

## Pearl Beach ephemeral art trail opens with smoking ceremony

The Pearl Beach Arboretum Ephemeral Art Trail is now up and running, with an opening was held on Saturday, June 11, including a smoking ceremony and music by Mr Tim Selwyn of Girri Girra.

New Federal Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid joined organisers at the opening, pictured right.

"There are 25 highly creative art installations that respond to the work of the Pearl Beach

Arboretum in promoting nature conservation – all in beautiful bushland setting," said Arboretum secretary Ms Mary Knaggs.

The art trail is open to the public for free during daylight hours until Sunday, July 17.

"On weekends, the Arboretum Cottage will feature local artists



displaying their works and other workshops and events," said Ms Knaggs.

Winners of the art competition will be announced at a bush dance in the Arboretum on Saturday, July 9, from 2pm until 5pm.

All are welcome to attend.

For more information, visit

the arboretum website at <https://www.pearlbeacharboretum.org.au/ephemeral-art-trail/> or email [pbeat@pearlbeacharboretum.org.au](mailto:pbeat@pearlbeacharboretum.org.au).

SOURCE:

Media release, 14 Jun 2022  
Mary Knaggs, Crommelin  
Native Arboretum



## Council elections delayed more than two years

Local Government Minister Ms Wendy Tuckerman has announced Central Coast Council's next elections will be held in two years' time - on September 14, 2024.

The election will be held with the next round of local government elections.

Ms Tuckerman said this "ensures that Council and ratepayers are not burdened with the substantial of cost of holding two elections in a relatively short period".

"The recovery at Central Coast Council is well under way, but it's critical we allow the administrator and general manager time to complete the reforms necessary to ensure the ongoing sustainability of the council.

"Keeping an administrator in place until the next local government elections in 2024 will provide stability for residents and enable the council to address the recommendations from the public inquiry, before councillors return."

Ms Tuckerman said that Commissioner Roslyn McCulloch made eight recommendations following the public inquiry into Central Coast Council, including recommendations to vacate all civic offices and extend the term of the administrator.

She said the other recommendations were "supported in-principle, noting some are to be implemented by the council and others would require legislative change".

Parliamentary Secretary for the

Central Coast Mr Adam Crouch said the decision to remain in administration until 2024 would benefit local residents.

"The people of the Central Coast are telling me their key concern is having a functioning, sustainable council that's servicing their needs effectively," Mr Crouch said.

"We don't want to return to the bad old days of the previous council.

"Taking this extra time to put important processes and protections in place will ensure that doesn't happen, while also sparing ratepayers the cost and inconvenience of holding two elections in just over two years."

SOURCE:

Social media, 1 June 2022  
Wendy Tuckerman, Minister  
for Local Government

## Labor call for council democracy 'sooner, not later'

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has joined with other State Labor parliamentarians from the Central Coast to call for a return to democracy in Central Coast Council.

Ms Tesch said that NSW Labor had repeatedly stated that, in the interest of democracy, the community must be able to elect their own councillors sooner, rather than later.

"NSW Labor has called on the NSW Government to also ensure job security for council workers jobs

and entitlements are guaranteed; and that no community services will be cut."

Shadow Minister for Local Government Mr Greg Warren said it was the NSW Government that created the mess on the Central Coast and it was up to the Premier and his colleagues to clean it up.

"The community, the councils and the local members knew that this merger was never going to work," Mr Warren said.

"Despite the fierce opposition to the merger, the government went

ahead and forced Gosford and Wyong to merge anyway.

"As a result, the council and its community are now in disarray."

He said ultimately it was the community which was paying the price of a disastrous NSW Government policy.

"Residents are paying higher rates for reduced services and are left without any democratic representation for four years."

SOURCE:

Media release, 2 Jun 2022  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

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Mark Snell, 1 Nov 2021



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Water rates to rise by one third plus inflation

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal has water, sewerage and stormwater drainage rates will increase by at least 32 per over four years.

Council director of Water and Sewer Mr Jamie Loader said the rate changes will allow Council to provide services that match community expectations.

He said they would be "returning rates to levels that can see Council

better maintain its vast water and sewer operations".

The four-year timeframe would "allow customers more time to manage the impacts on their bills, which was requested within community feedback during consultation".

They will increase by 17 percent on July 1 (\$183 increase), six percent next year (\$80 increase), eight percent the following year (\$106 increase) and a further one

percent in 2025-26 (\$9 increase), as well as by inflation.

Council administrator Mr Rik Hart said: "The Central Coast currently has the lowest water prices in NSW, and this change to pricing levels will ensure we can increase the current service levels."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 24 May 2022  
Jamie Loader, Central Coast Council

Council saves money

Savings have been made with a number of Council works on the Peninsula.

