipeline project - Drop-In Information Session, **Tuggerah Library** (Westfield Tuggerah) 3 - 5pm

yourvoiceourcoast.com/M2WP ELIXIR feat. Katie Noonan, Lavcock Street Theatre

Auditorium, Ticketed, 8pm Variety Social,

Gosford 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre, Free - Bookings essential, 9:30am - 1pm

Manpower Australia 2019. Central Coast Leagues Club, Ticketed, 7:30pm

Terrigal 50+ Seniors Festival Concert, Terrigal 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre, Ticketed, 11am

What you didn't know

about your Business, Nexus Smart Hub Wyong, Bookings required, 5:30pm

Let Us Entertain You, Toukley 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre, Free, 12pm

Cardmaking Workshop, Gosford 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre, Free, 1pm - 3pm, Sandra's Tai Chi Workshop - 1:30pm - 2:15pm, Shall We Dance - 6pm -7pm

Elixir featuring Katie Noonan, Laycock Street Community Theatre, Ticketed, 8pm - 10pm

Investing with Safety, The Entrance Library, Free - Bookings essential 10am - 12pm

**Understanding Aged Care** Fees & Charges, Woy Woy Library, Free - Bookings essential, 1pm

#### Silver Screen - Day 4 Polish FRIDAY, FEB 22

Investing with Safety -Seniors Festival Event, The Entrance Library, Bookings essential, 10am - 12pm,

#### **SATURDAY, FEB 23**

**Chemical CleanOut** drop off, **Mount Penang Gardens** event park, Free, 23 - 24/02, 9am - 3:30pm www.cleanout.com.au

James Reyne: A Crawl To Now, The Art House Wyong, Ticketed, 7:30pm

> Women Like Us -Coast Comedy Club, Club Toukley RSL, Ticketed, 7:45pm



The Manhattan Transfer, **Ettalong Diggers**, Ticketed, 7:30pm 4343 0111

Beccy Cole -The Wine Time Tour, Halekulani Bowling Club, Ticketed, 8pm

**Come and Play AFL** with Wyong Lakes Magpies -Registration Day, Wadalba Mcdonalds, 1pm - 3pm 0404257702

**Bellbird Committee** Raceday, The Entertainment Grounds Gosford, Ticketed, 12pm - 6pm

Troubadour Folk and Acoustic Music - Shawn Lidster and New York Public Library, St Lukes Hall Woy Woy, Ticketed, 7pm

#### **SUNDAY, FEB 24**



Love, Life & Death -Phoenix Quartet, **Greenway Chapel** Green Point, Ticketed, 2:30pm - 4:30pm 0402 544 016 www.pcmusic.net

Silver Screen - Day 5 Screening / Film Festival, The Hub, The Erina Centre, Free - Bookings essential, 12pm - 2pm

**Come and Play AFL** with Wyong Lakes Magpies -**Registration & Come** and Try, **Don Small Oval** Tacoma, 1pm - 3pm 0404257702

#### **TUEDSAY, FEB 26**

**Climate Change Community Workshop -Gosford East Ward,** Erina Centre, Erina Fair, 6 - 8:30pm

To register visit yourvoiceourcoast.com/climatechange

Smartphones & Tablets -How to use them! Meeting Space 2, The Erina Centre, Free - Bookings essential, 1:30pm - 2:30pm

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEB 27**

Vissla NSW Pro Surf Series, Avoca Beach, 27/02 - 04/

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#### **Out&About**



# Wagstaffe flagraising

Hundreds Peninsula residents descended on Wagstaffe for the town's annual Australia Day flag raising ceremony on January

Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch attended the event and said he was thrilled to see it so heavily attended.

"It was fantastic to see hundreds of residents and visitors in attendance on what was a beautiful morning," Mr Crouch said.

"It was also great to catch up with local legends Judy Nunn and Bruce Venables," he said.

