



Most Peninsula commuters make 10 trips a week by train according to Ms Kathy Smith

Public transport costs could rise by almost half

Weekly public transport costs for Peninsula residents could rise substantially – in some cases by almost 50 per cent – if IPART's proposed reforms to Opal transport fares are adopted by the NSW Government.

The weekly fare from Woy Woy to Central could rise by 25 per cent over two years from \$60 to \$75 a week, while the weekly fare from Woy Woy to Tuggerah will increase by 48 per cent to \$57 with the changes to be implemented in July.

The current \$60 per week cap will go up to \$65 per week in July, meaning the maximum increase for commuters who already reach the cap would be \$5 or eight per cent, according to IPART chairman Dr Peter Boxall.

IPART proposes increasing the weekly cap to \$70 in 2017 and \$75 in 2018 – 25 per cent higher than the current cap.

The draft reforms would apply a daily cap of \$18 from July 2016, meaning that passengers taking a

one-off return journey from Woy Woy to the city who currently pay \$15, would pay \$3, which is a 20 per cent increase.

A further increase of the daily cap is then planned, to \$19 in 2017/18 and \$20 in 2018/19.

Central Coast Greens spokesperson, Ms Kate da Costa has described the IPART proposals as a mixed bag for the Peninsula's commuters.

"Moving to integrated multi-mode fares is long overdue but other recommendations might stop people using public transport which is the opposite to what government policy should be," Ms da Costa said.

"We have real concerns about increasing the prices for seniors and pensioners with fares rising from \$2.50 to \$3.60 and upwards," she said.

"Why is the State Government seeking to increase revenue from some of the most vulnerable public transport users?"

"We should be doing everything we can to get cars off the road

including on weekends which are increasingly congested.

"Removing reduced price or free trips and introducing a complicated fare credit scheme will not promote public transport use.

"Coast users will be sluggish again with increased fares for long-distance commuters.

"If speeds can't be improved because of the Cowan Rise, we are calling for the introduction of continuously available wifi and charging points in trains, so that commuters can negotiate with their employers to take work time on the train into account to shorten their day in the office, and gain back some valuable family time."

NSW Shadow Minister for Transport and infrastructure said a commuter travelling between 25 and 35km to and from work would face a yearly increase of \$959.

Mr Park said a daily train journey from Woy Woy to Tuggerah would fall into that category.

Member for Gosford Ms Kathy Smith has said IPART's proposed reforms to Opal transport fares will

not be in the best interests of the Peninsula community.

She said IPART assumed that only a minority of commuters make 10 public transport trips per week.

"To assume public transport users don't travel for 10 trips per week is naïve or misleading," Ms Smith said.

"The majority of users are commuting to work to five day a week jobs hence they complete a minimum of 10 trips per week," she said.

She said the reforms also appeared to give preferential treatment to commuters using more than one mode of public transport.

According to Ms Smith this would also disadvantage commuters in the Gosford electorate, many of whom drive their own cars to Woy Woy (or Gosford train station) and then catch the train to and from work.

"The majority of train travellers also only use one form of transport.

"Of particular concern to me is the fact that the NSW Government

no longer tracks passenger journeys.

"Instead a record is kept only of where people start their journey.

"How can this possible help with future planning?"

IPART is now seeking community feedback on its draft fare reform package before a final report will be released next year.

Submissions will be accepted until February 5, 2016.

Any new fares would come into effect on 1 July 2016.

The Draft Report is available on IPART's website.

"We want to hear from passengers and taxpayers about what they want their fares to look like and how they prioritise different things where there are trade-offs to be made," Dr Boxall said.

Media statement, 7 Jan 2016

Jane Letteri, office of Kathy Smith

Media releases, 21 and 22 Dec 2015

Julie Sheather, Independent

Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal

Media release, 21 Dec 2015

Mehreen Faruqi, NSW Greens

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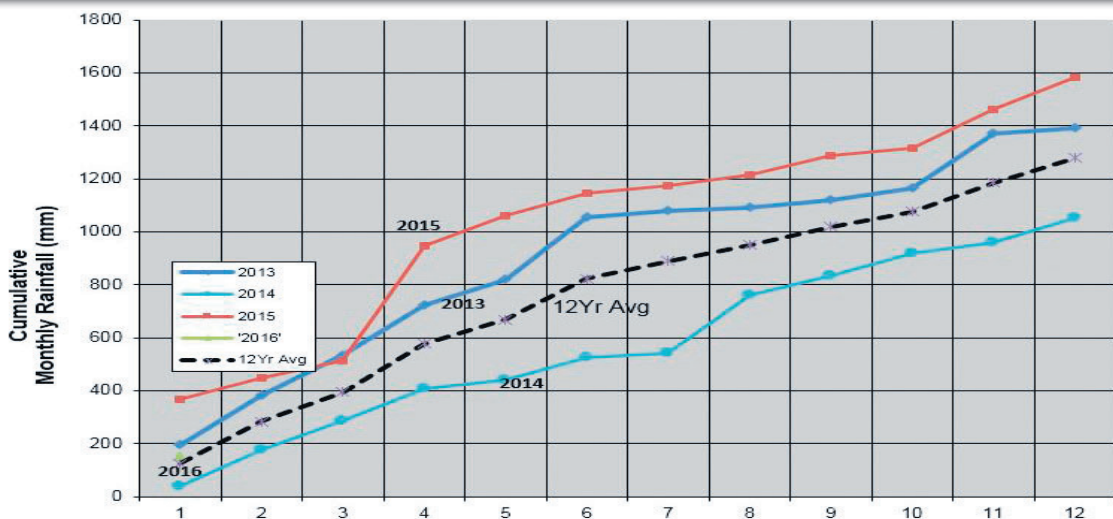
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Year's rainfall was 26 per cent above average

The Peninsula had a total rainfall of 1582.7mm last year, more than 26 per cent above average, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

December finished with a total of 122.5mm, 34.6 per cent above the December average of 91mm.

Six months of the year had higher than average rainfall.

Wettest months were April with 431.9mm, 175 per cent above average, and January with 367.4mm, 263 per cent above average.

Driest months were July with 27.7mm, 59.9 per cent below

average, and October with 29.2mm, 51.3 per cent below average.

The first week of the New Year has seen 150.4mm in rainfall, already exceeding the January average of 125mm by 20.3 per cent.

Spreadsheet, 8 Jan 2016 Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

Peninsula News and Affirmations Australia is giving on lucky reader the chance to start 2016 with a positive outlook with a 2016 Affirmations Package. The package includes a hard-cover illustrated diary by Kate Knapp, an address book at 2016 wall calendar.

"This year I will be happier than a seagull with a French fry," the calendar promises.

Artist Kate Knapp from Twigseeds creates parades of

curious creatures from the desk in her studio.

First hatched in Brisbane in the mid 90s, Twigseeds is famous for its colourful and curious characters and the art prints, cards, stationery and books they inhabit.

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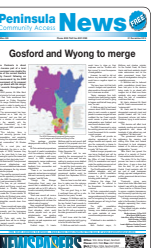
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Residents oppose sale of remnant wetland vegetation

Residents adjacent to a council reserve containing regionally-significant vegetation in Jumbuck Cres, Woy Woy, have started a campaign against council plans to sell the land.

"This remnant of a wetland contains about 30 paperbark trees, making it one of the largest stands of original native trees left on the Woy Woy-Umina sandplain," said nearby resident Mr Mark Mann.

"It is classified by Gosford Council as 'regionally significant vegetation', which council policy states is 'intended to be protected'."

The sale of the reserve is part of a proposal to rezone and sell off six blocks of "operational and community land" on the Peninsula and a total of 31 blocks across the Gosford municipality.

Mr Mann said there had been no public consultation about the potential sell-off of the reserves.

"The sale of these blocks will mean a permanent loss of precious open space on the Peninsula, which already has a shortage of parks and reserves," Mr Mann said.

The six sites on the Peninsula are at 23 Memorial Ave, 83-85



Jumbuck Crescent Reserve at Woy Woy is one of the parcels of land being considered for rezoning and possible sale

Brisbane Ave, 40-42 Pozieres Ave, 40-42 Albion St, 9-11 Mackenzie Ave and 10-12 Jumbuck Crescent.

He said the proposed sale of the reserve in Jumbuck Crescent, off Billabong St, was "of particular concern" because of its high

environmental value.

Mr Mann has set up a facebook page, Save Jumbuck Crescent Reserve, as part of the campaign to keep the reserve in council ownership.

He said urged those concerned

about the land sale to visit the page for details of how to make their concerns known to Gosford Council.

The Peninsula Environment Group has also written posts on its facebook page in support of

the community meeting that will be held at Gosford Anglican Church at 7pm on Tuesday, January 19.

"The sale of these reserves is due to be voted on by councillors at Gosford Council's meeting at 7pm on Tuesday, February 9," the Group's facebook post said.

"It is unclear if there will be any public consultation.

"The Peninsula's bushland surrounds can be deceptive.

"There are, in fact, very few parks or open green spaces on the Peninsula.

"If you are concerned about the potential sale of these reserves, please keep an eye on this Facebook page during January, as we will be posting information on this issue, and details of how to email Council and councillors to express your concern," the post said.

Media statement, 6 Jan 2016

Mark Mann, Save Jumbuck Crescent Reserve

Website, 5 Jan 2016

Save Jumbuck Crescent Reserve, Facebook

Website, 31 Dec 2015

Peninsula Environment Group

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Group forms for 'fair fuel prices'

Reports that petrol prices on the Peninsula are as much as 20 per cent or more higher than in Sydney and Newcastle has led to the creation of a group called Fair Fuel Prices for the Peninsula.

The group has created a Facebook page which gathers encourages reports of prices from drivers as they travel around NSW and beyond.

The group is considering protest action, including boycotts of local petrol stations, over what it considers to be inflated petrol prices and price fixing on the Peninsula.

Dr Van Davy, who has announced he will run as an independent candidate for the Federal seat of Robertson, has supported the move.

"Many drivers are reporting a 30 cent difference per litre," he said.

Dr Davy is calling for support for local drivers.

"The Fair Fuel organisers should be congratulated and supported," he said.

"Drivers are workers with families to support.

"Fuel price gouging attacks these workers and their families.

"There is no excuse.

"It is simply greed being played out at the direct expense of working people.

"We are being sluggish, unjustly,



Fair Fuel Prices for the Peninsula is planning demonstrations including boycotts of local petrol stations

and being treated as mugs by the big oil companies.

"First, they hide behind the small extra fuel transport costs from Sydney to the Coast to rip very big extra monies from the pockets of Central Coast workers and pensioners and their families.

"Second, as international oil prices have dived steeply, we should expect the price of fuel to

similarly go down.

"But, these oil companies are stacking up huge additional windfall profits by not passing on the lower costs to drivers.

"This is a Central Coast and a national problem.

"Third, as if these price gouging behaviours are not bad enough, the oil companies are managing to avoid paying taxes in Australia and

as a consequence, public monies are not available for a healthy and protected Medicare, expanded dental care, properly funded public schools, a healthily funded Gosford Hospital, toll-free roads and the rest of the social wage," Dr Davy said.

Media release, 3 Jan 2016

Van Davy, candidate for Robertson Website, 4 Jan 2016

Fair Fuel Prices for the Peninsula

Boat users warned of channel movement

Recreational boat users entering or leaving Brisbane Water using the bar at Little Box Head have been cautioned that the marked channel at the exit to Brisbane Water is no longer accurate.

Marine Rescue Central Coast commander Mr Roger Palmer said: "The marked channel at the exit to Brisbane Water is no longer accurate."

He said the channel had moved east of the channel markers towards Lobster Beach.