Work on the Woy Woy commuter carpark cost \$3000, \$1000 less than the \$4000 budgeted.

Woy Woy Bay Wharf, replacement roads and drainage infrastructure cost \$390,000, a saving of \$90,000 on the \$480,000

budget figure.

The Umina Library Annexe did not proceed "due to complications at the site", saving \$63,000.

The money was transferred to Tuggerah Library entrance refurbishment, costing \$52,000.

**SOURCE:**  
Central Coast Council agenda attachments, 24 May 2022

Natalia Cowley moves on

Central Coast Council's chief financial officer Ms Natalia Cowley is leaving to become the general manager of Coffs Harbour Council on June 16.

Chief executive Mr David Farmer said Ms Cowley was responsible for significant achievements at Central Coast Council.

"Ms Cowley used her expertise to help the organisation achieve one of the most significant financial turnarounds in Australian Local Government history," Mr Farmer said.

He said interim arrangements would be out in place while the Council found a replacement.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 27 May 2022  
David Farmer, Central Coast Council

Grants fall short

Stronger Communities Grants fell short of the cost of two Peninsula projects completed by Central Coast Council.

The Austin Butler Oval and Woy Woy Tennis amenities redevelopment cost \$1.354 million, with grant funding of \$900,000.

Starting blocks and an electronic timing system at the Peninsula Leisure Centre cost \$181,000, with grant funding of \$135,000.

A playground upgrade at Umina costing \$68,000 was fully-funded by the grant.

**SOURCE:**  
Central Coast Council agenda, 24 May 2022

At 6.3mm, rainfall is well below average

Only 6.3mm of rain have fallen on the Peninsula in the 16 days to last Friday morning, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

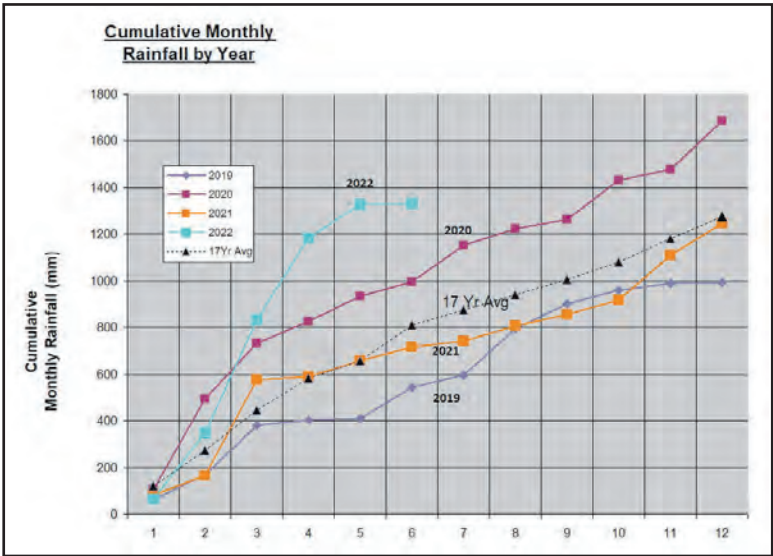
This is the longest period with such little rainfall this year.

At the start of May, there were 10 days with a total of just 5.1mm recorded.

The June total currently stands at 2.4mm, around 1.5 per cent of the monthly average of 155mm.

The total for the year to date already stands at 1330mm, which is 4.4 per cent more than the annual average of 1275mm.

**SOURCE:**  
Spreadsheet, 10 Jun 2022  
Jim Morrison, Umina



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	0441 0.11	0007 1.26	0304 0.94	0026 0.29	0245 0.22
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## Community education needed about trees, says GUST

**The Grow Urban Shade Trees group has used National Tree Day to highlight “a strong need for community education about the benefits of trees”.**

The group claims Central Coast Council has “identified” the need but failed to fund and deliver this education.

“GUST has made repeated requests for Council asap but it has not been prioritised,” said group member Ms Jen Wilder.

“While we wait and lobby, we

can have conversations with neighbours and friends and help our kids to connect with nature so that they become sensitive to the great many benefits of living with trees.”

She said the website coolaustralia.org had lesson plans for all age groups.

“So please take a look and share with your teacher friends.”

**SOURCE:**  
**Social media, 31 May 2022**  
**Jen Wilder, Grow Urban Shade Trees**



## Car boot sales prove opportunity for Men's Shed

**The Lions Car Boot Sales have proved a good opportunity to showcase the Men's Shed and its members and to raise funds to help cover the Shed's expenses, according to Shed secretary Mr Vic Brown.**

“They are generally great social mornings with lots of interaction with the public,” he said.

