



The Roving Rubies at their recent bikini pool party to celebrate Edna Fowler's 92nd birthday

Edna celebrates 92nd birthday

A local group of the Red Hat Society has celebrated the 92nd birthday of one of its members.

The Roving Rubies celebrated the birthday of Ms Edna Fowler from Woy Woy on January 26.

Edna has been a member of the Roving Rubies for the past seven years and officially turned 92 on January 31, although the Roving Rubies celebrated a few days earlier with a bikini pool party.

She was recognised in the group as a talented cake decorator and for dress making, including hand smocking, and special dresses for deceased babies.

More than 40 Roving Rubies attended the pool party at a member's home for Edna's

birthday.

The founder of the group, Ms Marlene Klintworth, also known as Queen Lilimarlene, said she formed the group when she first moved to the Central Coast as a way of meeting people.

There were now 130 Roving Rubies, women between the ages of 45 and 92 who wanted to "learn how to grow old disgracefully".

Edna is an excellent example of the benefits of being a Roving Ruby, said Ms Klintworth.

She still lives in her own home and is fiercely independent.

She walks without a stick, still has excellent hearing, plays lawn bowls and has a golf handicap of 22.

Her three tips for longevity are healthy living, happy hour and

good friends.

A little sip of brandy to ward off infection or a case of the nerves is a good practice, according to Edna.

The Roving Rubies have so far knitted 267 rugs to foster children on the Central Coast.

"Through Wesley Mission we have just about given every foster child on the Central Coast a rug," Ms Klintworth said.

The Roving Rubies have regular mufti Mondays for knitting and talking and also have lunch meetings.

Ms Klintworth said new members were welcome.

For more information email rovingrubies@optusnet.com.au

Interview, 28 Jan 2016
Marlene Klintworth, Roving Rubies



Ms Edna Fowler, 92, from Woy Woy

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Almost three times average monthly rainfall

The Peninsula had almost three times its average monthly rainfall in January.

A total of 343mm was recorded for the month, which was 218mm or 175 per cent above the average of 125mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

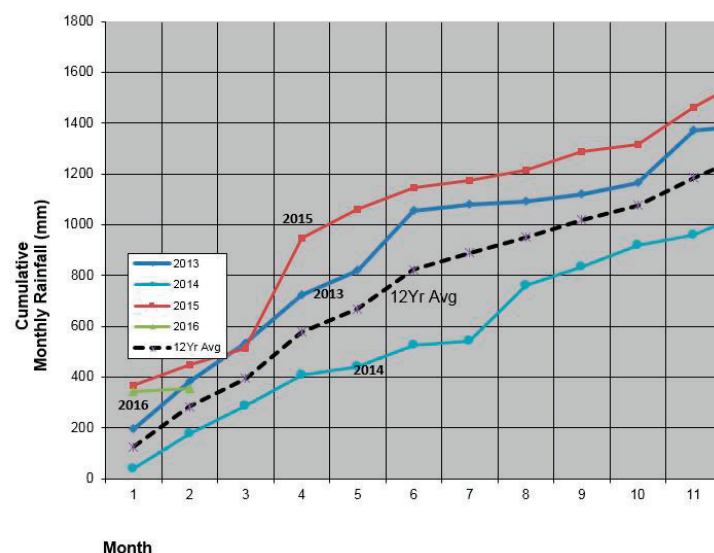
This was the second highest January total in 12 years, just behind last year's January total of 367mm.

Seven days of the month recorded more than 25mm rainfall.

The wet month follows a year in which a 1583mm of rain fell to be one of the three wettest years in the last 11.

Spreadsheet, 5 Feb 2016
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

Cumulative Monthly Rainfall by Year



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Peninsula News and Woy Woy Little Theatre are giving away three double passes to see the multi-award winning comedy, **Humble Boy on Saturday, February 20 at 8pm.**

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Also in the cast is Mr Paul Russell, Mr Greg Buist, Ms Sierra Philips and Mr Terry Collins.

Humble Boy will run for three weekends from Friday, February 19.

To enter the draw to win one of the three double passes write your full name, address and a day time phone number on the

back of an envelope and mail it to Peninsula News Humble Boy Competition, PO Box 1056, Gosford, 2250.

Entries close on Thursday, February 18, 5pm.

The winners of the Peninsula News Drom Street Wear Competition were Maureen Barry from Woy Woy, Sally Hanzicourt from Point Clare and Debbie Durman from Narara

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Smith seeks action on channel at Oyster Beach

Member for Gosford Ms Kathy Smith is seeking Ministerial action to dredge the channel off Oyster Beach.

Marine Rescue Central Coast has been warning that the channel has moved and that navigation markers are no longer accurate.

"It is with some alarm that I have been hearing reports over the last few days about the silt build up at the bar off Oyster Beach," said Ms Smith.

"I have been advised that this situation has been serious with an alarming narrowing of the channel creating a danger for craft in the area," Ms Smith said.

"This is especially the case when the Palm Beach ferry is negotiating the channel," she said.

"I am unaware of any proposal to undertake this work or any timetable for doing so.

"This is a much-used area for leisure boating and we don't need a disaster to happen.

"We know that around March 2010, following the dredging that was done in 2009, there were reports that the area was already beginning to silt up again.

Mr Ron Cole from Central Coast Marine Rescue said the channel ran along from the southern end of Lobster Beach to Little Box Head.

As a vessel is leaving Brisbane Water, there is a substantial sand bar on the western side. "That sand bar has gradually been moving eastward," Mr Cole said.



Aerial view of channel and bar

Photo Deckee

"Instead of it being 30 metres wide the channel is now down to eight metres so the channel width has substantially reduced since the council dredged it a few years ago.

"Apart from that, the sand is moving onto the channel itself so the water depth is reducing and is often below, or at or around, two to three metres, so if you are in a yacht that draws two metres you have great difficulty crossing the bar."

Mr Cole said the changes to the channel resulted in Marine Rescue issuing media alerts to warn the public about the danger.

"At the peak of the holiday season I was concerned that visitors to the area wouldn't know the channel was incorrectly marked," he said.

"The RMS are aware of it and they have put in place two additional marker buoys to indicate the new parts of the channel or where it is now to where it was two months ago.

"There is a constant argument as to who is the organisation responsible.

"Council say they have no responsibility for anything on the water and they got bludgeoned into doing something about it last

time."

However, Mr Cole said he was critical of the action that Gosford Council undertook to fix the channel the last time silting occurred.

"If you are going to dredge a channel you would put a suction dredge in and relocate the silt to another place.

"What they did was put two iron bars behind a substantial vessel and drag it away -- it wasn't really dredging, it was grading," he said.

According to Mr Cole there are 7000 registered vessels using Brisbane Water including about 1500 with permanent moorings on

the waterway.

"That is without the ferries and all the visitors from Sydney, Pitwater and the Hawkesbury so potentially there are a lot of people coming in and out.

"Fortunately there are not a lot of accidents on the bar.