SOURCE: Social Media, 26 Jan 2019 Adam Crouch, Member for Terrigal





# Woy Woy celebrations attract 12,000, says council

Central Coast Council has community together to celebrate estimated that more than people attended 12.000 the Woy Woy waterfront Australia Day celebrations on January 26.

Council unit manager Mr Glenn Cannard said Australia Day was made even more special by the strong community support for the Woy Woy event.

He said the council had received positive feedback, especially on the lantern parade, "a collaborative community project starting with a number of workshops over two weeks and resulting in creative lanterns reflective of our community spirit".

"We will be building on this component of our Australia Day event over the coming years," he

He said other festivity highlights included the Zorb Balls on the water, headline band The Nevilles which entertained crowds into the evening, the variety of games and activities for families and an accessibility tent.

"The event ended with a spectacular fireworks display over the water.

"We were delighted to host this special event, which brought our our diversity, our values, our national achievements and our hopes for the future," Mr Cannard

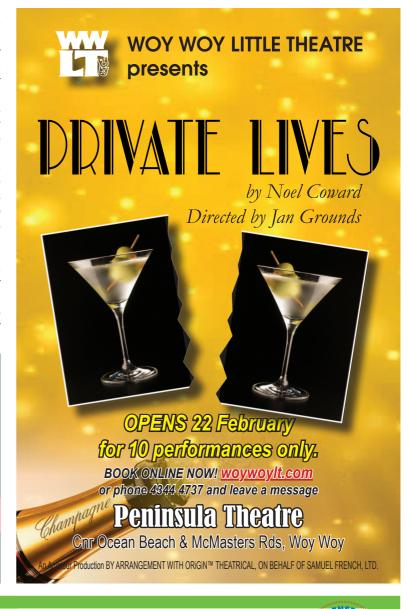
Mayor Cr Jane Smith said Australia Day was all about acknowledging and celebrating the contribution that every Australian made "to our vibrant and diverse nation".

"It was great to see the

community come together at our Woy Woy Australia Day celebration.

"We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful part of the world and at the event we saw that great community spirit come to life," Cr Smith said.

SOURCE: Media statements, 4 Feb 2019 Glenn Cannard, Central **Coast Council** Jane Smith, Central Coast Council







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#### Directory - Not for profit Community Organisations

#### **Art & Culture**

#### **Central Coast Art Society**

Weekly paint-outs Tues 0428 439 180 Workshops 9.30am 1st & 3rd Wed Gosford City Art Centre 4363 1156.

Social Meetings 1.30pm 4th Wed for demonstrations 4325 1420

#### **Central Coast** Handweavers,

Spinners and

**Textile Arts Guild** Spinning and weaving patchwork and quilting, felting and other fibre and fabric crafts, community quilting bees

Day and Night Groups 4325 4743

#### **Ettalong Beach Art** & Crafts Centre

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

#### **Hospital Art** Australia Inc.

Meet every Tue and Fri 9am-2pm - 109 Birdwood Ave, Umina - Painting and Canvas drawing. Volunteers welcome

0431 363 347

#### **Community Centres Peninsula Community** Centre

Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd Woy Woy Activities, programs and support groups for children, teens, adults and seniors including occasional care, playgroups, dance classes karate, fitness classes, vouth services, gambling solutions, internet kiosk and social

4341 9333

#### **Ettalong 50+ Leisure** & Learning Centre

Cards, Chess, Choir, Creative Folk Art, Dancing, Darts, Handicraft, Handicrafts, Indoor Bowls, Leatherwork Line Dancing, Mahjong, Painting, Rummking, Scrabble, Table Tennis Ukulele, Women's Shed, 4304 7222

#### **Central Coast** Community Legal Centre

Not for profit service providing free legal advice. Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm 4353 4988

#### **Point Clare Community Hall** Community Garden -

Playgroup Craft and Exercise Groups Function or Meeting Hire Managed by Gosford Regional Community Services

Enquiries regarding hire to 4323 7483

#### **Community Groups**

**ABC** "The Friends" Support group for Public Broadcaster Aims: Safeguard ABC's independence, adequate funding, high standards. Meetings through the year + social afternoons Well-known guest speakers 4341 5170