He said it was an early start as stall holders had to be on site and getting set up at 6:30 in the

morning.

“Funds are raised by selling items made or restored at the Shed and surplus items of tool and equipment from the Shed.

“The Shed looks forward to everybody's support to look after the Birdwood Ave Shed and keep it safe, fun and happy and the Osborne Ave project as a great new home for the Shedders.”

**SOURCE:**  
**Newsletter, 4 Jun 2022**  
**Vic Brown, Umina Beach Men's Shed**

## Woy Woy library to be repainted

**Woy Woy Library is to be repainted, both internally and externally, during June.**

The maintenance is taking place over five weeks ending on Friday, July 2.

The library is expected to remain

open, although there may be some paint fumes and disruptions to areas of the library.

The Umina Beach Library remains open.

**SOURCE:**  
**Website, 24 May 2022**  
**Central Coast Council**



## Maritime historian speaks to Umina Rotary club

**Local maritime historian Mr Peter Rea has given a talk to the Rotary Club of Umina Beach.**

Mr Rea was introduced as a Rotarian from Kincumber Rotary Club and a resident of the Coast for 50 years.

“He worked at Cockatoo Naval Docks as a fitter and machinist, and worked on the HMAS Vampire,” said club president Mr Bruce Croft.

“He has also worked at the Sydney Maritime Museum.

“He formed the History, Heritage, Hunter, Hawkesbury Research Group and he is currently on the Heritage Committee of Central Coast Council.”

Mr Rea showed photos of some “forgotten World War II defence

sites” around the Coast including at Juno Point near Patonga, Westhead naval gun emplacement sites and Maitland Bay “where five large Japanese submarines were sunk”.

He also showed the wartime airstrip on the Peninsula which became part of Trafalgar Ave.

Mr Rea told the club that HMAS Swan was the first Australian warship built at Cockatoo Island in 1932.

“He mentioned that the Hawkesbury River rail bridge, built in 1889, was at that time, the third largest river bridge in the world.

“The bridge eventually had to be rebuilt as the original pylons were not structurally sound.”

Mr Rea spoke about the four

shipyards at Davistown.

“The first ship was built in 1829 and, up to the end of World War II, 500 registered ships were built.”

He mentioned the various shipwrecks in the Hawkesbury River including HMAS Parramatta, whose remains can still be seen.

He mentioned Peat Island and “its importance to our Nation's early history”.

“Peter gave a great presentation on local history which generated a lot of interesting questions from members,” said Mr Croft.

Club secretary Mr Mike Curley is pictured presenting Mr Rea with a Certificate of Appreciation.

**SOURCE:**  
**Newsletter, 7 Jun 2022**  
**Bruce Croft, Rotary Umina Beach**

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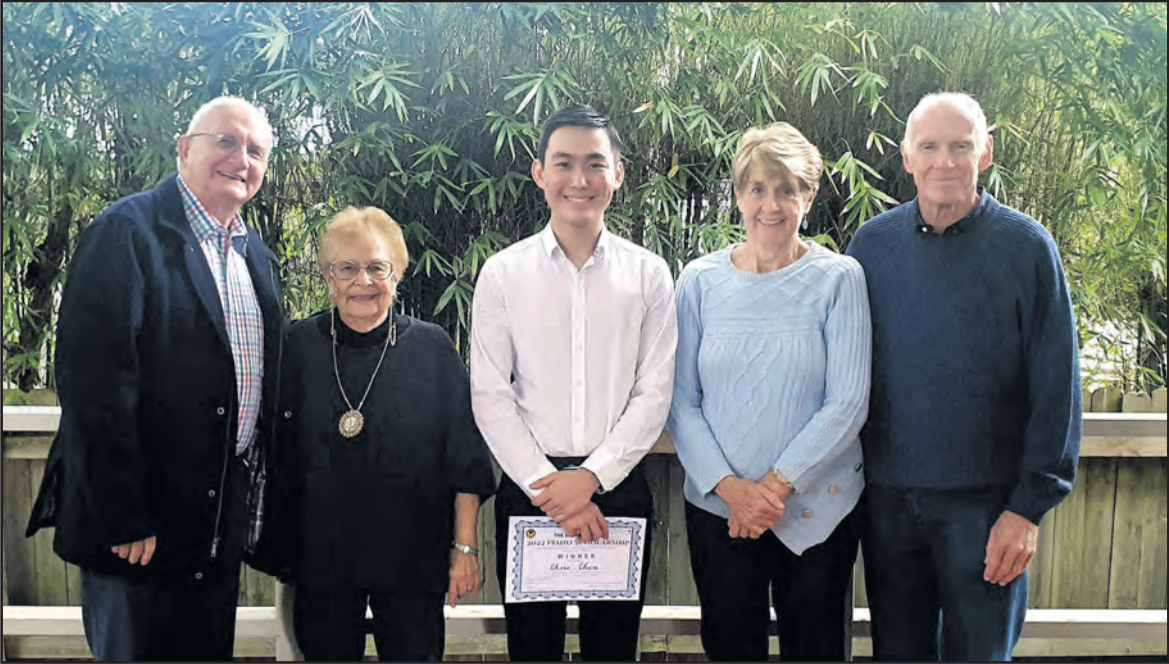
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# Music scholarships announced after annual concert