"Any boatie using the channel is advised travel well to the east to avoid running aground in the marked channel."

Marine Rescue volunteers were called to assist an 4.5m half-cabin launch in the Woy Woy Channel on Sunday, December 21.

The vessel, with three adults and one child aboard, reported engine failure.

Rescue vessel Central Coast 21 with Alan Howes in command was dispatched and the launch was towed to the Eulalia St ramp.

Media release, 21 Dec 2015
Ron Cole, Marine Rescue Central Coast

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New year starts for Marine Rescue

The volunteers at Marine Rescue Central Coast were active on first weekend of the New Year.

Late on Saturday morning, January 2, the three people on board a 5.5m half-cabin launch near Lions Park Woy Woy called for help due to a fuel problem.

They were towed to the Eulalia St Ramp at Davistown by Central Coast 22 skippered by Ian Radford and crew of Anthony Porter and Val Clifford.

Simultaneously, Central Coast 21 with newly appointed skipper Bob Sullivan in charge of his first rescue was despatched to Booker Bay to assist a 4.5m runabout with

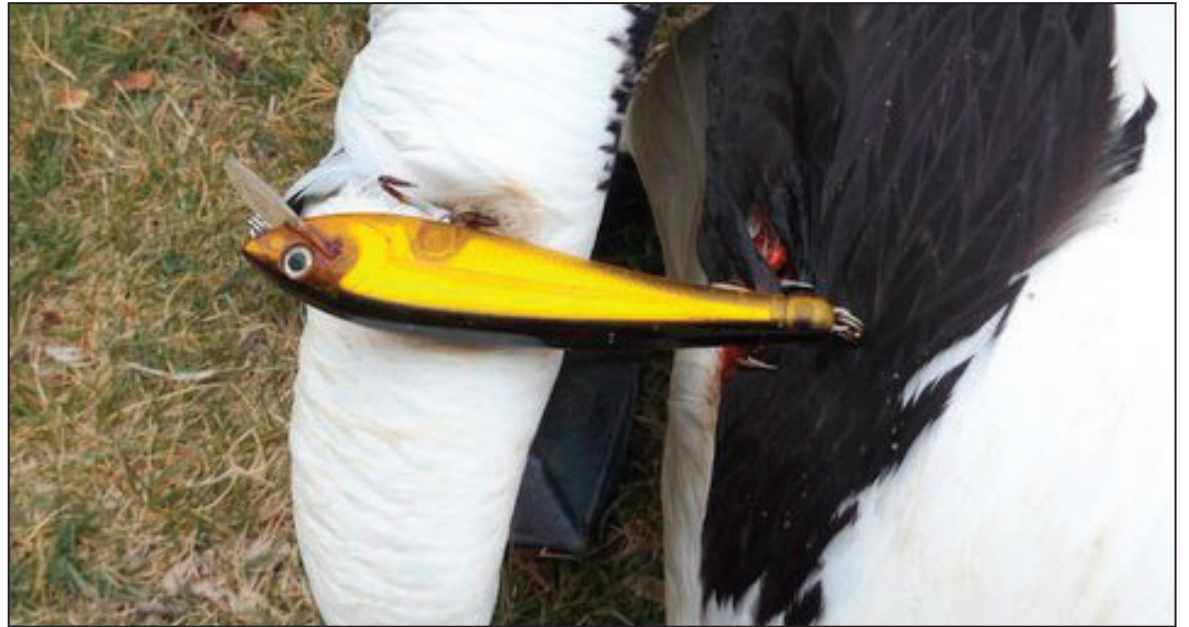
engine issues. Bob and his crew, Max Landells, Paul Degeling and Caitlin Tracey towed the vessel to Lintern St Ramp at Davistown.

At 12:33pm, Central Coast 21 was tasked to assist a 4.8m cuddy-cab runabout with engine failure at Lobster Beach.

The vessel, with four people on board was safely towed to the Lintern St Ramp.

The boat crews and radio operators were on standby throughout a quiet Sunday with no calls for assistance due to the poor weather conditions.

Media release, 4 Jan 2015
Ron Cole, Marine Rescue
Central Coast



Fishing tackle is a major cause of water bird injury and death

Holidays increase threat to water birds, says rescuer

The Peninsula's water birds are under increased threat during the holidays, according to Ms Wendy Gillespie from Pelican Rescue and Research.

"The most common threats to our precious birds are recreational fishing, attacks by unrestrained dogs and entanglements in balloon strings and ingestion of balloon pieces and other plastics," Ms Gillespie said.

She said there were steps community members could take to

help birds over the holiday period.

"Use low technology fishing gear; always cover your bait and catch; don't leave unattended set lines or traps; never chase birds around fishers; and report injured or entangled birds early," Ms Gillespie said.

"Never accept or buy helium filled balloons as each one is lethal weapon for our wildlife and their mass release was banned in NSW over a decade ago due to concerted community pressure," she said.

"Always keep your dogs on

leash, never use our precious birds for easy exercise and report any unrestrained dogs to council rangers."

In the fortnight before Christmas 2015, Ms Gillespie said she had rescued many dog-attacked pelicans and that many of the birds were parents.

Ms Gillespie encouraged residents and visitors to the Peninsula to report injured birds by calling her on 0458 975 498.

Media release, 18 Dec 2015
Wendy Gillespie, Pelican
Rescue and Research

Church holds Summerfest

Peninsula EV Church held Summerfest in Woy Woy for the first time from January 4 to 8.

The event attracted 50 children and over 30 parents who took part in the activities despite the challenging weather, according to Peninsula EV Church communications manager, Ms Rachael Vant.

Summerfest was held at Brisbane Water Secondary College in Edward St from 9am to 11:30am daily with groups for students in years one through to three and for older children in years four through to six.

Activities included games, drama sports and craft.

Media release, 7 Jan 2016
Rachael Vant, Peninsula EV Church

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Gosford City Farmers' Market

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4 Racecourse Rd, Gosford West



News

Court decision 'could take months'

A decision about the proposed development of a boarding house at Ferry Rd, Ettalong, is still being considered by the Land and Environment Court.

Ettalong residents' group member Mr Kerry Nicholson said he understood that the decision could take many months, perhaps even years.

Mr Nicholson said he had been alarmed by reports in Fairfax Media about the alleged stabbing death of a Camperdown primary school teacher Mr Brian Liston by a man who was living in a nearby half-way house.

Mr Nicholson said he was

concerned about a statement in the Fairfax Media article which said: "A FACS spokeswoman said it worked closely with corrective services to house parolees, sometimes in temporary accommodation or private boarding houses."

"We can't do anything at this stage, it is in the hands of the land and environment court and this is a case that is relevant," Mr Nicholson said.

Gosford Council chief Mr Paul Anderson said: "We have no further information or comments as we are awaiting the determination of the court," Mr Anderson said.

Interview and email, 4 Jan 2016

Kerry Nicholson, Ettalong

Media statement, 4 Jan 2016

Paul Anderson, Gosford Council



Chamber 'disappointed'

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has expressed disappointment over the lack of any decision by the NSW Land and Environment Court about the Ettalong Boarding House.

"It's been nearly four months since the court hearing and we are disappointed that a decision hasn't been handed down," said Chamber president Mr Matthew

Wales.

"Although such delays are not uncommon, both the Chamber and the community had hoped for a decision before Christmas."

"We can only assume that the Court is being very careful with its deliberations considering the controversial nature of the application", said Mr Wales.

"Regardless, we are disappointed that the applicant has not considered a better alternative

for the site bearing in mind its prime location on the Ettalong Beach foreshore and close to the retail centre.

"Rather than a boarding house with all its implications, the Chamber would much rather have seen a commercial/residential development that was more in keeping with the mixed use nature of the precinct," he said.

Media release, 7 Jan 2016

Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce



Community Environment Network

Our Wish for 2016....

Christmas is over, the New Year has been celebrated and it's time to look ahead for 2016.

Our wish for 2016 is that the network of individuals and groups that are engaged in caring for the environment and their local neighbourhood continues to expand. We encourage you to find a way to become part of the solution this year - volunteer with a local environment group, take action on climate change, send a letter to a politician about an issue you care about or make a donation to an organisation whose work you support....and then tell somebody else what you have done! Each small action can have a ripple effect!

Here are some of the things that will be keeping us busy in 2016....

- **Central Coast Regional Plan** - This draft plan will shape the region for the next 20 years and is currently on exhibition. We need the plan to truly protect the environment in our region, create jobs and housing that provides for growth that does not require our natural areas to be degraded. **It can be done - we just need decision makers to have a bigger vision for the environment!**
- **Climate Change** - The Paris Conference made important progress - however, we need to make sure that action follows. We can all make a difference - in our homes, in our communities and who we vote for.
- **Our local Councils** - over recent years many have noticed the changes in our Councils. Both Gosford and Wyong Councils have adopted an extreme development agenda - walking over the top of the community, minimising consultation and selling off public land and reserves. Development should not be in conflict with communities or the environment.
- **Our Drinking Water supply** is managed by the Councils. Residents are entitled to a Guarantee of Service for Customers if our drinking water is to be managed to the same standards as Sydney and Newcastle.
- **Review of Biodiversity Laws** - The State government is currently reviewing biodiversity laws. Environmental laws exist to protect the air we breathe, water we drink and biodiversity that we rely on for survival. In 2016, help us ensure that biodiversity is protected in NSW.
- **Communities that care** - help us strengthen the network of individuals and groups that care about the Central Coast's environment and communities. Sign up to receive our newsletters - or find out more about how you can get involved!

Jane Smith, CEO, Community Environment Network

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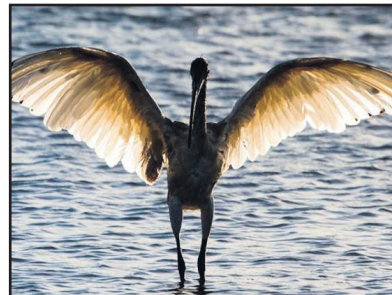


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stormwater pollution, tree death and weed invasion. They are also vulnerable to human induced climate change.

If they are managed well, wetland ecosystems and their biodiversity have a role to play in the mitigation of climate change, specifically in terms of their role as water storage areas, as buffers against storms and as they can sequester carbon dioxide. They also provide services such as filtering water, acting as nursery areas for fish, helping to control floods and as places for recreation. These services have been valued by economists in the trillions of dollars.

TWO EVENTS: Wyong LGA - Breakfast with the Birds

Saturday, 30 January, 2016
8am-11am

Central Coast Wetlands, Pioneer Dairy (at Tuggerah)
8.00am - 11.00am.

Cost: \$10 per adult / \$6 children (8-14 years) - includes breakfast, short talks, activities and site entry

Gosford LGA - Wetland Wonders

Sunday, 7 February, 2016
8:30am-11am

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Cost: \$5 adults / \$3 children (8-14 yrs) - includes breakfast, short talks & activities

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PUBLIC MEETING - GOSFORD COUNCIL'S SELL OFF OF PUBLIC LAND



This meeting is organised by: Save East Gosford Reserve, Friends of Winter Close, Save Central Coast Reserves, Save Jumbuck Crescent Reserve, Wamberal Action Group and the Community Environment Network

Local communities are concerned about Gosford Council's decision to start selling off our public land - without any community consultation or even a documented strategy!

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PUBLIC MEETING

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Three in running for Woman of the Year

Three Peninsula women are in the running to become the Business and Professional Women Central Coast Woman of the Year for their achievements.

The three women are Ms Patricia Hardcastle from Crystal Clear Pool Shop in Woy Woy, Ms Stacey Miller from Paper Pens and Printing in Woy Woy and Ms Louise Williams from LAW Building and Design on St Huberts Island.