#### **Central Coast** Caravanners Inc

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

#### **Central Coast 50+ Singles Social Group**

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

#### **CCLC Indoor Bowls**

Mon - Ladies Social Wed Night - Mixed Socia Sat - Mixed Social New members welcome tuition given level 2 Central Coast Leagues Club 4334 3800

#### **Freemasons**

Who are they? What do they do? Find out about the wolrd's oldest fraternal organisation and how we help our community. Gosford Masonic Centre 86 Mann St Gosford

#### Peninsula Village **Playgroup**

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

#### **Peninsula School** for Seniors

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

#### **Seniors Social and** Friendship Club Inc

Meets 2nd Mon Regular monthly social activities as well as day outings and short breaks away, organised by individual members 4322 7588 or 0427 404 322

#### **The Krait Club**

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

#### **The NSW Justices Association Inc**

added community desks Wednesday Umina Library 10am-1pm

Thursday Woy Woy Library 10am-1pm Free Insurance and training provided 0418 203 671

#### **Umina Beach** Men's Shed

Men share a variety of tools. pursue interests and hobbies spend time with other men and learn new skills Darrell 4342 9606

#### Volunteering

**Central Coast** Refers potential volunteers to community orgs. Supports both volunteers and community orgs. Training for volunteers & their managers 4329 7122

#### **Wagstaffe to Killcare** Community

Protect and preserve the environment & residential nature of the Bouddi Peninsula and to strengthen community bonds 2nd Mon, 7.30pm Wagstaffe Hall 4360 2945

#### **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

#### **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

Hea ring 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

#### **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. Éring a support person if you like. Weekly meetings at Woy Woy, Bateau Bay and Wyong 1800 558 268

#### **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

#### **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 Paula 4344 9199

#### **Prostate Cancer Support Group**

(Gosford) Last Fri, Terrigal Uniting Church, 380 Terrigal Drive, Terrigal 9.30am to 12 noon 4367 9600

#### 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 1300 650 594

#### 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

#### **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

#### **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

#### **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**

4th 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 n Aust & o/seas Fun-filled activities, fellowship and friendship.

**Rotary Club of Kariong** Phillip House, 21 Old Mount Penang Rd, Fri 7.15am 4340 4529

#### **Rotary Club of Umina Beach**

Wednesdays 6.30pm Everglades Country Club 0409 245 861 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 Řd. Woy Woy

#### **Cash Housie**

50 Games every Sat night Peninsula Community Centre, McMasters Rd, Woy Woy,t 7.30pm. Proceeds to Woy Woy Catholic Parish.

#### **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. 4324 5164

#### **Central Coast** Tenants' Advice and **Advocacy Service**

Help with issues with landiords & real estate agents? Free telephone advice and advocacy for all tenants and residents in residential parks. 4353 5515

#### **Central Coast Rescue Unit**

Marine Education Courses. Radio Licenses, Boat Safety & Boat License & PWC License Tests. Navigation, Seamanship and Meteorology 4325 7929

#### **Central Coast**

**Soaring Club Inc** Gliding Club, Learn to fly, Instruction FREE to members Come and have an Air Experience Flight All Welcome 14 and up for Training Flying at Bloodtree Road Mangrove Mountain Thur. Sat, Sun (weather permitting) 0412 164 082 0414 635 047 www.ccsoaring.com.au

**Ettalong Toastmasters** We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth 2nd & 4th Tue, 7:30PM Ettalong Diggers 0408 416 356

#### **Peninsula Environment Group**

Environmental projects, (incl. Woytopia), Woy Woy community garden, social events, workshops, organic food buying group

#### **Central Coast** Goju-Kai Karate

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#### **Woy Woy Judo Club**

From 4:30pm Tue & Thur - graded classes 4:30pm - 8:30pm 27 Bowden Road Woy Woy Min Age 3 years old 0434 000 170