"We get called to support incoming vessels and most of the people hear about the problems and go elsewhere.

"In the history of the bar, during periods of substantial rain in the area, the outfall from Brisbane Water would scour the channel.

"That doesn't seem to happen anymore even though we get the big downfalls.

"I don't think it becomes urgent to fix the channel until there is an accident on the bar and someone gets hurt.

"It is an official ocean bar according to some RMS documents but sometimes they leave it out and just say it is the entrance to Brisbane Water.

"The State Government probably should take an interest."

According to Mr Cole the problem of silt build up in Brisbane Water is not confined to the Oyster Beach channel.

"Channels around Blackwall and St Huberts Island are notoriously bad and getting narrower," he said.

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Kathy Smith, Member for Gosford

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Don Young receives OAM

The former chairman of the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, Mr Don Young of Woy Woy, has been awarded an Order of Australia Medal for his service to veterans and their families.

Mr Young has been a member of the Returned and Services League of Australia since 1956 and has been a member and chairman to a number of committees including Extreme Disablement Adjustment Veterans Association, and Men's Health Peer Education, as well as being chairman of the Ettalong Club from 2009 to 2013.

According to Mr Young, all of his efforts have been his way of paying his debt to the service men and women of Australia.

"It is a privilege and honour to receive this award, and to know that my small efforts have been appreciated by the veteran community," Mr Young said.

Mr Young said he had spent the last 27 years assisting veterans and their families here on the Coast and hoped the work that he and wife Helen had done had benefitted them.

"I have lived 27 years in Woy Woy and the majority of the work I do is amongst the veterans on the Coast and their wives and families.

"In my opinion, the Central Coast is the best place to live,



Mr Donald Keith Young OAM

within the best country in the world.

"This award is greatly appreciated and gives me encouragement to continue to help our veteran community as much as I can," Mr Young said.

Media release, 18 Jan 2016
Debbie Bowden, Office of the official secretary to the Governor-General
Interview, 21 Jan 2016
Donald Young, Woy Woy
Reporter: Dillon Luke

Council parking blitz was 'un-Australian', says bowls club

A parking blitz in Woy Woy conducted by Gosford Council on Australia Day has been described as shameful and un-Australian by the Woy Woy Bowling Club and local residents.

Gosford Council has received a number of complaints about parking fines dispensed by its rangers at Woy Woy on Australia Day.

Residents reported cars and trailers parked on the corner of Burge Rd and Brickwharf Rd received two types of fines: "Stop on path or strip in built-up area" and "Parking contrary to council notice".

Residents claimed that the block where cars and trailers were parked was minimally used and did not affect pedestrians.

Residents said that the nearby car park was full as well as adjoining streets.

Mr Ken Dixon from Woy Woy Bowling Club said: "Our Australia Day was excellent before we learned of the parking fines.

"Most of those in attendance were outraged when we found out about the parking fines.

"Most bowlers are local

residents and we felt that visitors to the area should not have been treated this way," Mr Dixon said.

"The fines were unjust.

"The fines were un-Australian.

"Gosford Council administration should be ashamed of its actions."

Council's director of governance and planning Ms Danielle Dickson defended the blitz.

She said: "Illegal parking on nature strips is a problem for pedestrians who may put themselves in harms' way as they try to navigate a safe path across these public areas.

"Illegally parked cars can also obstruct the view of other drivers."

Ms Dickson stated that "despite two offences being committed, council only issued one penalty notice in this instance.

"We would like to take this opportunity to remind all motorists that they need to be aware of their responsibilities when parking in Gosford City, and make sure they do so legally at all times," Ms Dickson said.

Media statement, 2 Feb 2016
Danielle Dickson, Gosford Council
Email, 2 Feb 2016
Ken Dixon, Woy Woy
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Council appoints consultant for land sale review

Gosford Council has commissioned an external consultant "to consider all aspects relevant to each parcel" of community land that it proposes to sell on the Peninsula.

Council chief Mr Paul Anderson said the consultant would address the requirements of State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) 19, which was for the protection and preservation of bushland within urban areas.

"In the case of regionally significant vegetation issues, Council employs appropriate experts to manage and maintain sites," he said.

"The identified sites for stage one and stage two [of the Land Sale Strategy] have only been flagged for possible sale by council

at this point.

"There has been no final recommendation to sell community land parcels.

"The report will be an extensive document and is expected to be provided to council within the next two to three months.

"The review of this land, which has been held by council for many years, is a healthy process.

"Under the Public Works Act, a fully informed and transparent review of all parcels must occur.

"This review will include a public hearing, where community members will have the opportunity to speak for or against any land reclassification.

"The community will be provided with 28 days before each public hearing," Mr Anderson said.

Media statement, 25 Jan 2016
Paul Anderson, Gosford Council

CDOs cost council \$38 million

Gosford Council could be \$38 million better off if it had not invested in speculative instruments like Collateralised Debt Obligations (CDOs) in the market boom prior to the global financial crisis.

A returns on investments graph published on Gosford Council's website on Thursday, February 4, shows that total capital losses from investments in unsecured instruments with Lehman Brothers, Blue Gum, Torquay, Scarborough, Parkes, Kakadu, Green and Esperance totalled \$19.12 million.

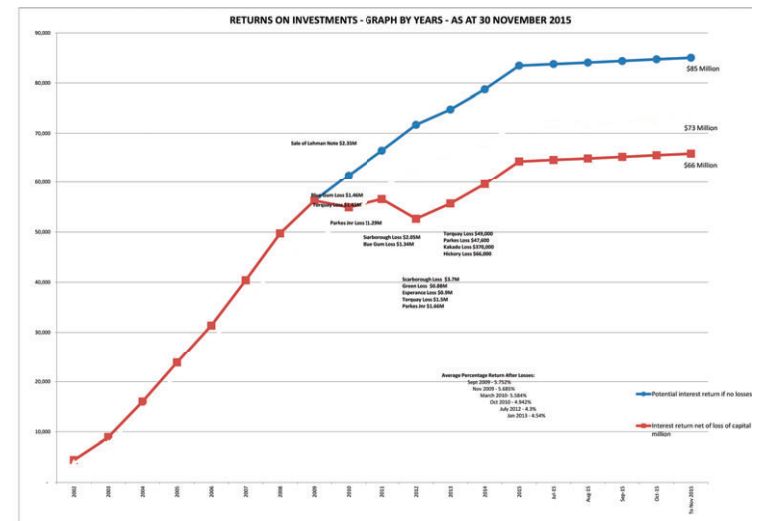
Only one CDO remains in the Gosford Council portfolio and it has a maturity date of June 2016.

Its current market value, according to the latest financial reports from Council was \$1.29 million (December 2015).

The face value, or the original amount invested in the CDO by Council was \$1.93 million and Council has said that is what expects to be paid in June.

According to data provided with the business papers for Council's February 9 meeting, in addition to the capital losses incurred due to the unsecured investments, if those losses had not been suffered, Gosford Council would have been able to earn an extra \$19 million in interest or earnings.