They will compete for the title with six other finalists from across the Central Coast.

The awards night will be held on February 27, where Ms Hardcastle will also receive an Entrepreneur Award in addition to being in the running for Woman of the Year.

Ms Hardcastle took over the Crystal Clear Pool Shop in Woy Woy from her father.

She runs a tight ship and works overtime in summer so that working people can get their supplies and advice out of hours.

Trish recently won the 2015 National Gold Ppol Shop of the Year from Focus who service shops all over Australia.

She was nominated for the Entrepreneur Award due to making such a success of her business as well as being a single mother since her husband died in 2009.

Trish employs three women in the shop including one with a disability.

Another Entrepreneur Award winner from Woy Woy is Stacey Miller who runs Paper Pens and Printing, her own business, described as a very vibrant and innovative stationery and printing business.

According to Ms Miller's nomination statement for the award, she has transformed a mundane operation into an innovative, friendly and high-quality service with high-quality products and services.

She has introduced free wi fi and a loyalty program.

She contributes to the community with in-kind sponsorship.

She employs three women and has trained each to deliver a high level of service and professionalism.

Louise Williams from St Huberts Island, owner of LAW Building and Design, is also an Entrepreneur Award recipient, which she will add to the 16 awards for design and business she has accumulated in only 12 years of business.

She also won the 2009 Central Coast Women in Business Award.

Her designs are innovative yet affordable.

Louise completes all the design work and supervises projects for LAW Building Design.

Media release, 6 Jan 2016
Chris Levis, BPW Central Coast



The ecologically sensitive land for sale in Hillview St Umina outlined in red

Rare bushland up for sale

A 1.6 hectare block of rare bushland on the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd, Woy Woy, is up for sale.

The block contains a protected stand of Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland endangered ecological community.

A development application for senior living housing on the site was approved by Council in 2007, after a court case in which the council defended its previous refusal of a similar application.

However, the council could not confirm whether the approval remained valid.

At the time, moves to have the council acquire the block were unsuccessful.

Gosford Council chief Mr Paul Anderson said it would be unlikely to acquire it on this occasion.

"As this property is not nominated in the Coastal Open Spaces Strategy 2010 as a site for proposed acquisition, it is unlikely that council would acquire this land as part of our Coastal Open Spaces System," he said.

Central Coast Greens spokesperson, Ms Kate da Costa has called for the protection of the bushland:

"It forms a crucial link in a fragile but important corridor leading across the suburb to Correa Bay," she said.

"If Council does not have the funds to purchase the land under the COSS or other schemes, the Greens call for the highest level of protection for the vegetation on the block, to help preserve the corridor."

During 2006 and 2007, a

proposal to develop seniors living for 41 dwelling with community and recreational facilities was refused by Gosford Council.

The refusal was then upheld by the Land and Environment Court.

However, Gosford Council then approved a revised application for the development of 37 self-care units and community hall and indoor swimming pool.

Subsequent modifications to the approval increased the number of units in the development.

Expressions of interest from potential purchasers expired last month.

Media statements, 6 and 7 Jan 2016
Paul Anderson, Gosford Council

Media statement, 7 Jan 2016
Kate da Costa, Central Coast Greens

Articles, 12 Feb 2007
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Beach water quality is ‘best possible’, says council

Water quality figures at Umina Beach and Ocean Beach are the best possible, despite “pollution is possible” ratings from the NSW Government’s Beachwatch programme, according to Gosford Council chief Mr Paul Anderson.

“In Gosford Council’s Beachwatch Program results, the two beaches received four-star ratings based on the specific samples taken by council in recent months.

“This is the best performance possible,” he said.

Mr Anderson said there were no specific issues at the two beaches that were preventing them from having the status of “pollution unlikely”.

“The current ‘pollution is possible’ status on the NSW Government’s Beachwatch site is a result of some poor results in previous years, as well as large storm events,” he said.

“The results published on the NSW Government’s Beachwatch site are based on a collation of data collected over four years.



Map from Beachwatch site showing Alert status for Peninsula beaches

“Rainfall over this period has been diverse, beginning with sustained wet weather, then very dry conditions, before a return to wet weather, with several heavy rain events and severe thunderstorms.

“Fluctuations, in both sample results and weather, can impact on the rating.”

He said dog poo bins had

recently been installed along the leash-free part of Umina Beach as part of work undertaken by Gosford Council to improve water quality.

Due to the most recent East Coast Low pressure system and flooding, all Peninsula ocean swimming spots were given a Beachwatch “Alert” rating on Wednesday, January 6.

The alert means pollution is likely and swimming should be avoided and is based on rainfall data to predict the likelihood of bacterial contamination at beaches in the Central Coast region.

Umina Beach was also closed due to dangerous surf conditions.

The Beachwatch program is run by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, together with Gosford Council.

Sampling is undertaken by council officers on a routine basis, with data provided to the Office, and an annual report is prepared along with the daily pollution updates.

Swimming sites in NSW are graded as Very Good, Good, Fair, Poor or Very Poor, in accordance with the National Health and Medical Research Council’s 2008 Guidelines for Managing Risks in Recreational Waters.

These Beach Suitability Grades provide a long-term assessment of how suitable a beach is for swimming.

Media statement, 6 Jan 2016

Paul Anderson, Gosford Council

Website, 6 Jan 2016

Office of Environment and Heritage



West St crowd enjoying the annual Umina Town Centre Christmas parade

Fundraiser helps with toy giveaway

Umina fundraiser Junior Johnson was on hand during the Umina town centre’s annual Christmas Parade to help with a toy give away on West St.

A crowd gathered outside the Base Store for Mr Johnson to hand out free toys and gifts.

“It was great to see the community sharing this fun day,” said Mr Viv Donovan from Trafalgar Ave who sent in photos of the Christmas celebrations.

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Viv Donovan, Umina

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Environment Network opposes seven-storey plan

The Community Environment Network has made a submission to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment opposing the proposed seven-storey development on the corner of Memorial Ave and The Esplanade at Ettalong.

The submission objects to the application for modification of the approval for this development which would allow the number of apartments to be increased from 45 to 59.

The proposed development of a seven-storey mixed-use residential development was approved on this waterfront site by the then Minister for Planning in November 2010 (Department of Planning reference MP 09-0121) under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act. Part 3A was subsequently repealed by the Coalition Government (from 1 October 2011).

The Peninsula News (28 September 2015) reported that the Ministerial approval lapses after five years, unless the project is physically commenced by that time.

"The five years expired on November 24 and there has been no commencement of the proposed development," said CEN chief executive officer Ms Jane Smith.

"However, it is understood that the Minister has the power to



The latest reconfigured design for mixed use development on the corner of Memorial Ave and The Esplanade Ettalong

modify the development approval granted under Part 3A, including an extension of the period for which it is valid," she said.

"CEN is objecting to this proposal because the development approved by the former Minister would not comply with the development standards for the Ettalong town centre that were set by the Gosford Local Environmental Plan 2014.

"The proposed changes do nothing to reduce the adverse visual and environmental impacts that would result from this overdevelopment of a beachfront site.

"In particular, the proposal for Stage 1 of the development between The Esplanade and the laneway (Lots 113 – 116, DP 10650) would be a gross overdevelopment of the beachfront part of the site:

"Gosford LEP 2014 prescribes a maximum Floor Space Ratio of 1:1 on the lots along The Esplanade, whereas the Tesrol proposal would have an FSR of 2.59:1.

"The proposed changes would add even more floorspace (277 square metres), thus increasing the FSR to 2.63.

"Gosford LEP 2014 sets a maximum height of 11.5 metres on the lots along The Esplanade, whereas the current proposal would have nearly double this height at 22.4 metres.

"Stage 1 has been approved with ground floor retail development plus six floors of residential development, whereas the LEP height control would only permit two residential floors above the ground floor retail development.

"On winter afternoons, the

Stage 1 development would cause significant overshadowing of The Esplanade, including the recently completed Foreshore Park and pedestrian/bike path.

"The proposed changes do nothing to reduce in the area overshadowed.

"The shadow would extend across The Esplanade and the bike path from mid-morning to mid-afternoon in the winter season; it would also extend across part of the beach in mid-afternoon.

"The height and design of the development, and its proximity to the Mantra Resort, will create a wind tunnel on Memorial Avenue, especially during the frequent southerly winds coming from Broken Bay.

"There is no change proposed to the design that would mitigate the

wind tunnel effect."

Gosford Council and the local residents struggled from 2005 to 2009 to persuade Tesrol to design a development that complied with the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy.

"Tesrol and the former Minister decided to circumvent regional and local planning policies by the dubious application of Part 3A of the EP&A Act.

"From 2010 to 2015, Tesrol Ettalong (and its current owners) have had enough time to commence the proposed development.

"The owner of the site at the time of the original development approval was Tesrol Ettalong Pty Ltd.

"Recent media reports (PN 28 Sep 2015) reported that the Ettalong site has now been sold to a Sydney developer.

"CEN is concerned that there has not been sufficient due diligence in this process.

"The recent ICAC inquiry into political donations by property developers has raised concerns.

"CEN is opposed to any consideration of the current application until the report of ICAC is released to the public.

"We believe that the ICAC report could make recommendations relevant to the consideration of the current application."

Media release, 7 Jan 2016
Jane Smith, Community Environment Network

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Chamber supports renewed Ettalong application

An application by new owners to proceed with a development at the corner of The Esplanade and Memorial Ave has received the support of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

"The Chamber understands that the new owners of the site have recently lodged an application to amend the consent to fine tune the approved design," said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales said.

"The amendments come ahead of plans to commence construction on the site which we understand will occur towards the middle of this year.

"This is great news for the Ettalong town centre with the

proposed works tipped to create several hundred construction jobs and numerous opportunities for local companies and trades.

"It will also create long term business opportunities and employment for locals with ground level shops and cafes forming part of the development proposal which will front both The Esplanade and Memorial Avenue.

"Ettalong will benefit from the introduction of the high quality residential apartment space with the new development activating The Esplanade frontage and taking advantage of the recently completed Ettalong Beach foreshore."

Media release, 7 Jan 2016, Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce



Recent activity on the Save Our Reserves Facebook page

Gosford meeting to oppose Council land sell-off

A public meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, January 19, to bring together groups and residents who are opposed to Gosford Council's sell off of public land.

Gosford councillors voted on September 8 to proceed with the first stage of a public land sell-off and on November 10 council voted to proceed with stage two.

Save Central Coast Reserves spokesperson Ms Sue Chidgey said the decisions were made "without any overarching strategy or public consultation".

"Gosford Council has identified land from Umina to Forrester's Beach in a list of sites that have been identified as having sale potential, with 'no further use to Council and having little community benefit'," Ms Chidgey said.

Resident groups have sprung up in opposition to the proposal with public group Save East Gosford Reserve attracting over 420 members in just a few weeks.

"Already, a few more groups have formed to campaign for the protection of some of the reserves.

"The community needs to check whether one of the listed reserves is in their neighbourhoods," she said.

"We are extremely concerned about the lack of transparency around this process," said Jane Smith, from the Community Environment Network.

"Council has not exhibited any strategy about their public land sell-off.

"They have refused to consult with local communities, neighbourhoods and stakeholders about how they value these lands.

"The community expects transparency from Council in their processes and that they value the community's input in the first instance, not as an afterthought.

"Council has not notified local communities of their plans and residents have slowly found out through articles in the press, social media and by word of mouth," she

said. According to Ms Smith, to date, 31 lots of public land are under threat.

"Many of these are valued by local communities for recreation, open space or environmental values.

"The only public exhibition will be to reclassify community land to operational land so that it can be sold.

"However, this process won't notify that the land is earmarked for sale."