#### **Veterans**

#### **National Malaya Borneo Veterans Association**

1st Sat (except Jan) 10.30am Umina Club Melbourne Avenue Umina Beach 4342 1107

#### The Partners of **Veterans Association** of Australia Inc Central Coast Sub Branch

4th Tues - 10am-1pm Kincumber Neighbourhood Centre, 1/20 Kincumber St Kincumber Support Network for Partners of Past and present Australian Defence Forces 0403 499 905

#### Veterans' Help Centre

Assist all veterans & families with pension & welfare issues. Mon & Wed 9am-1pm 4344 4760 Cnr Broken Bay Rd & Beach St Ettalong.

#### **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 Boulevarde, 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

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

#### **Out&About**

# Vintage cars on show at Ettalong

A vintage fair and motor exhibition will be held in Ettalong this February.

**Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club** will host the Viva La Vintage Motor Mayhem Car and Bike Show from 10am to 4pm on February 23.

The free event will feature a collection of classic cars, hot rods, scooters and bikes.

Other attractions include a vintage market fair, the Miss Motor

Mayhem 2019 Pinup Pageant and awards for the best dressed

The event will raise funds for the Top Blokes Foundation, which puts on special classes for young men in local primary and high schools across the region.

> SOURCE: Social media, 4 Feb 2019 Robert Henderson, Ettalong **Memorial Bowling Club**



# Peninsula events for women's festival

The second Central Coast during this year's event, Festival of Women Running from March 1 to 10 will include more events across the Peninsula than ever before, according to festival member committee Margaret Heathcote.

She said there would be something for everyone happening

Events taking place across the Peninsula start on March 2, with a barbecue and cake sale being run by the Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association from 8am to 4pm at Bunnings Umina.

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre in Woy Woy will hold a Better the Balance morning tea with

guest speakers and entertainment on March 6 from 10am to 12pm.

A third event, a Rayon Riot International Women's Cabaret, will be held at the Everglades Country Club from 7:30pm on March 9.

SOURCE: Media release, 28 Jan 2019 Margaret Heathcote, Central Coast Festival of Women 2019

## Balloon twisting for children

A registered club in Woy Woy will hold free balloon twisting for children on February 15.

Everglades Country Club will hold the free balloon twisting and an animal making event as part of a responsible parent or guardian at its regular kids games and disco activities.

The event starts at 6pm. Children must be supervised by

SOURCE: Social media, 4 Feb 2019 Sarah Kane, Everglades **Country Club** 

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#### **Emergency**

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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 066 Wires 1300 094 737

#### **Community Centres Peninsula Community**

Centacare: 4324 6403

Centre 4341 9333 Counselling

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

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

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

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SOURCE: Social media, 4 Feb 2019 Phil Butler, Woy Woy **Football Club** 

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#### Sport



The Under 12's Beach Relay Team

## Ocean Beach finishes seventh in junior championships

Members of Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club competed in the Central **Coast Junior Surf Life Saving** Championships Branch held at Soldiers Beach on February 3.

championships were The contested by all 15 surf clubs from across the region with Ocean Beach ending their campaign in overall seventh place.

Highlights for the club included the OB Lions and the OB Gulls continuing their unbeaten run in the Rescue and Resuscitate events.

Chloe Hall and Carlo Baric both made the finals of the Under-8's Flags.

Not to be outdone, Tully Sheumack and Matilda Law both made the finals in the Sprint and Matilda Glendining and Ashlynn Deriviere did well in the Wading Race without progressing to the latter rounds.

In the Under-9's Jonty Beaton got the team off to a great start on the Sprint with a third place, and Jessica Majsak coming away with a silver in the Flags.

The Under-12's age group had some great individual performances from Harry Beaton who won the 1km Beach Run, Will Connors who came second in the Beach Sprint, Olivia Edwards third in the Surf Race and Jacob Falconer second in the Surf Race, third in the Ironman and third in the Board Race.