**Winners of the annual Pearl Beach music scholarships have been announced following the scholarship concert by students of the Central Coast Conservatorium held in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.**

Winner of the Irvine Family Piano Scholarship was Chris Chen, a Year 12 student at Central Coast Grammar School.

He performed renditions by Clementi, Albeniz and Chopin.

Chris has been playing for 11 years.

Vocalist Mia Cross was winner of the 2022 Pearl Beach Music Scholarship, sponsored by Pearly's Cafe.

Adjudicator Mr Benjamin Kopp said he was moved with the high quality and talent presented over the weekend making, it extremely difficult to choose.

He said Mia's renditions of Meadowlark and The Girl in 14G were moving and her stage presence impressive.

Pearl Beach Progress Association president Mr Russell Grove presented the People's Choice Award valued at \$500 to 15-year-old violinist Kaito Deed.

The award was in memory of his late wife Frances.

"Frances was an avid musician all her life.

"She started studying piano at age eight and continued her love of music through professional roles in schools and private tuition.

"Whenever possible she fostered and nurtured that love of music with young people.

"I congratulate Kaito on his amazing performance."

New this year was a People's Choice runner-up prize which was awarded to violinist Minjy Lee, a 14-year-old Narara Valley High School student.

She played Violin Sonata No.5 by Beethoven and Spring I Allegro by Vivaldi.

Guest performers this year were the 2021 Pearl Beach Scholarship winner Kayla Lush who has been playing flute since she was six years old, and past Irvine Piano Scholarship winner Kimberly Gilbert.

Accompanist for the two days was Mr Noah Peres.

The Pearl Beach Progress Association Music and Irvine Family Piano Scholarship Concerts were held over the weekend of May 21 and 22.

"The annual scholarship concert has been jointly presented by the Pearl Beach Progress Association and the Irvine Family since the inaugural concert held in May 2005," said association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

"In partnership with the Central Coast Conservatorium, it offers performance opportunity to students who have excelled in their chosen field."

Conservatorium artistic director Mr Patrick Brennan said: "The Conservatorium is most grateful for the financial awards totalling \$3250, which includes the Irvine Family Piano Scholarship and Pearly's Cafe Pearl Beach Scholarship each valued at \$1000 and Russell Grove, Coast Realty and Central Coast Financial Planning Group also offering prize money."

"The Junior Showcase concert was introduced in 2013 to celebrate solo instrument and vocal performance by the Central Coast Conservatorium junior students," said Ms Lillico.

"The showcase concert embraces the concept of pure performance, rather than competitive performance, and allows the younger musicians to perform with focus, passion and conviction.

"This year an enthusiastic audience enjoyed a diverse program performed by 10 students with ages ranging from eight years old."

**SOURCE:**  
**Media release, 31 May 2022**  
**Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association**



# Public comment sought on Council plans

**Central Coast Council is seeking public comment on its "draft revised" Community Strategic Plan, its draft Delivery Program 2022-25, its Operational Plan and Budget 2022-23, and its draft Resourcing Strategy.**

They will be available for community submissions until Tuesday, June 21.

The Council has refined its Community Strategic Plan to reflect its financial recovery plan and the objectives of maintaining financial sustainability and discipline, said Council Administrator Mr Rik Hart.

He said the decision to allow Council to maintain its ordinary rates beyond 2023-24 for a further seven years meant Council could

continue to maintain service levels and comply with current banking requirements.

He said: "A Community Reference Group was formed to provide community advice and guidance to Council on what was important for the Central Coast community and to ensure that community opinion was heard and considered in the draft plans.

"I encourage the community to have their say on these plans as now is the time to provide feedback on where you want to see improved service levels."