The Public Meeting is on Tuesday, January 19 at 7pm at the Anglican Church, 3 Manns Street, Gosford.


Residents are welcome to attend and hear from representatives of groups who have already formed to campaign against the loss of their local reserves, parks and greenspaces.

The Meeting has been organised by Save East Gosford Reserve, Save Central Coast Reserves, Friends of Winter Close, Save Jumbuck Crescent Reserve and the Community Environment Network.

An umbrella facebook page, Save Central Coast Reserves has also been created to give residents across Gosford LGA access to information.

The facebook pages that are behind the community campaign include Save Central Coast Reserves, Save East Gosford Reserve, Save Jumbuck Crescent Reserve and Friends of Winter Close Reserve.

Media release, 1 Jan 2016 Sue Chidgey, Save Central Coast Reserves



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Greens condemn Council land sale

Central Coast Greens have condemned Gosford Council's "so-called Land Sale Strategy".

Central Coast Greens spokesperson Ms Kate da Costa said that many of the 31 blocks which Gosford Council proposed to sell were heavily timbered reserves or pocket parks in densely populated suburbs.

"The Greens object not only to the sale of public assets, but to the whole process.

"We call on the Council to stop the strategy' and begin again, with community consultation to determine a set of criteria for deciding if land is in fact surplus to requirements.

"These criteria should certainly include the reasons why council owns the land in the first place – especially if it was given in perpetuity as a reserve or open space – population projections, proximity to existing recreational open space or wildlife corridors and observed community use over time.

"Only then, again in consultation with the community, should there be a transparent assessment of whether land meets any of the criteria and is in fact surplus to current and future needs.

"The Greens remind council that just because they think land is surplus that is not necessarily what the community thinks.

"The successful community garden established at Moana St, Woy Woy, by Jill Meredith on land the council was going to sell is a fantastic example of genuine community use.

"The Central Coast Greens are concerned that as population levels and density rises on the Peninsula, our open spaces are even more necessary.

"Although the Peninsula is flat, people with limited mobility or with small children cannot be expected to walk long distances to a few large parks.

"Even if the land is not open space, such as in Jumbuck Cres, these blocks provide areas that are important for native wildlife.

"Council's own Community

Strategic Plan says (page six): 'Our environment will be protected, enhanced and sustained.

"Decisions made will consider the impact on current and future generations.'

"The Council's Contribution Plan 31C for the Peninsula points out that Council has decided 'not acquire land in private ownership' (page four) which means land sold now can never be rebought – nor can other land now in private ownership be bought in the future if needs change'.

"The document also states (table 7) that 'recreation needs will be increased' and 'less private open space will increase demand on community facilities' meaning a 'reliance on community supplied and low cost recreation facilities'.

"For these reasons, and the projected increase of population to over 44,000, Central Coast Greens say it is critical that public land now owned by Council stays in public hands," Ms da Costa said.

Media statement, 7 Jan 2016
Kate da Costa, Central Coast Greens Water/Energy/Environment



23 Memorial Avenue Blackwall to be sold by Gosford Council

Council to sell Blackwall land

Two adjoining blocks of council land at Blackwall are expected to be placed on the market by Gosford Council in coming months.

The two lots are lots 197 and 198 DP 10172 at 23 Memorial Ave, Blackwall, which the council decided to sell last October.

They are classified as operational land and can go straight to sale without requiring reclassification.

Other blocks on the Peninsula that the council wishes to sell are currently classified as community

land and will need to be reclassified as operational before they can be sold.

They are: lot 195 and 196 DP 9894, Brisbane Avenue, Umina; lot 56 DP 9263, 40 and 42 Albion Street, Umina; lots 184, 185 and 187 DP 10186, 40, 42 and 46 Pozieres Avenue Umina; lot 47 and 48 Sec B, DP 10242, 9-11 Mackenzie Avenue Woy Woy; lot 1 DP 247520 and Lot 372 DP 612274, 10-12 Jumbuck Close Woy Woy.

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Sue Chidgey, Save Central Coast Reserves



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Changes proposed for Patonga Hotel

A development application was lodged with Gosford Council on December 15, 2015, for alterations and additions to the Patonga Hotel and fish and chip shop.

A statement of environmental effects lodged with the development application from Doug Sneddon Planning described the proposed demolition works as "minor".

The developer is requesting that Gosford Council allows for the proposed development to have a maximum roof ridge height of 10.155m, which exceeds the maximum permitted building height by 1.655m (or 19.47 per cent).

Likewise, the proposed development will also exceed the maximum floor space ratio of 0.75:1 provided for in clause 4.4 (2) of LEP 2014.

The proposed additions would increase the total Gross Floor Area of the Patonga Beach Hotel and store on the subject land to 1285 square metres, resulting in a floor space ratio of 0.83:1, which exceeds the maximum permitted floor space ratio by 0.08:1 (10.66 per cent).

The subject land fronts 8-10 Patonga Drive and covers 1547 square metres and the site includes the remnants of one of the first buildings in Patonga, the original Patonga general store which is listed as a local heritage item in the Gosford LEP 2014.

The existing Patonga Beach Hotel includes a restaurant, bar and accommodation and a separate seafood cafe and residence.

The land is fully serviced but is described as partly flood-prone and a bush fire buffer.

The proposed development involves the demolition of certain

internal areas, including existing residential accommodation, kitchen areas, nominated internal walls and facilities.

The development application seeks Gosford Council's permission to extend and reconfigure the existing hotel to create larger indoor dining and amenities areas, replace of the original hotel kitchen with storage, cool rooms and a café area.

An outdoor undercover dining area is to double as a queuing area for food ordering/collection.

The developer proposes converting the current upstairs residential accommodation into a cocktail lounge, bar area and amenities, extending a verandah along the southern and western façades.

The proposal includes permission to extend the existing fish co-op and takeaway food shop to the northern boundary and to include a large commercial kitchen and related areas to accommodate both the hotel and takeaway shop food services and extended takeaway food shop seating area.

Finally, the developer wishes to provide a first level kitchen preparation and storage area and wedding reception area above the takeaway food shop with capacity for 150 guests.

No changes are proposed to the hotel's operating hours, according to the documents submitted to council.

The proposed development fundamentally maintains the same ground level footprint as the existing hotel, according to documents submitted to council in support of the application.

Those documents argue the proposed alterations and additions to the Patonga Beach Hotel are

consistent with the strategic directions of the Central Coast Regional Strategy, supporting the development of a compact urban form; the efficient use of land and existing infrastructure services; the provision of recreational amenities for residents; and the strengthening of the economic and employment base in the tourism and service sectors.

The proposed development will continue to provide a recreation and entertainment venue for local residents and tourists and does not significantly increase the bulk and scale of the existing development on the land, those documents state.

Erected on part of the subject land is the "remains of the Patonga Store" which is identified as an item of environmental heritage (Heritage Item 131) under Schedule 5 of Gosford Local Environmental Plan 2014.

The development application was accompanied by a Heritage Impact Assessment prepared by Barker Ryan Stewart (November 2015).

The principal conclusion of the heritage assessment is that "the proposed alterations and additions will not result in any adverse impacts and maintains the embodied values and cultural significance of the site and remains of Patonga Store".

As one of the oldest buildings in Patonga, the original store was built by Ernest Williams circa 1916 and was run by Ernest and his wife Eve.

The building was relatively small and consisted of a store to the bay side and a display window to Patonga Street.

Not long after its construction an addition was placed on the beach side of the store for use as a school.

Four families attended initially and Eve Williams became the school teacher.

As well as the school, the area also included the post office and telephone exchange.

Following the road construction

and upgrading in the 1930s the store was further expanded to comprise tea rooms and petrol bowlers.

By the early 1960s a number of stores had opened in Patonga including a bakery, butcher, fruit and vegetable shop and a general store and milk bar.

A number of changes occurred through the 1970s and in 1989 the shop was purchased by new owners and from 1989-1998 a number of alterations occurred including the transfer to the liquor licence to the premises.

A development application was approved in 1998 to redevelop the site into how it is today.

The majority of the shop was again demolished and rebuilt, not much remained except for the original northern brick wall of the store and a similarly pitched roof and verandah.

Due to the number and extent of external and internal alterations there is very little of the original fabric remaining.

However, the heritage assessment prepared in support of the current development application said: "Notwithstanding this the character of the streetscape and the village remain and the element of the store that remains adds to the history of this locality."

"What has remained consistent is the address to the street of the verandah, simple gable roof and location within a coastal village, predominantly unchanged in character since the 1930s."

"The store site is of historic significance at a local level as being one of the earliest retail premises in the village of Patonga."

"The use of the verandah and gable frontage have attempted to bring back some of the original streetscape appeal."

"The new development has been focussed on the eastern part of the site which is setback from the site of the store and the important streetscape and façade."

"The two storey elements will be at the rear the store site and will not dominate the item and its

setting.

"The new development will maintain the façade and the majority of the historic portion of the heritage item (the only really intact part of the building)."

"It will also maintain the Norfolk Island Pines which are an important part of the setting and aesthetic value of the site."

The consultant who completed the heritage assessment made recommendations to ensure that any risk of the proposed alterations having a negative impact on the heritage item be mitigated.

For example, the heritage assessment recommended that the owners provide interpretation of the original Patonga Store as part of the redevelopment that is visible to the community.

A second recommendation was to ensure the Norfolk Island Pines are protected during and after construction and retained on site as long as their health and safety permits.

The third recommendation was that sufficient protection be given to the original north wall of the Patonga Store during the proposed construction to ensure damage is limited and the structural integrity is maintained.

According to documents submitted in support of the application, the provision of onsite parking is not possible without demolition of existing buildings but the total capacity of parking in the Patonga area can accommodate any additional parking demand associated with the proposed development.

"There will not be a significant increase in traffic generation associated with the proposed development," a parking assessment report concludes.

The potential impacts of the proposed development on its neighbours relate to overshadowing, loss of privacy and noise.

Gosford Council portal, 7 Jan 2016
DA 48986/2015 and supporting documents

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Lone Pine Avenue Umina after last year's April storms



Springwood St Ettalong following the 2015 storms in April

Union to protect council workers

The United Services Union has warned it will vigorously fight attempts to use the council amalgamation process as cover for cuts to jobs and services.

The union claimed that lobbyists in the business community are seeking to use the amalgamation process to have community services outsourced to the profit-driven businesses they work for.

General secretary Mr Graeme Kelly said: "Our role, first and foremost, is to make sure the voices of the men and women who are the backbone of local government are heard in the amalgamation process."

"While our members are supportive of reforms that genuinely improve services for their local communities, they will vigorously fight any attempt to use the cover of amalgamations to drive cuts to jobs, working conditions, or service levels."

"In particular, the union will continue to ensure key provisions of the Local Government Act that provide employment protections, in particular those contained in Sections 354 and 218CA, are

strengthened and enforced."

Mr Kelly said that the union will hold the NSW Government to account as it goes through the process of reforming local government, ensuring it is done in a transparent way, that genuine consultation occurs, and that the voices of workers, ratepayers and local residents are heard and acted upon.

Media release, 18 Dec 2015
Graeme Kelly, United Services Union



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Upgrades completed, and more on the way

Upgrades to Lone Pine Ave and Springwood Ave, costing more than \$1.6 million, have been completed, according to mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna.

A further \$1.1 million is expected to be spent doing further work on the two roads.

Gosford Council spent more than \$900,000 to upgrade parts of Lone Pine Ave in Umina as well as \$750,000 to upgrade parts of Springwood Ave in Ettalong over the past year, he said.

Cr McKinna said the upgrades were proof council was serious about improving the condition of the Peninsula's local road network.