Since 2002, according to the graph, Council's investment portfolio has returned \$66 million



The blue line shows interest that could have been earned if CDO losses hadn't been incurred; the red line shows earnings net of CDO losses

net of capital losses; the potential interest return if those losses hadn't been suffered was \$85 million.

Over the same period, if the council had stuck with much safer, capital stable and secure investments, it could have expected returns that tracked close to a benchmark like the bank bill rate.

On January 2014, Gosford Council resolved to appoint Prudential Investment Services Corp Pty Ltd at the council's independent financial advisor for a period of three years.

Investments are currently managed by council officers based on the recommendations from Prudential.

Gosford Council's current investment portfolio is now spread among the top three credit rating categories and has a face value of \$130.26 million.

Of the total portfolio, \$53.59 million relates to restricted assets and capital reserves and committed funds and unspent grants consist of \$89.27 million.

Apart from the one remaining CDO that is due to mature in June, council's funds are now invested in 12 floating rate notes (\$36.25 million), 25 term deposits (\$80.5 million) and a cash account (\$11.58 million).

Agenda, 9 Feb 2016
CEO.1 and CEO.2, Investment reports Nov 2015 and Dec 2015
Website, 5 Feb 2016
Investment Returns Graph,

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Rescue for sinking vessel

Marine Rescue Central Coast was called to a capsized and sinking vessel at the northern end of Ocean Beach on Saturday, January 30.

The volunteer on duty in the radio room at Marine Rescue Central Coast, Mr Bill Schwartz, received a phone call at around 3pm from Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

The caller reported a capsized and sinking vessel on the offshore sandbar at the northern end of the beach.

The surf club's rubber duck had saved on person and a dog and there were three others in the water.

Mr Schwartz contacted Mr Ian Radford and his crew aboard Central Coast 22 who were undertaking a training exercise around Lobster Beach.

The rescue boat was quickly at Ocean Beach and able to take the rescued person and dog aboard.

They learned that the other three persons were safe ashore, so ran the rescue boat in close to shore to enable those persons to join their companions on the rescue boat.

The local Roads and Maritime

Boating Services officer overheard the radio calls and joined the surf club and Marine Rescue at the site.

He agreed to attempt salvage of the sinking craft and if possible tow it to the Pretty Beach Ramp while Marine Rescue took the rescued people to their car and trailer at Blackwall Ramp.

The vessel was towed to Pretty Beach but it sank again near the ramp.

The owners were provided with details of salvage operators.

At about 3:10pm, Mr Schwartz received a VHF marine radio call from a 9.5m yacht in Broken Bay with four people aboard.

The owner reported a mechanical problem.

He had no forward gear, and sought assistance crossing the bar at Little Box Head and getting back to the mooring at Ettalong.

Mr Schwartz tasked offshore rescue vessel Central Coast 21 to assist.

Mr Bob Sullivan and his crew soon met the yacht and took it in tow for the bar crossing.

By 4:20pm, the yacht was safely back on its mooring at Ettalong.

Media release, 31 Jan 2016
Ron Cole, Central Coast
Marine Rescue



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Management plan does not list all council land for sale

A management plan exists for 62 blocks of council-owned land on the Peninsula, according to Gosford Council chief Mr Paul Anderson.

However, not all land the council plans to sell is listed in the plan.

East Gosford environmental consultant Mr Phil Conacher was reported in the last edition of Peninsula News stating that it appeared a plan of management did not exist for land the council planned to sell.

He claimed that the council could be in breach of the Local Government Act as a result.

Gosford Council has supplied a copy of the 1996 Community

Parks Plan of Management which includes a list of 62 lots on the Peninsula to which it applies, spread across 36 locations.

Mr Anderson said the plan was still current and covered the management of all community land in the local government area.

Five of the allotments on the Peninsula that the council plans to sell in two stages are listed in the plan.

However, the other five are not.

None of the three blocks of community land that have been earmarked for reclassification to enable their sale in stage one were listed in the plan's land schedule.

The land in stage one is at Lots 195 and 196 DP 9894 Brisbane

Ave, Umina and Lot 56 DP 9263, 40 and 42 Albion St, Umina.

Five of seven allotments of community land to be sold in stage two were listed in the plan's schedule.

They were at 40, 42 and 46 Pozieres Ave, Umina, and at 10 and 12 Jumbuck Close, Woy Woy.

However, two lots at 9-11 Mackenzie Rd, Woy Woy, were not listed.

Mr Anderson said that parcels of land acquired or reclassified after 1996 were managed in accordance with the plan's principles.

**Media statement, 27 Jan 2016
Paul Anderson, Gosford Council**



Jumbuck Cres Reserve is included in the 1996 plan

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Climate Change: Action beyond Paris Agreement



It is now 25 years since the first global reports warned us that greenhouse gas emissions were a serious problem.

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The tragedy is that we can do something to stop it. It is very simple - we must give up fossil fuels. We know how to do this. Solar, wind and other renewable energy sources are feasible and not overly expensive. It is not too late. In fact there is a driving moral duty to reduce emissions (and thus the impacts) as quickly as possible. The longer we wait, the harder it will become; until it is no longer possible to

recover the Earth to a condition we have enjoyed through 5000 years of settled civilization. Every additional tonne emitted today will drive further warming over this and later centuries.

Besides what we can do individually to reduce our fossil fuel emissions, it falls on our governments to put in place plans to build new renewable energy plants so that we can close down fossil fuels. Because we have delayed for 25 years, there is now no other way to do this than actively closing down our fossil fuel plants. Our government must:

- Declare a climate emergency.
- Ban any new fossil fuel industry or infrastructure.
- Ban any new coal mines.
- Set in place a plan to build new renewable generation capacity sufficient to close down our coal plants.
- Found and organize our future carbon free industries.

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the world. We have wide expanses of open land where solar energy would be ideal and a massive market to our north who need energy.

Unfortunately, the agreement in Paris is not binding and the voluntary commitments made by all nations are not enough. Our ambition for reducing emissions must be increased to avoid the worst that is to come.

There is no future in those who continue to deny this crisis. We must have leaders who are willing to make the sacrifices needed to reduce emissions. No-one can expect us to stop emissions immediately, but it is economically possible to replace our electricity system with currently available renewable energy plants in 10 years. Replacement of petrol would likely take longer.

With an election pending this year, we should be asking candidates of all colours how soon they plan to transition to a low carbon economy.

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Plan still applies to community land after 20 years

The Community Parks Plan of Management adopted by Gosford Council in 1996 still covers the management of community land, according to Gosford Council chief Mr Paul Anderson.

The plan described community land as "land which should be retained for use by the general public".

"Due to the large number of community parks in the local government area, it is intended to develop a generic plan to cover all of these areas".

In 1996, when the generic plan was drawn up Gosford Council had a Land Management Committee.