Another standout performance for Ocean Beach came from Mercedes Newton, who won the illustrious Under 14's Signals contest and backed it up with a bronze medal in the Beach Flags. "It was in the team events where our competitors had the best of it, winning the Male Beach Relay, coming second in the surf team's race and third the Mixed Relay" said the club's director of surf sports, Mr Shane Oakes.

SOURCE: Media release, 5 Feb 2019 Nigel Fitzgibbons, Ocean **Beach SLSC** 

# Jemma was part of successful **NSW** team

Umina surf sport athlete Jemma Smith has returned from the 2019 Surf Lifesaving Interstate Championships with a winner's title for a second year in a row.

Jemma was a part of the NSW team that successfully toppled their rivals Queensland to retain the Interstate Crown.

NSW put on a dominating performance at Sydney's Newport Beach where the titles were held, streaking home in undisputed winners with a final point score of 289, well above Queensland's 259 and third-placed WA's 168.

"It's always exciting to be able to come down to the Interstate Championships as it's a great indication to see how you are faring against some of the best athletes in the country," said Jemma.

"To me it's a huge honour to represent NSW."

SOURCE: Media release, 25 Jan 2019 Liam Howitt, SLS NSW



Jemma Smith

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#### **Sport**

# Ettalong confirmed for national bowls championships

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club has been confirmed as the venue for the 2019 Australian Sides Bowls Championships.

The Championships, which are sponsored by Central Coast Council, will see 192 of the sport's premier players from across all states and territories compete for the men's coveted Alley Shield, women's acclaimed Marj Morris Trophy, and the revered Overall Champions Trophy, from April 11 to 14.

The event, which boasts a history dating back 60 years, sees each state and territory field three rinks of four men, and three rinks of four women, and was last staged in NSW in 2011 at Nelson Bay.

Ettalong is among only a handful of NSW clubs that boast the four grass greens required to stage the national titles.

Mayor Cr Jane Smith welcomed the announcement and said the event would be a coup for the Peninsula. "We're very pleased to welcome Australia's premier bowls players to the Central Coast," Cr Smith said.

"The Central Coast has a very active bowls community with many great bowls venues.

"Bowls Australia's decision to hold the national titles here is a nod to the contribution our local players make to this popular sport.

"I'm proud Council's Grants and Sponsorship Program has been able to support this event," she said

Bowls Australia chief executive Mr Neil Dalrymple said the club and region were a perfect fit to hold the national title.

"Ettalong and the Central Coast region are particularly well placed to host the coveted Australian Sides Championships, coming up in a few short months, which is a fantastic showcase of the sport of bowls," Mr Dalrymple said.

SOURCE: Media release, 6 Feb 2019 Aidan Davis, Bowls Australia



Mayor Cr Jane Smith with Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club chief Mr Tim McGavin

# Swans recruit new AFL players

The Peninsula's Australian Football League club is now recruiting local players for its 2019 season.

"Registration is now open for the Woy Woy Peninsula Swans Junior AFL," said club registrar Ms Sandy Masden.

"We believe AFL is a great way to make friends, foster sportsmanship and be part of a great club and sports community."

All children aged from five to 17 were welcome, she said.

The Swans are recruiting for

their Auskick league (ages 5-7 non-contact league), Junior AFL (ages 8 to 10 limited contact), Youth Girls League (ages 11 to 13 limited contact) and the Youth Boys League (ages 12 to 16 full contact).

The club trains on a Wednesday and plays on a Sunday.

Anyone interested in trying out AFL with the Swans should either phone 0433 784 711 or email psjafl@gmail.com

SOURCE: Media release, 7 Feb 2019 Cherie Catley, Peninsula Swans

# Junior lifesaver of the year

An Umina Surf Life Saving Club member has been named the 2018-19 Female Junior Lifesaver of the Year.

Umina's Ebony Rayner won the award during a ceremony conducted by Surf Life Saving Central Coast on February 3.

The Male Junior Lifesaver of the Year was Jayden Redfern of Terrigal.

Social media, 3 Feb 2019 Stuart Harvey, Central Coast SLSC



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