For more information, visit [yourvoiceourcoast.com](http://yourvoiceourcoast.com).

**SOURCE:**  
**Media release, 24 May 2022**  
**Rik Hart, Central Coast Council**

# Council holds 15-minute waterfront sessions

**Central Coast Council is holding a number of 15-minute online information sessions about the Woy Woy Waterfront Masterplan over the next three weeks.**

Five sessions will be held on one day each week, starting at 10am on Tuesday, June 14; at 1pm on Wednesday, June 22, and at 11:30am on Thursday, June 30.

No evening sessions have been scheduled.

People wishing to attend must register for the free sessions.

At the time of going to press, a number of sessions had been "sold out".

On June 14, sessions start at 10am, 10:20am, 10:40am, 11am and 11:20am.

On June 22, sessions start at 1pm, 1:20pm, 1:40pm, 2pm and 2:20pm.

On June 30, sessions start at 11:30am, 11:50am, 12:10pm, 12:30pm and 12:50pm.

**SOURCE:**  
**Website, 5 Jun 2022**  
**YourVoiceOurCoast, Central Coast Council**

# Peninsula News readers disadvantaged

**Readers of Peninsula News have not had the same opportunity to be informed of Central Coast Council's Let's Talk Woy Woy consultation this year as they did in 2019.**

The 2020 consultation report provided for this year's consultation describes extensive publicity ahead of the 2019 consultation.

That included a media release and a full-page advertisement in Peninsula News ahead of the consultation.

This year, the announcement of the consultation was made on the day it started, which was two days after the publication date of

Peninsula News.

This issue is the first opportunity for details of the consultation to be published in Peninsula News since its announcement.

No advertising has been booked by the Council with Peninsula News on this occasion.

No explanation has been provided by the Council about the timing or the different treatment on this occasion.

There is still almost three weeks before the consultation closes on Monday, July 4.

**SOURCE:**  
**Website, 1 Jun 2022**  
**[yourvoiceourcoast.com](http://yourvoiceourcoast.com), Central Coast Council**

# Plastic bag ban support

**Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Mr Adam Crouch has said that support was available with the ban on lightweight plastic bags.**

He said that while the ban was being implemented last week, extensive consultation with businesses had been happening

for years.

"This is a great step towards protecting our environment, and it's important that businesses know they can get help and advice if they need it," Mr Crouch said.

**SOURCE:**  
**Media release, 3 Jun 2022**  
**Adam Crouch, Member for Terrigal**



## Men's Shed operates at two sites

**The Umina Beach Men's Shed will continue to operate from its Birdwood Ave facility while the new shed in Osborne Ave is being built.**

The Shed will operate at Birdwood Ave on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings; and at Osborne Ave on Mondays and Fridays.

"We are delighted to report that, at long last, the project is on the move," said secretary Mr Vic Brown.

"The concrete has arrived and is currently curing.

"At last we have some evidence on site that the project is truly underway.

"Hopefully in the next few days, the site drainage will be completed and the delivery of the actual shed materials will commence and

assembly on site will get underway. "Once the Shed Shell structure is completed, our Shed members have a variety of real challenges ahead.

"We will need volunteer tilers for the bathroom and kitchen areas, carpentry handymen for the walls, lads to assist in the installation of the insulation, as well as painters, welders and metal workers for the hand rails and gates on the walk ways."

Mr Brown said gardeners would also be needed for landscaping and hedge plantings.

He said he was hopeful many of Shed members and supporters and local residents would sign up to help.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 4 Jun 2022  
Vic Brown, Umina Beach Men's Shed



## Woy Woy CWA celebrates 90 years

**Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association celebrated 90 years on Wednesday, June 8.**

A book on the history of Woy Woy was written by member Ms Johanna Reyersberg and presented to branch president Ms Jane Bowtell.

There were decorated birthday cakes and some of our members

dressed in 1930s style," said Ms Bowtell.

"The weather was fantastic if a bit chilly.

"We are so proud of this amazing milestone and being able to celebrate it with our community.

"Here's to another 90 years."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 8 Jun 2022  
Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy



## Umina Triples championship winners

**The Umina Beach Men's Bowling club has played its 2022 Triples Championship final.**

Winners were Paul Watson, Allan Rhodes and Mark Hogden defeating Vernon Hanna, Ken Harrison (sub) and Mark Harrison 25 - 17.

"This game was much closer than the score suggests," said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 29 May 2022  
Peter Springett, UBMCB



## New art gallery for local artists

**A new art gallery has opened in Umina.**

Named The Public, it opened its doors in West St providing an outlet for local artists and making their artwork accessible to all.