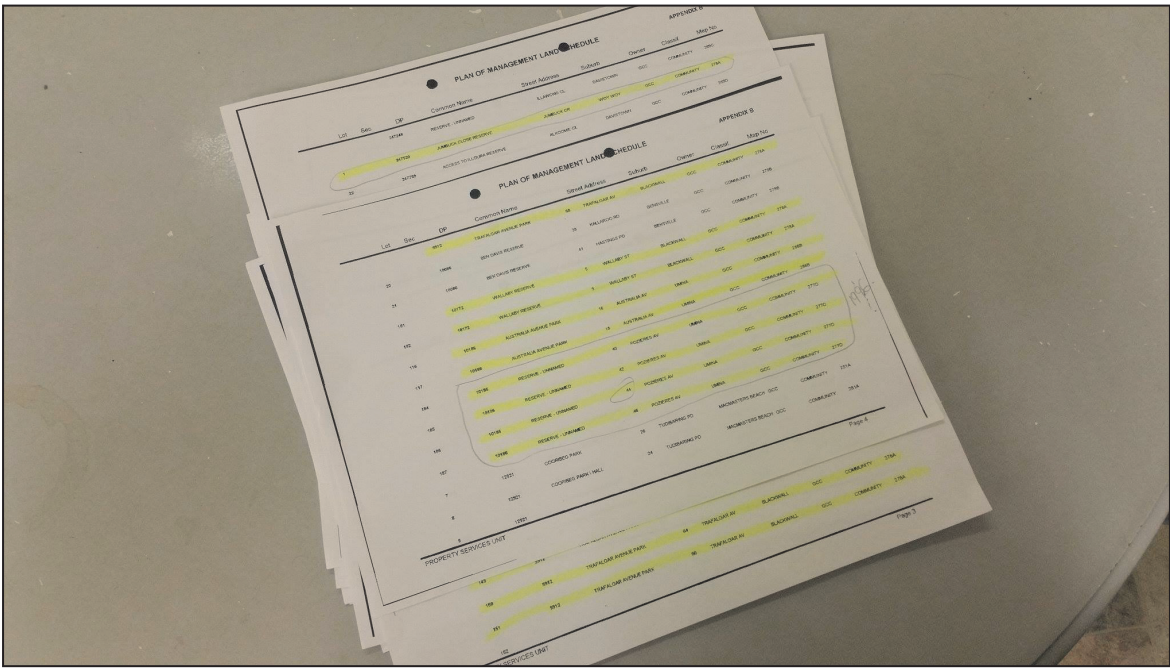
The plan was intended to "serve as the plan of management for all community land designated for passive recreation activities".

An appendix listed all land to which the plan applied.

"This Appendix will be updated regularly as new property is acquired and added to the parks system," the 1996 document stated.

It went on to say: "Some anomalies in the categorization of existing parks may have occurred in Council's land management process."

"Any additional properties will be added to the land register through a public exhibition process as they are identified."



Pages from the 1996 Community Parks Plan of Management Land Schedule

According to the document, maps identifying park locations are available for inspection at the recreation section of council.

The aim of the plan was to provide guidance for the control of usage, development and maintenance of community parks.

According to the document, approximately 33 per cent of land in the Gosford LGA was classified as open space, mostly significant tracts of bushland.

Small parks and playgrounds represented the highest number of

settings but the space devoted to them was described as "relatively low".

"These small parcels of open space have the primary function of providing areas of passive recreation (serving a local neighbourhood)," the 1996 plan said.

It also highlighted that ongoing population growth meant demand for children's playgrounds and local parks was already high and it was "anticipated that these demands will continue reinforcing

the importance of community parks to the community".

The 1996 plan also outlined the importance of community parks for children and adults "as local parks become popular meeting places, often providing picnic and/or barbecue facilities."

"The regular upkeep of community parks is aesthetically beneficial to the community," the plan said.

"Open space is developed and/or maintained creating pleasant surrounds for local residents."

In preparing the plan, the community was consulted via a survey and a public meeting.

The draft plan was then prepared and placed on public exhibition for further comment.

The adopted plan included a section on the acquisition and disposal of community land.

"According to the definition, community land must be retained for use by the general public."

"In other words, community land cannot be sold."

"However, the disposal of community land deemed surplus to Council and community requirements will follow the process proposed in the Act that is reclassification to operational land with the full opportunity for community input."

"Any such reclassification from community to operational land must be in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979," the document said.

It also stated that an action plan relevant to the issues identified in the plan of management was to be developed and reviewed annually and that directions and issues would be reviewed approximately every five years.

Community Parks Plan of Management, 1996
Paul Anderson, Gosford Council

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Cr Vicki Scott

Cr Scott moves to withdraw land from sale list

Gosford Cr Vicki Scott has called for community land at 195 and 196 Brisbane Ave, Umina, to be immediately withdrawn from the list approved by Gosford Council for reclassification and sale as operational land.

Cr Scott's motion was published in the agenda papers for Gosford Council's first meeting of 2016, scheduled for Tuesday, February 9.

She has also called for four other parcels of community land at East Gosford, Wameral and Lisarow to be withdrawn as they are of concern to residents.

Her motion also calls for council to work with the community to allocate a formal name, relevant to the history or geography of the area for the Brisbane Ave land.

The agenda papers also contained comments from council's CEO, Mr Paul Anderson explaining that because Gosford Council is in a merger proposal period, legal advice was sought on the validity of council's land sale strategy and on the validity of Cr Scott's motion.

"The advice provided confidentially to councillors generally supports both actions," Mr Anderson comments said.

**Agenda item NM1, 9 Feb 2016
Vicki Scott, Gosford Council**

Rally at council chambers to oppose land sale

A public rally outside Gosford Council Chambers on Tuesday, February 9, aims to highlight community concerns about Council's current land sale strategy.

Mr Mark Mann from Save Jumbuck Crescent Reserve and the Peninsula Environment Group said he encouraged residents who were concerned about the sell-off of community land on the Peninsula to attend the rally, which will take place at 6pm.

Mr Mann published all Gosford councillors email addresses on the Save Jumbuck Crescent Reserve facebook page and encouraged residents to write to them.

Council already endorsed Stage One and Stage Two of the strategy without any public consultation, according to Ms Sue Chidgey from Save Central Coast Reserves.

Of the parcels of land that have been listed for reclassification and sale on the Peninsula, two locations at Umina are listed in Stage One for reclassification to operational land so they can be sold.

Those lots of community land are at Brisbane Avenue Umina and 40 to 42 Albion St Umina.

Stage Two lists two lots of land at 23 Memorial Ave Blackwall that are already classified as operational.

Council has confirmed those lots will be advertised for sale

shortly.

A further three parcels of Peninsula community land are to be reclassified as operational in order to be sold.

They are located at 40, 42 and 46 Pozieres Ave Umina, 9 to 11 Mackenzie Ave Woy Woy and 10 to 12 Jumbuck Close Woy Woy.