"Local roads are essential pieces of infrastructure across Gosford City, which are used by every member of our community almost every day."

"We know the state of the Peninsula's local roads is an ongoing concern for residents and that's why it's great to see the upgrade of Lone Pine Ave and Springwood Ave motoring along," he said.

In December, 2015 council completed \$500,000 worth of works along Lone Pine Ave, including kerb and gutter work, stormwater drainage work, new road pavement and the construction of a footpath

between Shephard St and Haynes Ave.

In November, 2015 Council completed \$500,000 worth of works along Springwood Ave, including kerb and gutter work, stormwater drainage work, new road pavement, the construction of a footpath as well as bus stops and shelters between Beach St and Albion St.

Both projects have been supported by \$245,000 of funding through the Commonwealth Government's Financial Assistance Grant Program.

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Lawrie McKinna, Gosford Council

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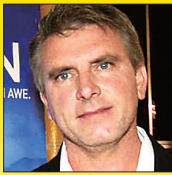
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Planning scepticism is increasing

I have provided a submission on the Draft Central Coast Regional Plan, advising that I am a long-term planning sceptic, supplying examples including the duplicity shown with the McDonalds development at Umina.

This development was approved in two stages: a rezoning, followed by a development assessment.

The rezoning application for McDonalds considered by councillors on August 2, 2011, included advice on Direction 5A Integrating Land Use and Transport.

That Direction included: improving access to housing, jobs and services by walking, cycling and public transport; increasing the choice of available transport and reducing dependence on cars; reducing travel demand including the number of trips generated by development and the distances travelled, especially by car; and supporting the efficient and viable operation of public transport.

The council said the Umina McDonald's planning proposal was consistent with this direction.

No advice on car parking and drive-through was given to councillors.

It appeared that the McDonalds Umina would set a new design standard, located on a major bus route.

Not so.

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The development assessed by councillors on October 2, 2012, included advice on car parking and drive through.

Why was this advice included when rezoning was based on the use of public transport?

This is the planning process accepted by Gosford City Council and councillors.

Mr Paul Anderson, CEO of Gosford Council, has confirmed that the council is fiscally healthy.

If this is true, why is the council selling land, opposed vehemently by the community?

Planning scepticism is increasing.

Will there be 33-storey buildings on the Peninsula?

With a flexible regulatory environment, who will say no?

Letter, 3 Jan 2016

Norman Harris, Umina

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Gosford's city centre development approvals approach \$700 million

Almost \$700 million worth of development has now been approved in Gosford's city centre after the Hunter and Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel gave the green light for another ...

Performing Arts Centre state funding and location still unclear

Senator for NSW, Ms Deborah O'Neill, welcomed news the Federal Government had finally agreed to fund its one-third share of the construction of a performing arts centre in Gosford...

\$10 million federal funding for Performing Arts Centre confirmed

The Gosford Regional Performing Arts Centre is among three local projects to receive funding under the Australian Government's National Stronger Regions Fund, boosting Central...

Quantum Towers gains finance and work has commenced

Initial site preparation has commenced at the site of the Quantum Towers development at 7 Watts St, Gosford backing on to Henry Parry Dve.

Gosford Beaches Coastal Zone Management Plan adopted

Gosford Council adopted a key plan to protect the region's vast coastline and many beaches at its last meeting for 2015, held on December 8.

Five storey building approved for Avoca Beach

A development application for a proposed five-storey mixed use building on Cape Three Points Rd Avoca Beach has been approved by Gosford Council at its meeting on Tuesday, December 8.

EPA directed to the wrong creek to do testing

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has declared two creeks in the Central Coast water catchment in good health and confirmed that it continues to work with Verde Terra landfill...

Community groups angry over disallowance of notice of motion

Save East Gosford Reserve and several other community groups have expressed anger at a last-minute decision by Gosford Council CEO, Mr Paul Anderson to disallow a motion regarding the

Councillors and community groups object to high handed actions taken

Councillors and community groups have opposed the first actions taken by a project control group (PCG) put in place to start work on the potential amalgamation of Wyong and Gosford Councils

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Wyong Regional Chronicle focuses on news specifically relating to post code areas 2258, 2259, 2261, 2262, & 2263.

\$300 million project recommended to Joint Regional Planning Panel

The Joint Regional Planning Panel is expected to approve a \$298 million staged mixed use development at 78 to 118 The Entrance Road when it meets at Wyong on Monday

Councillors from both councils meet and form a joint transition team

Wyong and Gosford councillors held their first meeting on December 2 following the historic decision to voluntarily merge the two Central

Citizens' panel recommended to determine new Council structure

Member for Wyong, Mr David Harris MP has said if the State Government moves forward with its undemocratic plans to merge Wyong and Gosford Councils without...

Joint submission to minister a matter of expediency

A letter and submission sent to the NSW minister for local government, Mr Paul Toole MP, was intended to encourage him to consider issues of importance to the Gosford and Wyong councillors and their...

Councillors and community groups object to high handed actions taken

Councillors and community groups have opposed the first actions taken by a project control group (PCG) put in place to start work on the potential amalgamation of Wyong and Gosford Councils.

Councillors, executives and staff await their fate

The councillors, executives and staff of Wyong Council are currently waiting for the NSW minister for local government, Mr Paul Toole MP, to announce their fate

New Chinese Theme Park agreement needed due to government delays

Following a confidential meeting of Wyong Council, its acting CEO Mr Rob Noble was authorised to attempt to negotiate a new contract for the sale of the land on ...

Council receives report on breaches of confidentiality and related matters

Issues relating to breaches of confidentiality and the use of "closed" council meetings were again discussed at Wyong Council on November 25

Private Members Bill introduced to stop Wallarah

Member for Wyong, Mr David Harris MP, has introduced a Private Members Bill called the "Wyong Special Area (Protection) Bill 2015" which actively seeks to block...

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Selfish, insensitive, intrusive bloody God-botherers should consider others

After having worked until late on Christmas Eve, followed by a very enjoyable, but long and tiring Christmas Day, we were looking forward to our first truly peaceful day in a long time.

Boxing Day is traditionally the day most of us finally have a chance to sleep in and relax.

Certainly, this was our plan. I was up and about by 9am, but my husband managed to sleep on, so I left him to it and sat, very quietly, reading a book.

I see this as a courtesy. As it was such a lovely morning, I opened the front and back doors, to let some air through the house.

Shortly after 9:30am, there was a loudly shouted hello from the front of the house.

I wasn't even sure it was intended for us, so I remained in my chair.

Then another hello was shouted down my hallway.

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I rushed to the front door, hoping to inhibit any further calls, to find two elderly women carrying religious leaflets.

Bloody God-botherers, at 9:30am on Boxing Day.

Seriously folks, this is just not on.

The look on my face must have spoken volumes, because they both looked a little sheepish and one asked if they had woken me up.

Why does anyone go visiting at that hour of the morning, if they expect to wake up the household?

This incivility is incomprehensible to me.

I just want to tell these ladies that their selfish, insensitive, intrusion woke my husband.

I have no problem with anyone wanting to practice their religion, but I have an enormous issue with people who want to inflict their

beliefs on others.

Anyone wishing to preach Christianity, or anything else, should do so in the correct forum.

Please don't trespass on private property and encroach on the lives of others.

To do so is the worst kind of hubris.

It achieves very little, expect perhaps gross annoyance, as in my case, of intended victims.

It might make you feel good about yourselves, but it is an infringement of the rights of other people to enjoy some well-earned peace and quiet.

You were uninvited and you were most unwelcome.

Your intrusion was nothing short of an attempt to meddle in the lives of others.

Rather than trying to give yourselves a warm-fuzzy-feeling, how about considering other people for a change?

Email, 6 Jan 2016
Kate Quarmby, Umina

Tax office presence will create more jobs

Bruce Hyland in his letter (ATO office unfortunate for Wicks, PN 21 Dec 2015) plays with words.

The tax office jobs were always going to be existing tax office workers.

Their operations and presence will create a lot more local jobs.

A factor of 2.5 times is expected - accountants, lawyers and coffee deliverers.

The land was or is not public land.

It is land that belongs to the NSW Department of Education and they are entitled to maximise its value for the benefit of NSW taxpayers and parents of school-going kids.

How it got there was through a tender run by the ATO.

The bottom line that left-wing whiners cannot deal with is that Gosford CBD has been dead for many years and they do realise that a 600-person tax office will breath-in life and more but instead they claim a park would be better.

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As for Senator O'Neill who jumps up for any populist issue, she was the Federal Member when the GFC billions were being tossed around.

How come she did not push through an application for federal money to buy a "park" from the NSW Department of Education?

That could have been one of her "real" deliveries.

Email, 23 Dec 2015
Godfrey Franz, Killcare

Petrol pricing is really wrong

The price of petrol on the Peninsula is a joke.

The price of E10 is at Woy Woy is \$1.30 but at the Empire Bay Liberty it is \$1.13.

That to me, not being a legal eagle, sounds like price fixing.

Surely someone can do

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something about it.

Our elected officials don't seem to want to do anything about it.

It's wrong, really wrong.

Email, 4 Jan 2016
Rod Munson, Ettalong Beach

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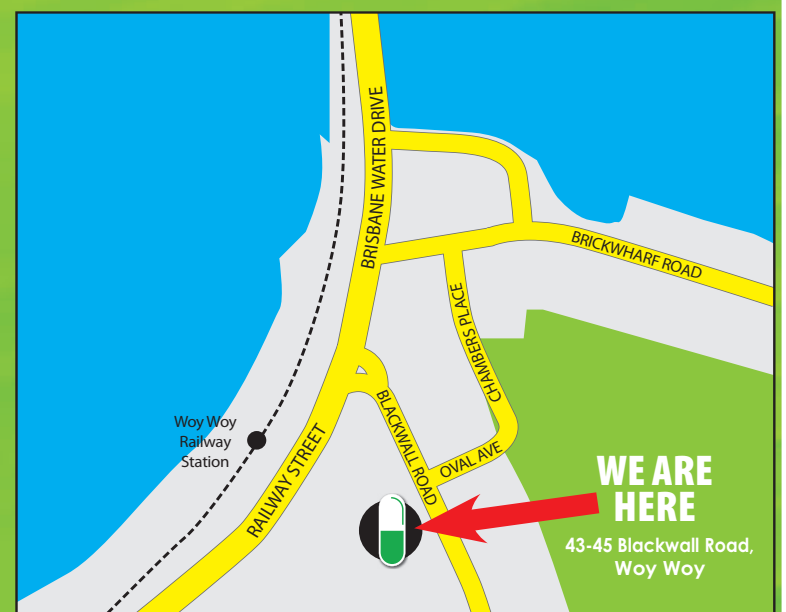
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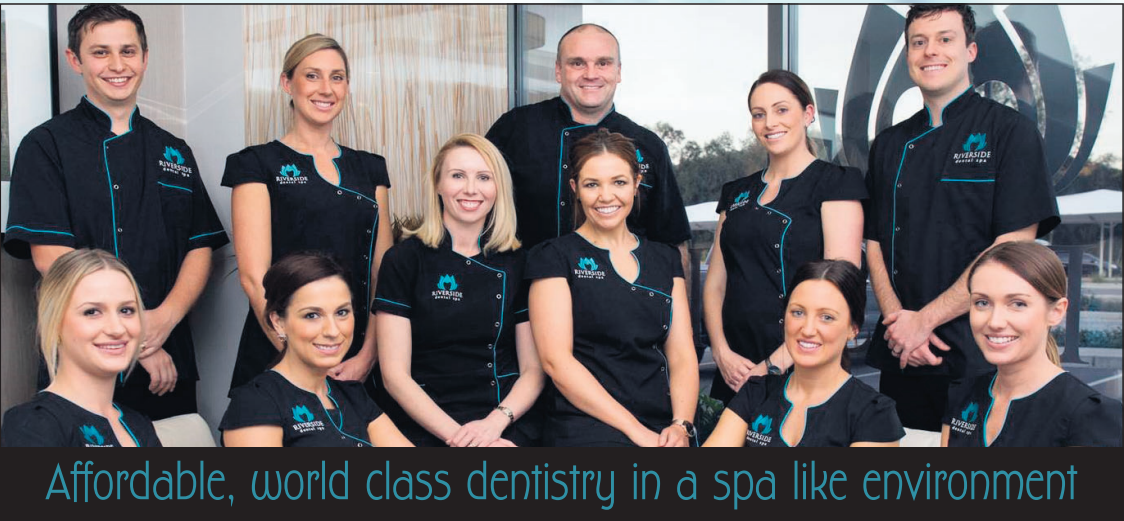


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Rotary club donates bladder scanner

A portable bladder scanner has been donated to Peninsula Village Aged Care Facility by the Rotary Club of Umina Beach.