Founder Ms Jennifer Jamieson also operates pottery workshop Centred Ceramics.

"I want to make creativity accessible," she said.

"The gallery is going to be predominantly showing local artists.

"I believe that the arts and artists have a really valuable place in culture and community, and I wanted to contribute to a greater appreciation for artists."

She said the gallery would host month-long exhibitions, with a new collection presented on the first Friday of each month.

"I think people in our community would love to have more access to local artists.

"We intend to offer these pieces at a range

of price points so that owning art is something that is accessible."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 3 Jun 2022  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

## Play readings resume

**Monthly play readings have resumed at Woy Woy Little Theatre after a long break due to the coronavirus.**

Monthly play readings will run on the last Monday of each month.

The readings will be held at the Peninsula Theatre, at the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 29 May 2022  
Woy Woy Little Theatre

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## Tesch sees in voluntary dying legislation

**Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch was in the front row at the media conference after NSW became the sixth State in Australia to pass voluntary assisted dying legislation.**

"It's been a long process, with lots of late nights, and finally people of NSW with a terminal

illness can choose assisted dying," she said.

"It is a great victory for the Central Coast Dying With Dignity group, who have been advocating for this change for the last 25 years."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, etpsrc 2022  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

**A group of local women has established a Women's Health Donor Circle to support the Central Coast Community Women's Health Centre, which operates the women's health centre in McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.**

One of the founders, Ms Sally Jope of Umina said: "Women's Health Centre's across NSW have not had an adequate increase in funding since the 1980s."

"The Women's Health Donor Circle aims to fund out of our own pockets to increase our capacity and do the work that is needed."

"It is also all about engaging with women and having conversations

about women's health and wellbeing."

The Donor Circle aims to increase the centres' capacity for counselling, therapeutic and health education groups and the capacity of the women's health GP clinic.

It also aimed to provide additional case management support to women who have experienced sexual violence and or intimate partner violence.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has also become a foundation member of the Women's Health Donor Circle.

"In the absence of the Perrottet Government taking women's health seriously, I have stepped

up to the plate to deliver for our community.

"However at the end of the day, while I am so grateful for people like Sally Jope and the other founders of the Donor Circle, it is absolutely shameful that this NSW Liberal Government has not invested in the health of women."

The next Donor Circle event is planned for Wednesday, July 20, from 5pm to 7pm.

For more information, phone 02 4324 2533, email [donorcircle@cccwhc.com.au](mailto:donorcircle@cccwhc.com.au) or visit the website at <https://cccwhc.com.au/donorcircle/>.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 3 Jun 2022  
Liesl Tesch, Member of Gosford

Forum

## Administrator should be replaced before election

**There are unresolved administration problems in the council.**

I expect Administrator Hart to be replaced, prior to the next election of councillors in 2024.

It is essential another Administrator be appointed at least 12 months before the election, so that the financial status of the council can be determined as sustainable or unsustainable, beyond doubt.

This will need to be proven by a suitably qualified consultant, with no conflict of interest.

Candidates for election

should voluntarily withdraw their nomination, if this information is not supplied to their satisfaction.

State and local government have failed to draw a line in the sand.

The public will continue to bail them out forever, if this fiasco is allowed to continue.

We have lived off the interest, lived off the capital and now we are living off the future.

Is any of this of interest to Administrator Hart?

I would certainly like to know.

**SOURCE:**  
Letter, 7 Jun 2022  
Norm Harris, Umina

## Unelected council should not keep spending our money

**Well done to Debbie Sunartha for raising the issue of destructive development on the Peninsula and calling for the Council chief executive to put a stop to it (Letters, 30 May 2022).**

However, Mr Farmer is only continuing the wider destruction of the foundations of our community that Councils have been presiding over for years.

The whole Local Government Area is beset by bad, pot-holed roads and poor drainage.

Road and laneway verges, parklands and open spaces are choked with weeds, litter and overgrowing trees and shrubs.

Open spaces, the foreshores and the sand dunes are being destroyed by badly-designed and badly-maintained stormwater drainage.

This unelected Council staff and Administrator should not be allowed to keep on spending ratepayers' money on additional, unnecessary and unwarranted

things that do not benefit the majority of the community.

They should be required to direct the majority of Council money and resources to providing and maintaining basic, necessary infrastructure, facilities and services throughout the whole Council area.

Their focus should be on ensuring that the whole area is liveable, habitable and safe from destructive human intervention.

Who can stop the Council from making things worse with overdevelopment?

Who can stop the Council from failing to provide and maintain the underlying infrastructure and the basic, necessary roads and drainage?