February 9 will be the first Gosford Council meeting for 2016 and it is expected a motion will be put forward by Cr Vicki Scott to change Council's direction and withdraw a number of the parcels of community land that have been listed for reclassification to allow their sale.

Cr Scott was unable to put her motion to the last 2015 meeting of Gosford Council as it was within three months of councillors passing a resolution in favour of Stage One of the Land Sale Strategy.

The motion she intends to put to the February 9 meeting can only address Stage One of the strategy.

Matters relating to Stage Two cannot be reconsidered by councillors until three months have elapsed following their endorsement of Stage Two last November.

"The rally will highlight the community's concerns over Gosford Council's proposed reclassification and sell-off of 25 public reserves, parks and green spaces", Ms Chidgey said. "Most of the lands in question have vital

community and/or environmental benefits to residents," she said.

"It is staggering that Council is not consulting with communities to properly discuss the true value of these lands.

"As people become aware of what Council is proposing, they have been quick to band together to call for a better, more transparent process and community consultation.

A recent public meeting called for Gosford Council to withdraw from sale sites already classified as operational and halt the process of reclassifying community land.

The meeting moved a motion calling upon the council to develop a strategy that is put out on exhibition for public comment, and to undertake community engagement to assess the true social, environmental and economic value of any sites being considered as having sale potential.

"We hope that all community members from Patonga to Forresters Beach will stand up on February 9 and let the Council know that they do not consent to the sale by Gosford Council of community lands," Ms Chidgey said.

**Media release, 2 Feb 2016
Sue Chidgey, Save Central Coast Reserves
Website, 3 Feb 2016
Mark Mann, Save Jumbuck Cres Reserve**

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Contributions plan supports retention of open space

A development “contribution plan” for open space and recreation on the Peninsula seems to support the retention of existing community land for recreation and open space.

Contributions Plan 31C Open Space and Recreation Peninsula requires developers to either provide new open spaces or improve existing open spaces if a new residential development results in a population increase.

The contribution plan came into effect in December 1992, was amended in 2004 and 2006 and last updated in 2012.

It is a public document available on the Gosford Council website under ‘Contributions Plans’ in the building and development category of the site.

The purpose of the plan is to enable council to levy development contributions to pay for the “provision and development of open space and recreation facilities on the Peninsula” in accordance with Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

The plan’s objectives are to ensure that work associated with urban and environmental enhancement required by a future development are funded under Section 94 for the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

Its second objective is to identify additional open space and recreational facilities required

to satisfy the needs of the future population of the Peninsula, taking account of current open space.

The plan also states as an objective the establishment of a nexus between anticipated development and required land, facilities, services and contributions sought.

Other objectives include: to enable to early provision of open space...; to encourage public participation in the formulation of the plan; to identify locations of open space and recreation facilities to be carried out; and to outline a schedule identifying when open space and recreation facilities are to be provided in consideration of development rates.”

According to the plan, Gosford Council estimates that, under existing zoning provisions, the population of the Peninsula will increase by approximately 14,670 persons (ultimate development) from the 1991 population base.

“The incoming population as a result of development will necessitate the provision and embellishment of recreation and open space facilities above and beyond the existing level of provision,” the plan says.

Following the adoption of Contributions Plan 31C by Gosford Council in April 2003, a review of opportunities for additional open space land was conducted (not including privately owned land).

The analysis identified only two parcels of land, the Woy Woy landfill site and the Council Depot

on Ocean Beach Rd that could be used for additional open space.

As a result, the report recommended “increasing the embellishment of existing open space” as a way to increase the capacity of existing open space areas in public ownership given the shortage of potential new sites available.

It also recommended “reducing the amount of open space to be acquired to land which is available”.

The plan also includes an analysis of the Peninsula’s future recreation needs, a summary of which includes statement such as: “recreational needs will be increased”; “less private open space will increase demand on community facilities; “increased need for facilities for walking, picnics, barbecue, boating and playgrounds...”; and “people without access to a vehicle need recreation opportunities...close to where they live”.

The plan specifies a formula to determine how much open space land a developer must contribute.

It sets the dollar value of Sec 94 contributions to be used to acquire new open spaces as equal to the number of people who will be accommodated in the new development times a per square metre value for the developed land.

The ‘people’ part of the equation is based on each person needing 8.1 square metres.

A small unit will hold 1.5 people, a medium unit will hold two people, large 2.5 and 3.5 for a new allotment.

That area is multiplied by Council’s current valuation estimate of open space land appropriate to the land to be acquired in dollars per square metre.

The estimate given in the document is \$121 per square metre.

So a new allotment, which any reclassified and sold community reserve would be, would amount to 3.5 X 8.1 X \$121 = \$3430.35 per square metre to be paid by the developer to the council to invest in new open space on the Peninsula.

Website, 5 Feb 2016
<http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/building-and-development/planning-guidelines-and->



The Rogers Park memorial for CPO Jonathan Rogers

Service commemorates Voyager sinking

A service will be held to commemorate the anniversary of the sinking of HMAS Voyager on Saturday, February 13, at CPO Jonathan Rogers Memorial at Rogers Park Woy Woy.

The program includes a short march with the Naval Band and Australian Naval Cadets from TS Hawkesbury from the Everglades Country Club car park, forming up at 11:30am to the memorial for the service at midday.

Students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus will read out the names of those men who lost their lives on that tragic day.

There will be a lunch at the Everglades, Dunbar Rd, Woy Woy at 1pm.

In 1986 the naming of Rogers Park in Woy Woy, New South Wales, recalled the Royal Australian Navy’s worst peacetime disaster.

It was an event that had shocked the nation.

Chief Petty Officer Jonathan Rogers, a local, was one of 82 men who lost their lives in a collision at sea on the night of February 10, 1964.

Rogers was born at Llangollen, Denbighshire, United Kingdom, and joined the Royal Navy in 1938 when he was 18.

He served in 13 ships, mostly through the war years.

He was awarded the

Distinguished Service Medal for coolness and leadership while serving as coxswain of Motor Torpedo Boat 698 in actions on the nights of March 23 and May 23, 1944.

After the war he came to Australia and joined the RAN.

He was promoted to Chief Petty Officer (Coxswain) in 1956.

On the night of the fatal disaster, the aircraft carrier HMAS Melbourne and the destroyer HMAS Voyager were conducting exercises off the New South Wales south coast.

In the late evening Voyager crossed in front of Melbourne and the two ships hit, with Melbourne smashing the destroyer in half.

Rogers was one of more than 50 men trapped in darkness in a compartment of the sinking forward section.

He took control and tried to bring calm in the disastrous situation.

He probably realised that not all would be able to get through a small escape hatch and that he, being a large man, had no chance at all.

“He was more intent on getting the younger chaps out first,” said a survivor.

The forward section finally sank about ten minutes after the impact.

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Progress association will oppose Patonga hotel plans

The Patonga Progress Association will oppose plans to expand the Patonga Hotel.

It has threatened to lodge an appeal in the Land and Environment Court if Gosford Council approves a development application for the expansion.