This new equipment will benefit the elderly, frail and demented residents who can now be scanned and treated instead of being transported to Gosford Hospital.

Nurse practioner, Ms Claire Abbott said: "Quite often frail

residents are not aware what is causing them pain.

"These residents are the immediate beneficiaries of this gift," Ms Abbott said.

"We are looking at the benefits of conducting a continence program," she said.

"This new scanner will help make this possible."

Media release, 2 Jan 2016
Geoff Melville, Rotary Club of Umina Beach



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Bus brings free hearing tests to Woy Woy

The Australian Hearing bus will stop on the Peninsula early next year to offer free hearing checks and raise hearing health awareness.

The bus will be located outside Woolworths in Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, on January 14 and 15.

The mobile hearing service has provided over 35,000 free hearing checks in communities across Australia since it first launched in 2009.

Australian Hearing Erina manager Mr Mathew Reid said, as age-related hearing loss developed gradually over time, it was common for people to not be aware their hearing was diminishing.

Hearing loss is a prevalent issue in the community, with around 60 per cent of Australians over 60 suffering from some form of hearing loss.

"A hearing check is a quick and easy way to measure the sounds you can and can't hear," he said.

"Our team will also be on hand to guide you through what next steps you may have to take in regards to your hearing."

As well as having a hearing check, visitors to the bus will find information on a range of common hearing issues and view a display of easy-to-use hearing devices for around the home.

These included headsets for watching the TV and alert systems for doorbells.

Mr Reid said: "Not everyone who is experiencing problems hearing needs a hearing aid."

"Sometimes it's just hearing the TV at normal volumes, hearing your doorbell, or hearing your friends on the phone that's the problem."

No appointment is necessary.

Australian Hearing will provide hearing checks to any interested adults who visit the bus on the day.

Media release, 2 Dec 2015
Harriet Grylls, Australian Hearing

Progress association seeks donations for defibrillators

The Pearl Beach Progress Association is aiming to raise \$12,000 for three public access defibrillators.

The association is calling for donations for the defibrillators, which are used in cases of cardiac arrest to restore a normal heart rhythm.

"Defibrillators are simple and safe to use by members of the public," said Mr Ross Christie, who is promoting the association's campaign.

"These sophisticated machines give both visual and clear spoken step-by-step instructions in the delivery of defibrillation and CPR in an emergency situation."

"Ninety to 95 per cent of sudden cardiac arrest victims die because they don't have quick access to a life-saving treatment."

"That's why the Pearl beach progress Association is aiming to locate the machines at three locations in the village."

"Survivor rates of 70 per cent and higher are achieved when a bystander defibrillation is delivered in the first three to five minutes."

"Defibrillation's chance of restoring a pulse decreases rapidly with time."



Mr Christie said that calling for an ambulance was still vital and this should be done immediately as it may take extra time to arrive in locations like Pearl Beach.

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Email, 24 Dec 2015
Ross Christie, Pearl Beach Progress Association

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Back to School – Back to back pain?

Some of us dread it while for some of us, it cannot come quick enough when the kids go back to school after a long break.

Most of the children probably haven't been carrying heavy backpacks around during the school holidays, but we can now see how some little people really struggle to get that load onto their backs.

The Australian Spine Journal published a study that found the average school pack is heavier than the legal load-carrying limits for adults.

Students may experience fatigue, muscle strain, generalised back pain, a distortion of the spine's natural curves and a rounding of their shoulders.

Also, it's not only about the weight, but an incorrectly packed and fitted backpack puts children at risk of permanent spinal damage.

So, what can be done to prevent all this back pain?

Buy the right kind of school bag
Don't try to save money by buying the biggest back pack you can find, hoping he/she will grow into it.

The packed back pack should weigh less than 10% of the child's body

weight.

The shoulder straps should be adjustable and the rear of the back pack padded, which makes it much more comfortable to wear.

Children can be fashion conscious and possibly vulnerable to peer pressure.

Therefore, consider taking your child when you go buying their back pack.

'Uncool' backpacks might be compensated by wearing them in a 'cool' way.

Make sure the child learns to pack the bag correctly

This probably applies more so to high school kids, especially when they start year 7 and might not have adult bodies.

It's quite amazing what fits in a backpack: from textbooks to notepads (later laptops), from lunchboxes to filled bottles and sports clothes and shoes.

Pack the heaviest items (textbooks etc.) in a way that they are closest to the child's back.

If those items are further away from their midline, their centre of gravity shifts and this puts unnecessary strain

on their body.

Also, try to pack in a way that things don't move around when the child runs (for the bus, in the playground etc.).

Again this puts enormous strain on the body.

Teach your child the correct lifting and carrying techniques

If fitted correctly, the back pack should fit neatly to the child's back.

Adjust the shoulder straps, so the back pack finishes just above your child's waist.

The back pack should be lifted with a straight back, using the thigh muscles.

Both hands can help stabilise, and keep the back pack close to the body.

Explain to your child that carrying a back pack over one shoulder only will cause back pain and injury.

Have regular chiropractic check-ups

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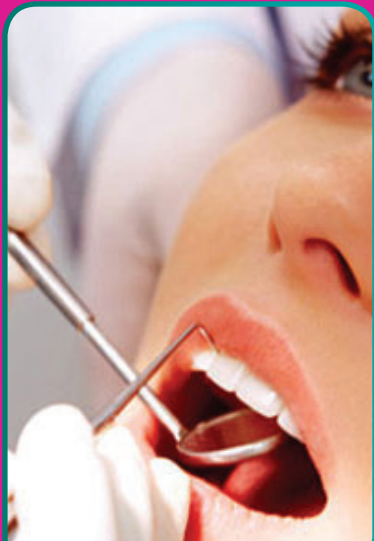
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A night to help children who worry a lot

Empire Bay Public School will hold a night for parents and children to focus on providing help for children who worry a lot.

The evening, which will raise funds for the school's band, will feature Dr John Irvine who acknowledges the growing problem of anxiety in children.

"Dr John has been invited to Empire Bay PS to help tackle the issue by presenting sensible advice for parents, educators and other caretakers," said Empire Bay School patron, Mr Geoff Melville.

"The evening will include background info on the origin of worry, an assessment guide to help determine the problem and an opportunity for a Q & A session.

"Dr John will introduce the Worry Woos which help children to open up and express their feelings

in a positive way and understand that they are not alone."

Child psychologist Dr John Irvine started his own one-teacher school at the age of 18 and continued in the field, teaching in the New South Wales schools for many years before becoming a child psychologist.

He is currently a consultant at the Read Clinic in Gosford and has written several books including Thriving at School and A Handbook for Happy Families, which now has four accompanying DVDs.

The event will take place on Thursday, March 10 in the Empire Bay Public School hall from 7pm.

Tickets are \$20 and are available from the Empire Bay Public School office or phone 4369 1796.

Media release, 7 Jan 2016
Geoff Melville, Empire Bay Public School



Hephzibah Crossing with Prof Alex McBratney dean of the Sydney University Agriculture and Environment faculty

Hephzibah is HSC dux

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She achieved three Band 6s in Agriculture, Earth Science and Advanced Mathematics; and the highest level (E4) in extension 1 and extension 2 mathematics as well as a Band 5 in English.

The outstanding results have propelled her into the coveted Merit Scholarship program at Sydney University.

Hephzibah attended the High Achievers' breakfast at the university on Tuesday, January 5.

The scholarship offered by the agriculture and environment faculty at Sydney University is worth \$8000 per annum over four years.

Hephzibah believes the scholarship program at Sydney is one of the best world-wide for the study of soils.

"The course is agricultural science at Sydney University and it will be a lot of chemistry and biology in relation to looking after soils and the earth and it will have aspects of environmental care and productivity in agriculture," Ms Crossing said.

Hephzibah's brother, Kip Crossing, is already doing his PhD at the Ag and Environment Faculty at Sydney University.

Hephzibah thinks she could

follow the same course.

"I could do a PhD.

"I have been thinking about it.

"I'd love to continue research but I'd love to go to an organisation like the CSIRO or Monsanto and do research for them," she said.

Hephzibah attributes her HSC success to studying hard, selecting subjects (maths and science) that are scaled well and to having the unfailing support of her family and teachers.

She said agriculture had been her great passion since living with her mother in India in 2010 and working alongside Zimbabwe farmers who dedicate themselves to help restore soil security for the poor.

At the beginning of Year 11, Hephzibah changed schools to the local college so she could study agriculture.

The agriculture department which uses the Umina campus school farm has a long-standing reputation as one of the highest performing comprehensive schools in NSW for showing cattle and pigs at regional to national levels, regularly achieving champion status.

Umina Rotary, other community

sponsors and generous partnerships with commercial breeders, assist the school to provide these opportunities for students.

The Crossing family has now decided to provide a Scholarship for Excellence in Agriculture to enable Brisbane Water Secondary College to assist an outstanding Year 12 student who intends to undertake tertiary studies in agriculture.

It will be donated to the college to assist an outstanding Year 12 Higher School Certificate Agriculture student who intends to pursue tertiary education in the field of agriculture.

The award will be offered to a student who has demonstrated dedication in both practical and theoretical studies in agriculture throughout the Higher School Certificate year.

The scholarship is valued at \$1000 and is to assist in the direct educational expenses incurred during tertiary education and is available for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Submission, 4 Jan 2016

Margot Crossing, Horsfield Bay

Interview, 4 Jan 2016

Hephzibah Crossing, Horsfield Bay



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Out & About



Umina Beach Public School students had a fun day at Umina PCYC during the final month of the 2015 school year

A day of activities at PCYC

A day of activities for 210 students from Umina Beach Public School was held at Umina's PCYC on Friday, November 27.

Fitness, gymnastics, ball games

and archery were some of the exercise based activities.

As usual, Senior Constable Paul Scollon was a favourite with the crowd.

SC Scullon demonstrated some

of the equipment used by local law enforcement officers.

Newsletter, 22 Dec 2015
Martin Eddy, Umina PCYC

Crafts centre holds planning meeting

The Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre will hold a planning meeting on Monday, January 11, at 1pm.

Discussions will include what resources and equipment may be needed for the centre, repairs and maintenance, the need for extra space for messy classes such as mosaics and silvercraft, forward planning for 2016 and future expansion.

Those who are unable to attend

but would like to make a suggestion or have an idea they would like to share can send it to Penny at pjh.ot57@gmail.com.

The centre's classes are running at full capacity and it now has a waiting list the each tutor will keep up to date so organisers will be alerted when spots become available.

The centre is also considering making gift vouchers available that can be used by members

of the community as Christmas gifts that can be used for classes, workshops or membership.

The pottery room is undergoing a transformation during the summer break including the installation of new sinks that have been donated for the kitchen area of the potter's shed.

The centre is also hoping to install new sinks and a clay trap at the front end near the glazing table.

Council approval was required and funds to enable the renovation were provided with a council grant.

Newsletter, 27 Dec 2015
Penny Howard, Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre

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Folk club records its first CD

The Troubadour Folk Club has recorded its first CD.

"We've been staging regular concerts here at the Woy Woy CWA Hall for more than 16 years," said Troubadour president Mr Michael Fine.

"Local musicians have supported the guest artists at every concert," Mr Fine said.

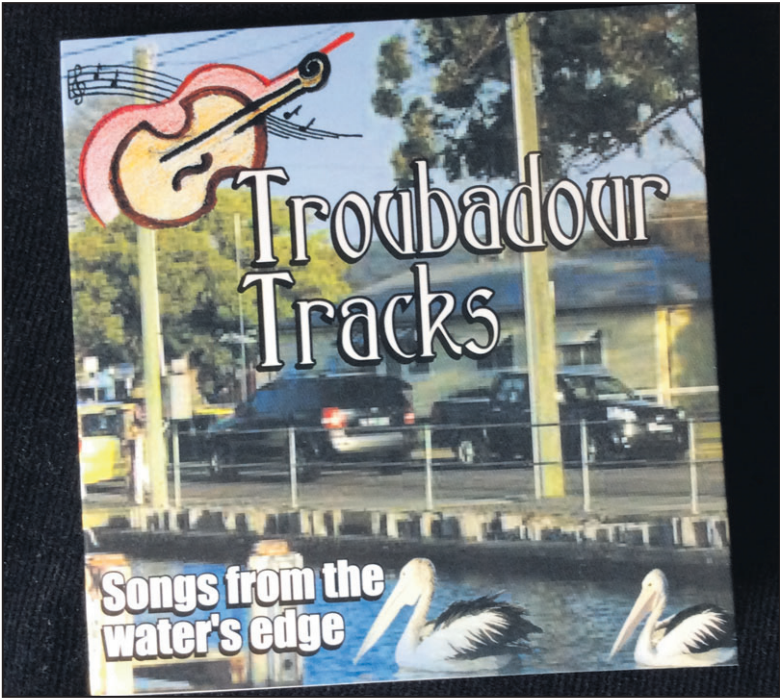
"Our support artists are a talented lot and many are songwriters who love their home here and make it central to their compositions.

"The variety of styles and genres is staggering.

"We have folk, blues, country, singalongs, novelty songs, a story from award-winning local bush balladeer Peter Mace and a rather alarming take on Waltzing Matilda from the audience, assisted by Sue Robinson."

The CD Troubadour Tracks, Songs from the Water's Edge, will be launched in a special concert at the Woy Woy CWA Hall at 7pm on Saturday, February 6, and the \$10 entry fee will include a copy of the CD.

Email, 7 Jan 2016
Leila Desborough,
Troubadour Folk Club



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Perfect weather by Elizabeth Gordon-Werner



Yellow sails by Elizabeth Gordon-Werner

Exhibition raises money for four charities

An art exhibition is being held in a Woy Woy cafe to raise money for four charities.

Half of the sale price of the paintings will go to Surf Lifesavers, Medicin Sans Frontier, Amnesty International or the Bob Brown Foundation.

The Sea Surf and Sailboats exhibition will run at the Gnostic Mana Cafe in until the end of January.

Former sailor and artist Ms Elizabeth Gordon-Werner has painted yachts of every variety, often while sitting on the back of a boat.

There are wooden boats, red-sailed and racing yachts and paintings of yachts at the marina with "halyards clanking" - the name of one of the paintings.

Ms Gordon-Werner said she created the Swimmers series, featured in the show, as an

innovative take on watercolour.

She said they had a three-dimensional feel to them because they were partly collaged, with bathing figures sewn on to original beach scenes.

"If you look very closely you can see the stitching," Ms Gordon-Werner said.

She said she had never seen anything like this technique, but her passion for watercolour and her sewing expertise came together spontaneously in creating these works.

The paintings vary in size and price and smaller printed works were also on sale.

Purchasers are encouraged to nominate one of the charities as the beneficiary of the sale.

Media release, 5 Jan 2016
Elizabeth Gordon-Werner, Umina

Rob Caudill is....

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Central Coast Art Society
Weekly paint-outs Tues 4369 5860. Workshops 9.30am 1st & 3rd Wed Gosford City Art Centre 4363 1156. Social Meetings 1.30pm 4th Wed for demonstrations publicity@artcentralcoast.asn.au 4325 1420

Point Clare Art & Craft
Wed - Adult Art Class Wed & Fri - Adult Crafts Bunka Embroid, Cards, Crotchet, Cross Stitch \$3 Point Clare Hall 10am - 12noon 4325 5007

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

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

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

Ettalong 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre
Mon - Fri - Cards, Computer Lessons, Dancing, Indoor Bowls, Fitness, Handicrafts, Leatherwork, Line Dancing, Painting, Scrabble, Table Tennis, Tai Chi, Yoga, Darts 4341 3222

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 www.fabcnsw.org.au 4341 5170

Central Coast Over 30s Social Group
Social contact, entertainment events & new friendships for people in their 30's, 40's, 50's & 60's etc. Live music, house parties, restaurant nights, BBQ's/ picnics, trips away etc. Free calendar 0422 243 101 cco30s@live.com.au

Central Coast 50+ Singles Social Group
Ladies & gents dinner, dancing - BBQs & socialising each w/end. Monthly programme for all areas 4396 3640 or 0437 699 366 50pssg@gmail.com

Mingaletta Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander
Provides members and other groups a meeting place and referral hub for education, health, well-being and cultural programs. Mon-Fri 9am - 4pm 6 Sydney Ave Umina 4342 7515 admin@mingaletta.com.au

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

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

Probus Club of Woy Woy
Friendship, Fellowship, and social functions for active retirees. 1st Wed - 10am Everglades Country Club 4341 9195

Seniors Computer Club Central Coast
Beginners Class PC or Mac, Mon or Tues. Other Classes Mon to Fri, 10am to 12 md or 1pm to 3pm. Mthly Meeting with Guest Speaker, 1st Mon. Kincumber Neighbourhood Centre 4369 2530

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

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

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

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

Environment
Peninsula Environment Group
Environmental projects, (incl. Woytopia), Woy Woy community garden, social events, workshops, organic food

buying group
www.pcg.org.au
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
3rd Tues 10.30am Peninsula Community Centre, Cnr McMasters Rd and Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy 1800 011 041

Better Hearing Australia - Central Coast
Hearing loss management support and education. 7 groups across the Coast Providing practical experience and confidence 4321 0275 www.centralcoast.betterhearingaustralia.org.au

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

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 - Small friendly groups
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Overeaters Anonymous (OA)
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Peninsula Village Wellness Centre
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Peninsula Village Meals
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Peninsula Village Carer's Support Group
For carers of loved ones with dementia - 1st Wed - 10 to 11.30am Paula 4344 9199

Peninsula Women's Health Centre
Clinic sister; counselling; alternate therapists; groups and community education; drop-in; support for women in crisis; 4342 5905 Wed & Thur 9.30am-3pm 20a McMasters Rd, Woy Woy www.ccwhc.com.au

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

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

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

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

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

Marine
Central Coast Rescue Unit
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Troubadour Central Coast Folk,
Traditional & Acoustic Music and Spoken Word Concerts, Ukulele meets, and Sessions 4th Sat 7pm CWA Hall Woy Woy 4341 4060 mail.info@troubadour.org.au

Political Groups
Australian Labor Party
Political discussions, national, state and local government issues

Umina Ettalong Branch
2nd Mon Umina Beach Bowling Club 7.30pm 4342 3676

Ourimbah/ Narara Branch
Niagara Park Primary School 7.30pm 1st Mon 0410 309 494

Woy Woy Branch
Everglades Country Club 7.30pm 2nd Mon 0412 517 520 belindaneal@bigpond.com
Peninsula Day Branch
1pm 2nd Mon CWA Hall Woy Woy 4341 9946

Central Coast Greens
Active regarding ecological sustainability, social & economic justice, peace & non-violence, grassroots democracy & getting Greens elected 3rd Thur, centralcoast.nsw.greens.org.au centralcoastgreens@gmail.com

Politics in the Pub Central Coast
Discussion of important political, social, economic, education, and land philosophy issues in a non-partisan manner - 4th Thur except Dec. Grange Hotel Wyoming

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

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

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

Cash Housie
50 Games every Sat night Peninsula Community Centre, McMasters Rd, Woy Woy. 7.30pm. Proceeds to Woy Woy Catholic Parish. www.cashousie@hotmail.com

Central Coast Handweavers, Spinners and Textile Arts Guild
Spinning and weaving, patchwork and quilting, felting and other fibre and fabric crafts, community quilting bees Day and Night Groups 4325 4743 www.cottagecrafts.net.au

Central Coast Family History Society Inc.
Resources, information & advice to study your family's history. 1st Sat 1pm Lions Community Hall, 8 Russell Drysdale St, E. Gosford. www.centralcoastfhs.org.au 4324 5164

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Veterans
National Malaya Borneo Veterans Association
1st Sat (except Jan) 2pm Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, 51-52 The Esplanade. 4342 1107

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Assist all veterans & families with pension & welfare issues. Mon & Wed 9am-1pm 4344 4760 Cnr Broken Bay Rd & Beach St Ettalong. centralcoastveterans@bigpond.com.

Woy Woy Ettalong Hardy's Bay RSL
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Women's Groups
BPW Central Coast
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Country Women's Association Woy Woy
Opposite Fisherman's Wharf Craft & Friendship 1st and 2nd Wed 10am Meetings 4th Wed 10.30am 4324 2621

Country Women's Association Umina
Branch meeting 1st Wed 10am Craft and Friendship Other Weds 9am 1st and 3rd Sun 12.30pm 0438 033 039 - 4344 1070

Endeavour/Woy Woy VIEW Club
Lunch 1st Mon, Everglades Country Club, 10.30am Friendship Day 3rd Wed, Ettalong Diggers, 11am 4342 2283

Gosford RSL Women's Auxiliary
For women over 18 years. Raise money for welfare of veterans and their families RSL Club, West Gosford 4th Mon 2pm 4323 7336

Peninsula Women's Health Centre
Counselling, therapeutic and social groups, workshops, domestic violence and abuse issues. All services by women for women 4342 5905 www.ccwhc.com.au

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Children dancing at the Ettalong Community Christmas Carols



The Ettalong community Christmas carols were well attended

The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Monday, Jan 11

Art Exhibition, Sea Surf and Sailboats, by Elizabeth Gordon-Werner, Gnostic Mana Woy Woy until Jan 31

Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre planning meeting, 1pm at the centre

Martial Arts holiday classes for children aged five to 12, all abilities, Umina Beach PCYC 11am to 12pm, and Mon Jan 18

Wednesday, Jan 13

Kids Bingo and Karaoke, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club, from 10am

Thursday, Jan 14

The Hearing Bus, outside Woolworths, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy

Friday, Jan 15

The magical world of crazy science, Ettalong Diggers memorial Club, doors open 10:30am

Saturday, Jan 16

Mimosa Duo, Live music and tapas, Jasmine Greens Park Kiosk, from 6:30pm

Rob Caudill is Rod Stewart, Ettalong Diggers, doors open 8pm

Sunday, Jan 17

Mosaic Workshop, Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden, PEG hall, Cnr Blackwall Rd and Billabong Rd, Woy Woy from 9:30am

Wednesday, Jan 20

Kids Drumming Playshop, CWA Hall Woy Woy, 10:30am to 11:30am, bookings essential

Twilight drum circle, grounds of CWA Hall Woy Woy, 7pm to 8:30pm bookings essential

Acting and drama holiday class for children aged six to 16 with Inga Romantsova, Umina PCYC, 11am to 12pm

Thursday, Jan 21

The Central Coast Art Society Summer Exhibition, Community Gallery and Studio 2 at the Regional Art Gallery until Jan 27 9:30am to 4:30pm daily

Friday, Jan 22

Jazz Picnic featuring U Bouddi Big Band 6pm to 9pm Wagstaffe Hall or grounds

I'm A believer The Psychic Reality Show with Philippa Lee, Ettalong Diggers, 7:30pm

Sunday, Jan 24

Umina Beach Markets, 9am to 3pm, Peninsula Recreational Precinct, Umina

Tuesday, Jan 26

Australia Day welcome ceremony and breakfast, Wagstaffe Hall, 8am

Pearl Beach Australia Day activities, Beachfront Reserve, on show 8am to 12pm

Community carol singing held at Ettalong school

Ettalong Baptist Church and Ettalong Public School combined to run the Ettalong Community Carols on Sunday, December 13.