Who will rein in Council spending on "discretionary" activities, balance the budget and stop causing increasing rates and charges?

The current Administrator, a previous chief executive of this Council, has questions to answer for his ongoing failure to deal with

these issues, on both his watches.

When we get elected representatives back in Council chambers, and once they can balance the budget and sustain the basic infrastructure, facilities and services, then they can ask us for agreement to spend our money on additional "lifestyle" and "social" things.

So, my call is to the Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast: What are you doing to engage the Minister for Local Government, the Minister for the Environment, the Treasurer and indeed the Premier and all your cabinet colleagues, to intervene in this ongoing failure of the Central Coast Council?

With an election coming up, the NSW Government should not only be worried about Teal Independents, but also real individuals who can influence outcomes for the whole community.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 2 Jun 2022  
Ian Weekley, Umina Beach

## Aged care volunteers wanted

**A local aged care home is seeking volunteers to become involved in its auxiliary.**

"Giving to others and being involved in the community is a growing tradition in Australia," said Blue Wave Living chief executive

Mr Matt Downie.

"Both the older generation and our younger friends can benefit from becoming involved in volunteer work."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 7 Jun 2022  
Matt Downie, BlueWave Living

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## English Studies students write about their local heroes

**English Studies students at Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College are writing about who is their “local hero”.**

The students went on an excursion visiting and hearing from local community leaders as part of their Local Heroes unit.

The students heard from veteran surf life saving volunteer Mr Paul Sharpe as well as Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

They also heard from representatives of NSW Police,

Fire and Rescue NSW and Mindaletta, where they learnt about the challenges faced in their jobs and the programs they could call on to get support.

English Studies teacher Ms Sally Oman, a former student of Ms Tesch, said the Local Heroes unit aimed to facilitate connections to community for students.

“I developed this program in 2021 and it has now been implemented across all our English Studies classes.

“The whole idea is for students to connect with the community and

facilitate a feeling of belonging and spark a desire to engage with the community and give back.

“It is not only teaching English but also instilling good values.

“To select our local heroes, we conducted a survey with the students asking who they wanted to hear from.

“The students were inspired - learning how to make changes through our political talk with Liesl Tesch to knowing the way Mindaletta has become so successful despite relying on donations and community

volunteers.”

The students have each been asked to focus on one of the people they met in their excursion, arguing why they should be deemed the local hero of the year.

There are just under 50 students enrolled in the English Studies course.

Ms Tesch said this was a great program and she was honoured to be able to share her stories with the students.

“I love my job and every day I am privileged to represent our community.

“However my favourite activity is going back to my roots and engaging with young students who will be our future leaders and future local heroes one day.

“I was absolutely honoured to be invited to present to the students.

“It was a wonderful day and a great experience.

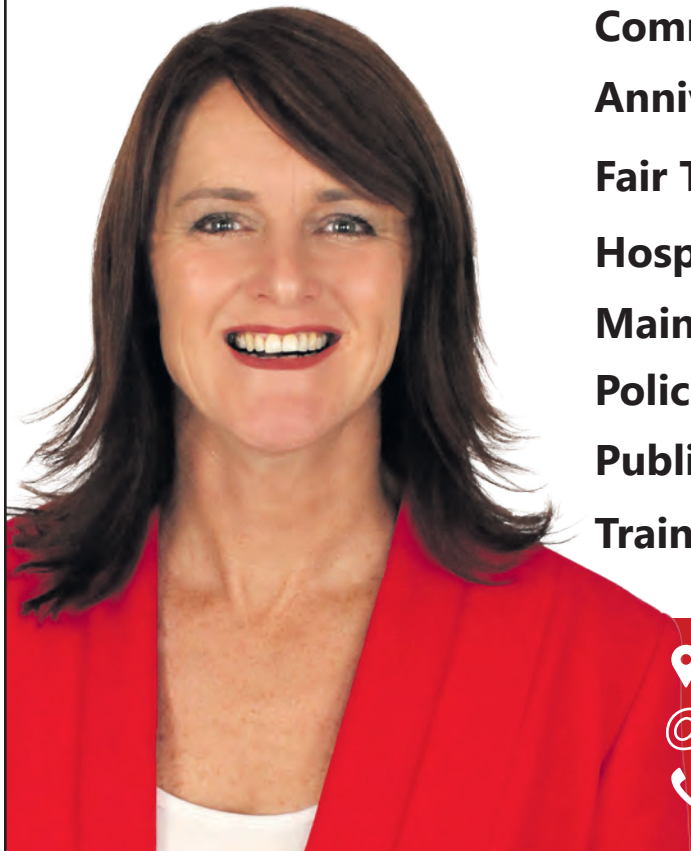
“I cannot wait to see what they write for their final assessments.”