A public meeting was held on Saturday, January 23, at the Patonga Hall to discuss the Patonga Hotel Development Application that has been on public exhibition.

Ninety people attended the meeting and a number of speakers highlighted the negative impacts any expansion of the hotel would have on adjoining residents and the village of Patonga as a whole.

"The general mood of the people was one of worry and concern that problems experienced by residents since the hotel has opened will become worse if there is any expansion in size of the hotel," said Association spokesperson Ms Judy Singer, who attended the event.

Many objections to the DA were raised at the meeting including parking and traffic congestion, noise pollution, gambling concerns, and prohibited development issues.

Speakers said, that if the development was approved, the unique, natural beauty of Patonga would be spoiled.

"Before the hotel was opened in 2007, visitors would drive into Patonga and would be immediately

greeted by the glorious, expansive view of Brisk Bay and Patonga Beach,

"However, numbers of visitors coming to attend the hotel have grown to such an extent that now, on arrival to Patonga, the view is totally obscured by parked cars," Ms Singer said.

"Both residents and visitors have to negotiate a dangerous traffic and pedestrian bottleneck in front of the hotel and residents fear an increase in the size of the hotel will only bring more cars and the congestion will continue to flow out into the neighbouring streets," she said.

Objections were also heard regarding the proposal to open a sports bar and cocktail bar incorporating bandstands, a TAB, and the potential to introduce poker machines with the ability of patrons to access gambling facilities in the hotel as residents are worried that the hotel will lose its family-friendly environment.

"The hotel is currently a family friendly local hotel where people feel they can go with their children without being exposed to gambling.

"It is widely accepted that social and domestic problems arise through problem gambling and addiction.

"Residents are concerned this may occur in our small community if gambling facilities are introduced at the Patonga Hotel."

A motion was carried at the meeting stating that the Patonga Beach Progress Association Inc

would notify the Gosford Council in writing that if the development was approved then the Association would be lodging an appeal against it with the NSW Land and Environment Court.

A petition was signed by those in attendance asking the council to defer any decision on the DA until the council investigates the negative impacts identified by the community.

"The residents of Patonga expect the council officers and councillors to do their job thoroughly when they review this DA as there are many faults to be found with the information supplied by the applicant.

"For example, parking and traffic study data being relied upon was over 20 years old.

"Another obvious issue is the B1 zoning prohibits the use of this premises as a Function Centre, therefore the council would be derelict in their duty if they simply rubber stamped this DA without investigation."

Around 16 objections have been submitted on the council website and attendees were encouraged to make their own submissions.

"I would advise residents to make a submission if they oppose the DA and also email, phone or write to the Gosford councillors asking them to oppose approving this development."

Media release, 23 Jan 2016
Media statement, 25 Jan 2016
Judy Singer, Patonga Beach Progress Association



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1. \$1 spent on advertising benefits an SME 8x as much as a larger firm

Small businesses are often wary about spending money on advertising, wrongly thinking it's the sole realm of big companies. But even though they have less money to spend, they will see more impact when they do advertise.

2. An investment of \$1 in newspaper advertising gives an average return of \$11.89 in revenue

According to research by the Direct Marketing Association, the return that small businesses can get when they invest in newspaper advertising is eleven times their expenditure. See the research by the DMA at <http://printinthemix.com/fastfacts/show/414>.

3. Advertising is the second most effective marketing method, behind word of mouth

Some people think advertising doesn't work, or that they'd be better investing their time in social media. But only 35% of small businesses think social media is successful. Advertising and word of mouth are both more effective.

4. 64% of SMEs say their advertising has been a success

Small businesses might think advertising only works if you're a big corporate but that's simply not true. Even more small businesses could experience success if they had the support of a media partner who could guide them to create the most effective campaign.

5. 61% of small businesses with high levels of growth advertise, consult marketing advisers, or have their own marketing experts. Only 43% of small businesses not experiencing growth do

If you need to grow their business, advertising is important. It's actually one of three elements that marks out high-growth businesses from other SMEs.

6. An estimated 46% of digital ad impressions aren't actually seen by people

This shocking figure is a surprise to many people. Why pay for adverts that can't be viewed?

7. Clickthrough rates from online ads are falling, from 9% in 2000 to just 0.2% in 2012

As we face more and more digital noise, online ads are becoming less effective. Not only are they less likely to be seen, they're also less likely to be clicked. That makes it much harder to reach out to people. The figure is likely to be less again in 2015. Traditional advertising can help.

8. TV, newspaper and magazine advertising is more likely to be noticed than online ads

As we face more and more digital noise, online ads are becoming less effective.

9. Traditional media is also more likely to be trusted

Newspaper, magazines and TV ads all have the highest level of trust, at 63%, 62% and 61% respectively. Radio and billboards aren't far behind and are trusted by 58% and 55% of consumers. However, online ads are less trusted, with search ads coming in at 44%. That drops to 33% for banner ads. It makes sense for small businesses to place their budget into areas where they can influence people and grow trust. These statistics show that that area is traditional advertising.

10. 88% of consumers still use print to get information

Despite what some people say, print is far from dead. So if you are worried that people don't use print anymore, this research can help. It showed that 63% of people like print ads, compared to just 25% for online adverts.

This information has been supplied based on newspapers of all types and sizes around the world. The trust and effectiveness factor will be far higher for newspapers such as those published under the Central Coast newspapers banner, as they are highly regarded for their content and are read from cover to cover because of their relevance to their readership and longer shelf life.

Resident addresses amalgamation hearing

Mr Martin Wellington, a retired engineer for St Huberts Island, was one of 16 registered speakers to address a public hearing into the amalgamation of Gosford with Wyong on February 3.

Mr Wellington described himself as a "rate paying resident of Gosford for 16 years, neighbourhood watch coordinator, life member of St Huberts Island Residents Association and president-elect of East Gosford Probus Club."

"I oppose the merger as did Gosford and Wyong Councils in their submissions," Mr Wellington told the delegate.

"The NSW Government has used blackmail threat to dissolve dissenting councils plus a \$20 million bribe."

"It is a shotgun wedding not wanted by the bride or groom."

"The only argument provided for a merger is crystal ball speculation."

"The one and a half page executive summary uses the word 'expected' four times, plus 'potential, projected, may and could'," he said.

"The Minister's forward ignores the qualifications and states 'the merger will provide...', which is untrue and dishonest."

"As a professional engineer, I accept facts, not speculation."

"Some of the claimed benefits of the merger already exist, for example, shared waste collection services, bulk procurement of many items and compliance policies."