Before the Carol singing began there were jumping castles, crafts for the children, a barbecue run by the school P and C, and free tea, coffee and biscuits.

Community choir The Tangeloes sang to the crowd, while people had picnics on the grass.

The community carol singing began at 7pm.

The church band led the carols, with most attending joining in.

The carols told the story of Christmas as people acted out and formed a nativity scene at the front.

A real baby performed the part of Jesus Christ and slept silently in the manger.

Santa visited at the end of the evening and gave each of the children a small packet of lollies.

Email, 18 Dec 2015
David Gilchrist, Ettalong Baptist Church

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Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000
Woy Woy Police Station 4379 7399
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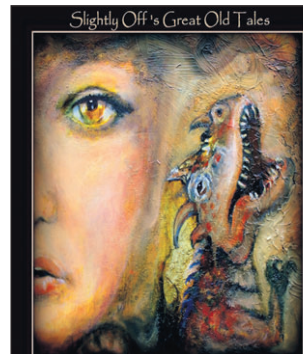
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Sport



Jemma Smith and Rachel Wood came second in the board rescue event at the Surf Life Saving Australia interstate championships in Torquay Victoria

Jemma is junior iron woman

Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club's Jemma Smith, 17, from Daley's Point, has won the Australian Junior Surf Life Saving Iron Woman event at Surf Life Saving Australia's interstate championships.

Ms Smith, who has been involved in surf life saving since starting as a nipper, represented NSW at the event which was held in Torquay on Victoria's Great Ocean Road on Friday, January 8. Jemma also came second in the ski board rescue event at the interstate championships and was in the NSW mixed relay team, which came third.

Ms Smith has been chosen to represent Australia at an international surf lifesaving event in The Netherlands later this year.

She was also the Year 10 dux of Central Coast Grammar School in 2015.

Her mother Ms Kerry Armstrong-Smith is current over-35s world

surf lifesaving champion.

Rachel Wood, also from Umina Surf Life Saving Club was equally competitive in the interstate championships in Torquay.

Ms Wood gained first place in the swim teams event and second in the swim event in a hotly contested battle between first and second place.

Rachel also achieved a second place in the board rescue event and came second in the Rescue-Tube-Rescue event in which she was a swimmer.

On Saturday, January 9, Jemma competed in a 50-minute race to qualify for next year's surf life saving Australian iron woman competition.

On Tuesday, January 12, she will be travelling to Queensland to compete for NSW in Surf Life Saving Australia's Pool Rescue Championships.

Interview, 8 Jan 2016
Kerry Armstrong-Smith,
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The main table at the Central Coast Past Presidents bowls Christmas party at Ettalong

Past Presidents event enjoyed despite bowls not being played

The rain did not hamper the spirits of the members who attended the Central Coast Past Presidents bowls Christmas party at Ettalong Bowling Club recently.

"We all moved to the bowling greens after the cards were called, but before you knew it, we were all back inside once again waiting expectantly for the weather to improve," said publicity officer, Mr Leon de Pradines.

"But that was not to be. "Not to be outdone, the members started celebrating and the Christmas Party started in earnest.

Stan Rogerson did the introductions and welcomed guests.

"Christmas luncheon was served by Harry's Chinese Restaurant.

"After a three course meal, all went away feeling well satisfied.

"The included drinks helped to enliven the jovial spirits of all.

"After the lunch, Santa Claus visited and helped with the presentation of prizes for the raffles, 50 and 100 clubs.

"Lunch came to an end and

all wished one another a Happy Christmas and an enjoyable New Year.

"Although we had inclement weather the spirits of all were very jolly," he said.

Media release, 18 Dec 2015
Leon de Pradines, Central Coast Past Presidents Bowls

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Bridge club starts new year

Brisbane Water Bridge Club started sessions for the year with the New Year's Cup.

Eighteen pairs participated in this event, held on Saturday, January 2, at the Peninsula Community Centre.

Ms Sylvia Foster and Mr Jaan

Oitmaa were the winners of the trophy.

Second place was taken by Ms Lorraine Lindsay and Mr Jack Lindsay with third place taken by Hope Tomlinson and Barry Foster.

Media release, 3 Jan 2016

Jenny Buckley, Brisbane Water Bridge Club



Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa won the Brisbane Water Bridge Club New Year's Cup



Wal Rainbow (left) with Zone 15 secretary Doug Rose

Wal celebrates 90th birthday at bowling day

Mr Wal Rainbow has celebrated his 90th birthday at Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club's regular Thursday bowling day.

The day was attended by almost 100 bowlers including Zone 15 secretary, Mr Doug Rose.

Wal, who is still a regular bowler, had his career highlights read out by Men's Bowls president Mr Bob King.

Mr King acknowledged Wal's contribution, not only to the club where he had received life membership and was made club patron, but his services to Zone 15 and bowls in general.

Some highlights included

winning titles in Pairs, Triples and Fours championships.

He was one of the skips in the Umina Beach's first ever pennant flag in 1969.

Doug Rose also mentioned Wal's contribution to Zone 15 as Zone Patron 1997-2009, Zone President 1991-1994, Zone vice President 2001-2002 and State

Councillor from 1995-1997.

Wal was also awarded Australian Sports Medal (ASM) 2000 for services to lawn bowls.

Wal received a bottle of Scotch whisky and the latest Zone 15 bowls shirt to commemorate the occasion.

Email, 4 Jan 2016
Ian Jarratt, Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club



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Sport



From left, manager of first grade Mr Neil Ross with Paul Gooley and Carl Von Kotze

Rugby Union club appoints Reserves coaches

The Woy Woy Rugby Union Club will augment its successful first grade coaches this year with two new reserve grade coaches.

The club sees its climb from the depths to the heights in the past two seasons as being due, in no small way, to the efforts of first grade co-coaches Paul Gooley and Carl Von Kotze.

Woy Woy came from wooden-spooners in 2013 to win the first- and third-grade premierships in 2014 and be narrowly beaten grand finalists in both grades again in 2015.

Mr Gooley has had a long career

as one of the club's finest players in recent years while Mr Von Kotze has guided no fewer than four battling clubs to grand finals

To complement them, the club has appointed former junior premiership coach Mr John Stokie and regular manager Mr Kevin Glew to guide the reserve grade side in the 2016 season.

President Brian Macauley said: "John and Kevin have been very successfully involved with many junior players some of whom are still with the club but many are not.

"Our aim is to entice as many of these Woy Woy juniors back to the club as possible," Mr Macauley said.

"We see the possibility of making Woy Woy the best club in the Central Coast competition if we can take advantage of our very strong juniors," he said.

"The club's profile on the Peninsula has lifted dramatically with recent success and the lure of playing at the new Woy Woy Oval complex is exciting for all concerned."

Woy Woy will start training on January 12 at Brisbane Water Secondary College, Umina Campus, opposite Everglades Golf Course.

Article, 4 Jan 2016
Peter Fenton, Woy Woy Rugby Union Club

Women's bowl club celebrates rewarding year

Ettalong Memorial Women's Bowls Club has had a rewarding year in 2015, according to publicity officer Ms Maureen Kerr.

"The highlights were celebrating 50 years as a Ladies' Bowling Club and winning the District No. 1 Pennant Flag," she said.

"We had further success winning the regionals against Lake Macquarie District and going on to play at state level and coming in equal sixth," she said

"Our year ended with a presentation night on December 12.

"Achievements by the club in 2015 were Bancroft Trophy

winners, Friendship Shield winners, and district and regional pennant winners at Grade 1."

Ettalong players chosen to represent at district level were Ms Lauren Williams, Ms Val Brownlie, Ms Tracy Osborne, Ms Marie Brailey and Ms Robyn Holden.

The major awards were won by Ms Christine Bowman (encouragement award), Ms Donna Treyvaud (most improved), and Ms Vicki Needs (Club Person of the Year).

The Bowler of the Year award was won by Ms Tracy Osborne.

Media release, 29 Dec 2015
Maureen Kerr, Ettalong Memorial Women's Bowls Club



Ettalong Memorial Women's Bowls Club Bowler of the Year Ms Tracy Osborne

Tide Chart

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Local boy is signed by Mariners

Umina resident Trent Buhagiar, 17, have been signed by the Central Coast Mariners to play in the A-League.

He started playing soccer with the Umina Eagles when he was four years old.

Buhagiar is an attacker who has developed his game at Kariong's International Football School and was presented his CCMFC jersey by inaugural Mariners signing, Damien Brown.

The club has regarded Trent as one of the standout performers of the National Youth League squad this season and appeared last season as an injury replacement in the Mariners' youth team.

He said he was delighted to be signed by the club.

"Last night I was watching a movie and (head coach) Tony Walmsley called me up and said that there was an opportunity for me to get a contract and start training with first team full time, I told mum and dad straight away who were stoked with it as well."

The whole of Buhagiar's soccer career has been played on the Central Coast.

The Umina junior climbed the tiers of Peninsula clubs before making the progression to



Trent Buhagiar from Umina Eagles under-5s to Central Coast Mariners attacker

representative level.

"For my whole life I've been playing on the Coast, it started at under-5s with Umina Eagles through to the 13s where I played with Southern Ettalong, then onto the Mariners Academy," Buhagiar said.

"It's going to be hard training full time."

"The International Football School has been great and given me the opportunity to kick a football every day."

"From what I've been told, I will be on the wing or anywhere up front."

He is expected to be the first of many players to sign a professional contract from the International

Football School.

The signing is head coach Tony Walmsley's third January window recruit in the wake of both Alastair Bray and Francesco Stella also joining his squad.

Walmsley spoke of the attributes Buhagiar brings to his squad.

"Trent Buhagiar fits a number of

profiles.

"We're a community-based club."

"We look for outstanding attributes and we give youth a chance."

"Trent's got incredible pace."

"He's done very well in his two seasons with the NYL and he's a lifelong Coastie."

"He's never played football anywhere else," Walmsley said.

"Thankfully the IFS has given him the extra technical skills he was lacking a couple of years ago and, you put all of that together, he's a 17-year-old package with dynamite in his legs and he could certainly add something to this team moving forward."

"The first thing he has to do is adapt to the loads."

"It's a massive shift from youth league to A-League," Walmsley said.

Mariners CEO Shaun Mielekamp said: "This is one of the proudest signings that we have made since my time at the club and we wish Trent all the best in the next stage of his playing career."

"This is a testament to the IFS who played a crucial role in Trent's rapid development towards the A-League," Mielekamp said.

**Media release, 5 Jan 2016
Tyson Scott, Central Coast Mariners**



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