**SOURCE:**  
**Media release, 6 Jun 2022**  
**Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford**



**Liesl Tesch MP**  
Member for Gosford

## How can I help?



- Schools and education
- Community Recognition Awards
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# Aged care financial viability under threat, says Osborne

**“Sector-wide lockdowns from Covid, staff shortages, reduced funding, higher overheads and increasing wages are impacting on the fundamental financial viability of aged care in Australia,” according to Peninsula Villages chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.**

“By way of indication, the latest industry benchmarking surveys indicate that almost two thirds of aged care operators in Australia are operating at a loss.

“There is just no end in sight to the issues we are facing,” he said.

“People working in aged care are feeling fatigued, they are exhausted, and they are frustrated.

“Restrictions in our industry still prevent our staff from resuming life

to its full extent.

“Our frontline workers need to remain vigilant as they are integral to supporting vulnerable persons within our care.

“This often means missed events and social occasions.

“Staff shortages industry-wide mean that staff are not only working longer, but they are also multi-skilling across roles, working harder than ever before and under stricter and ever-changing circumstances.”

Last year, the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety recommended an increase in the award wage for aged care workers to help attract and retain staff.

But the Federal Government has not implemented any pay rise.

“In my opinion, the aged care sector in Australia has worked hard

and done a good job to protect our older Australians.

“The extra hard work and the administrative burden added due to the pandemic has been added to what was an already over-burdened and underfunded sector.

“The NDIS has made pathways for a brighter future for the disability community.

“Perhaps it’s time to shine a light on the value and significance of aged care in Australia.

“There are about 4.2 million Australians who are aged over 65.

“That’s almost 20 per cent of our population who may very much need our care in the near future,” he said.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 24 May 2022  
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages



## Former staff member visits clinic

**A local mental health service has been visited by a representative of an indigenous rehabilitation service recently.**

Former nurse unit manager Ms Georgina Moore from Central Coast Clinic at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital's visited the clinic as part of her new role at The Glen Rehab at Wyong.

Ms Moore discussed ways to

partner and collaborate in closing the gap locally for members of the local indigenous community experiencing or impacted by addiction and mental ill-health.

“We look forward to working with The Glen to inform the care we provide at the Central Coast Clinic,” said chief executive Ms Debbra Ritter.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 25 May 2022  
Brisbane Waters Private Hospital

## Baby baskets donated to mark branch birthday

**Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association has marked its 90th birthday with a visit to Gosford Hospital Maternity Unit.**

The branch donated two baby baskets, one for a boy and one for a girl, to be gifted to the first babies born on the branch's birthday.

“They are filled with goodies

for baby and parents, to help just a little after baby arrives,” said branch president Ms Jane Bowtell.

“Due to Covid restrictions, we haven’t been able to honour this tradition for the past couple of years.

“So it’s wonderful to be back.”

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 7 Jun 2022  
Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy



## Tesch supports inquiry into over-55 homelessness

**Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch is supporting a NSW Upper House inquiry into homelessness among people aged over 55.**

It is being conducted by the Standing Committee on Social Issues.

Ms Tesch said the 2016 Census had indicated women over 55 experiencing homelessness had increased by 31 per cent in comparison to the 2011 Census.

She said she feared the number of women over 55 experiencing homelessness had increased since a “tsunami of older women” on the verge of homelessness was reported back in 2016.

“I am deeply concerned about people aged over 55 experiencing homelessness.

“We know the cost of living

is rising and people are falling behind.

“We should be looking after those who are vulnerable, not pushing them further into the risk of homelessness.”

“We should also be aware of the shadow pandemic that came to light over the last couple years which was described as domestic violence.

“It would not surprise me if this has further accelerated the amount of women over 55 pushed into homelessness too.”

More information head is available at <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2865#tab-submissions>.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 16 May 2022  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

## Aged care residents make ‘fiddle quilts’

**Residents of a local aged care home are making “fiddle quilts” for people living with memory loss.**

Residents of Pam Palmer House at Peninsula Village have been making the fiddle quilts.

“These small quilts incorporate fabrics with different textures and pictures, and are highly visual and tactile, making them ideal for soothing and stimulating people living with memory loss,” said chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

“We hope to make a couple of these for our memory support units.

“Everyone has their jobs to do, from cutting out, to hand stitching to sewing on the machine.

“They even have homework to take home in their clip lock bags for next week.”

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 3 Jun 2022  
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages