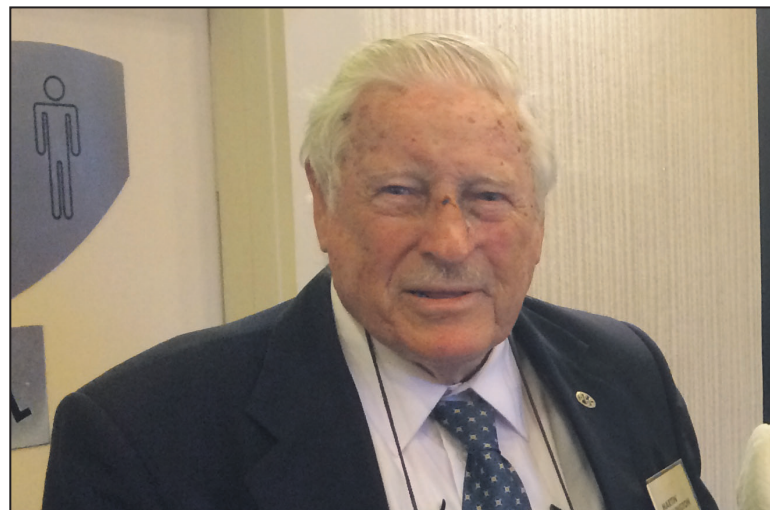
"We are told what might happen but what has happened?"

"In 2008, Noosa Council, Queensland, was forced to merge with Maroochy and Caloundra Councils to form Sunshine Coast Regional Council."

"In the four years after the merger Noosa general rates increased by 46 per cent and Noosa services were reduced, for example, gravel road maintenance was reduced by 50 per cent."

"In 2013, 81 per cent of Noosa rate payers voted to de-merge and the de-merged Noosa Council has fully restored all services."

"Its rates were not increased in the first budget and raised by 1.3



Mr Martin Wellington

per cent in the last budget."

Mr Wellington said he had knowledge of Noosa Council via his son who is a current Noosa councillor and was involved in the de-merger.

"A Queensland parliamentary enquiry found, after forced mergers, Queensland local government debt rose from \$2 billion in 2008 to \$4.8 billion in 2011, which belied the forecast savings."

"The proper democratic course is to hold a referendum of the people affected, the rate payers."

"I move this meeting demands the NSW Government hold a referendum of Gosford and Wyong ratepayers before taking any further action on forced mergers," he said.

Cr Vicki Scott also addressed the hearing but specified that she spoke as a resident and not in her capacity as an elected councillor.

After the meeting, Cr Scott said she was disappointed at the low level of attendance and that, from a population of over 160,000 in the Gosford LGA only 16 people registered to speak.

"I know it was difficult to get to and we only had one meeting while Wyong had two, it could have been made much easier for people to participate," she said.

"I found the other speakers interesting because they all had concerns – even of those who spoke in favour of amalgamation, not one was happy with the process and I thought that was very telling."

Cr Hillary Morris also spoke

at the hearing in her capacity as a resident and agreed with Cr Scott that even those in favour of the merger said the process was flawed.

"Financial benefits were questioned and people raised concerns about the different policies of the two councils on sea level rise, flooding maps, Coastal Open Spaces Scheme and tree policy," she said.

Gosford Council chief Mr Paul Anderson spoke on behalf of the council but Gosford mayor, Cr Lawrie McKinna did not speak at the hearing.

Prior to the hearings, the Delegate conducting the hearing, Mr John Rayner, advised Central Coast Newspapers that he did not wish to advertise it.

The Gosford meeting was attended by around 70 people and Mr Rayner was addressed by the 16 registered speakers, who were required to confine their presentations to three minutes.

Residents who did not attend any of the meetings have until 5pm on Sunday, February 28, to make a written submission online at councilboundaryreview.nsw.gov.au or to the Council Boundary Review, GPO Box 5341 Sydney NSW 2001.

Media statement, 3 Feb 2016
Martin Wellington, St Huberts Island
Media release, 3 Feb 2016
Vicky Scott, Narara
Media release, 3 Feb 2016
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Media statement, 29 Jan 2016
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Councillors propose Peninsula be part of southern ward

The Peninsula would be part of a southern "ward" in an amalgamated Central Coast Regional Council, if three Gosford councillors get their way.

Cr Jim McFadyen, Cr Vicki Scott and Cr Hillary Morris will attempt to move two motions at Gosford Council's meeting on February 9 calling on their colleagues to support the preparation of a submission outlining Gosford Council's vision for the merged council.

The councillors have proposed that the submission call for the formation of three wards within the merged council "to provide representation for the south, north and middle of the two local government areas".

Their notice of motion asked for a representation in line with the current proportion in Gosford of one councillor per 17,000 residents.

They also want the roles of Gosford councillors to continue until the next local government elections are declared.

The three councillors are also wanting the community to have a greater say in the proposal to form a Central Coast Regional Council.

"We think it is of crucial importance that we engage our residents in a more inclusive

manner," the three councillors stated in their notice of motion.

Their motion would see Gosford Council conduct a statistical survey asking residents: "Do you want Gosford Council and Wyong Council to amalgamate?"

The councillors noted the expenditure to conduct the survey was allowable under the guidelines council is now bound by because it is operating in a merger proposal period.

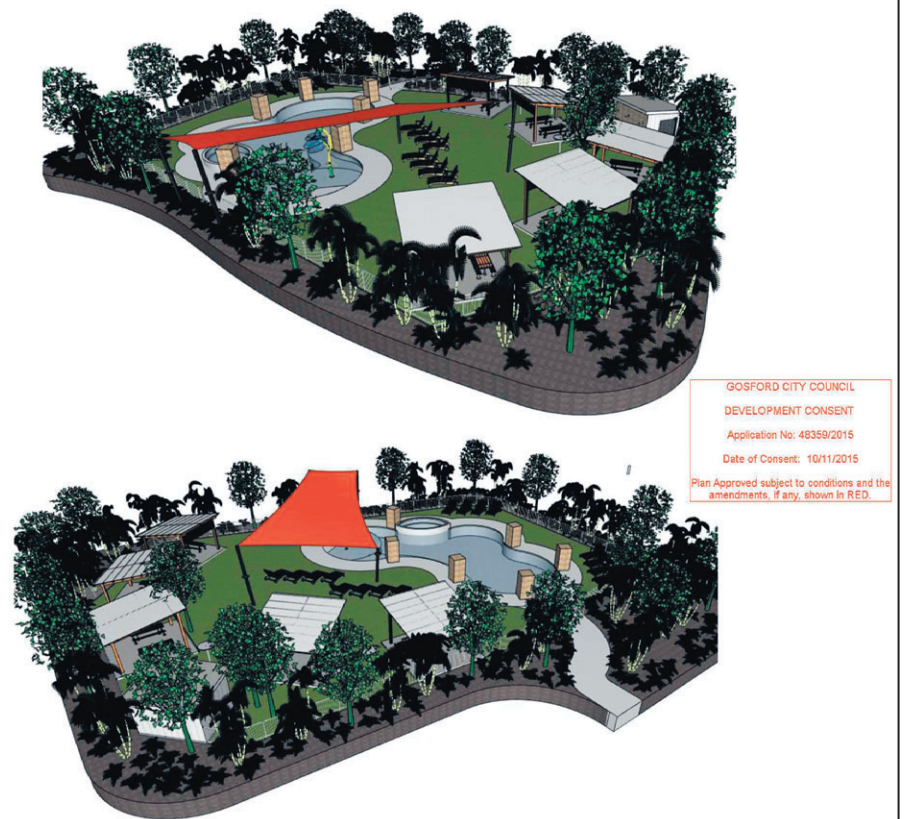
The motion called for the results to be reported to the open council meeting on February 22 for inclusion in council's submission.

The councillors also called for the submission to look at the possibility of boundary changes with Lake Macquarie and Hornsby.

The notice of motion called on Gosford Council to ask the delegate and Boundaries Commission to consider: "A request for the review of Local Government legislation in relation to the creation of super councils and the impact of that on the community, such as the number of councillors allowable in a super council which is currently limited to that of smaller councils."

The proposed motions have been included on the agenda for discussion at Gosford Council's February 9 meeting.

Media release, 3 Feb 2016
Hillary Morris, Gosford Council



The new pool including spa and cabana at the NRMA Ocean Beach Holiday park

New facilities at holiday park

The construction of a new pool, spa, cabana, sails, pumphouse and five new ensuite amenity blocks at the NRMA Ocean Beach Resort and Holiday Park is likely to commence shortly.

The development application was approved in November and Gosford Council received an application for a construction certificate on January 29.

The work is estimated to cost

\$900,000.

A building and site assessment was commenced on February 1.

The builder for the project is Beaucorp Acquatics and Construction.

The new pool for park guests will be a 21-metre swimming pool including a spa pool and will be built adjacent to the existing water park within the holiday park.

The development also includes installation of five prefabricated

double ensuite blocks on to existing powered sites at the Ocean Beach Holiday Park.

Each prefabricated ensuite block contains two separate rooms each containing one shower, toilet and sink.

Thus, in total, the proposal intends to add 10 toilets, 10 showers and 10 sinks for the use of temporary guests at the holiday park.

Planning portal, 2 Feb 2016
DA48359/2015, Gosford Council,



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Greens Cr Hillary Morris with James McMillan at the earlier public hearing on amalgamation held before the Woy Woy meeting

Greens hold meeting about amalgamation

The Central Coast Greens have hosted a public meeting in Woy Woy to assist residents to gain a better understanding of the council amalgamation process.

The meeting, held at the Woy Woy CWA hall on Friday, February 5, included a presentation and then discussion on aspects of the amalgamation, including a review of the figures provided by KMPG to the State Government, rates, community representation, and preparation of written submissions.

A question and answer session followed to guide those attending through the amalgamation process.

The meeting also included a short workshop on how to prepare a submission for the Council Boundary Review Panel.

Gosford's Cr Hillary Morris, Cr Vicki Scott and Cr Jim MacFadyen presented at the event and answered questions from the floor.

The NSW Greens planning and environment law officer Mr Ed McMahon provided advice regarding the financial details of

the merger proposal.

Issues discussed during the two-hour session included: decision-making by council during the merger proposal period; financial analysis of the current merger proposal; the impact on community representation; the long-term impact on rates; costs versus benefits.

Detailed information regarding the merger proposals can be found on the Local Government NSW website which includes the Outline of Financial Modelling Assumptions for Local Government Merger Proposals.

Media release, 1 Feb 2016
Justine Suthers, Central Coast Greens



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Buildings to be demolished

A complying development certificate has been issued so that buildings at 204 West St and 3 Rickard Ave in Umina can be demolished.

The demolition will make way for the development of a mixed-use three-storey development comprising of a car park, two commercial offices, a child care centre and four residential apartments.

The demolition work excludes an existing commercial office

building but includes an existing dwelling and car yard.

Gosford Council approved the application for this development in September 2014.

The applicant was SA Barrett.

The estimated cost of the development was \$1.6 million

Planning portal, 2 Feb 2016
CDC49167/2016, Gosford Council

New Guides wanted at Blackwall

Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides is looking for new members at the Blackwall Guide Hall.

Meetings resume from February 8 at the hall in Memorial Ave, Ettalong.

Guides meet for friendship, adventure, games, camping,

outdoor activities and life skills.

Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides' mission is "to enable girls and young women to grow into confident, self-respecting community members".

Newsletter, 2 Feb 2016
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School

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Guidelines prevent councillors speaking out

Guidelines issued in December 2015 under Section 23A of the Local Government Act will prevent Gosford councillors from speaking out against the proposed merger with Wyong.

Now that Gosford Council is officially in a Merger Proposal Period, its councillors must comply with decision-making guidelines issued by the Office of Local Government.

The guidelines state that councils during a merger proposal period need to continue to operate appropriately, effectively and efficiently to meet the needs of their communities.

The main thrust of the guidelines is that Gosford Council should not make decisions that needlessly impose avoidable costs on the new merged council.

According to the guidelines, councillors and council staff cannot make decisions that would "prevent or disrupt the consideration of merger proposals by the chief executive of the Office of Local Government or his delegate, the Boundaries Commission or the Minister for Local Government other than through the legitimate exercise of legal rights of review or appeal".

Councillors cannot "exercise their functions or use council resources to oppose or support a merger proposal for personal or political purposes", the guidelines state.

The guidelines also prevent

councillors from seeking to "damage or impede the operational effectiveness of a new council including by making significant and/or ongoing financial commitments that will be binding on a new council; making other significant undertakings or commitments that will be binding on a new council; making decisions that are designed to limit the flexibility or discretion of a new council; deliberately and needlessly expending council resources to minimize the resources available to a new council on its commencement".

The guidelines state the the council should continue to implement and operate in accordance with their adopted strategic plan, delivery program, operational plan and resourcing strategy.

Annual reporting requirements continue in accordance with the Act.

"There should be clear and compelling grounds for any expenditure outside of a council's adopted budget," the guidelines go on to say.

"Expenditure outside of the adopted budget should be approved by the council at a meeting that is open to the public."

Expenditure greater than \$250,000 or one per cent of council's revenue from rates in the preceding year should be advertised and public comments invited.

**Guidelines, Dec 2015
NSW Office of Local Government**

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Carnage at Avoca Beach

At least 20 people were knocked off their feet and smashed against rocks near the cliffs at the southern end of Avoca Beach at lunch time on Australia Day.

Andrew Church is Citizen of the Year

Eight of Gosford City's finest citizens and community groups have been recognised at the annual Australia Day Community Awards on January 25, held for the...

Residents rally for performing arts precinct

Over two hundred Gosford residents attended a rally on Sunday, January 24 to continue to campaign for a performing arts precinct on the site of the former...

135 people from 38 different countries became Australian citizens

NSW Senator Deborah O'Neill said she enjoyed welcoming new Australian citizens at a citizenship ceremony in Gosford on Australia Day, January 26.

It is time to be dancing in the streets of Gosford, not protesting

It is time to be dancing in the streets of Gosford, not protesting, according to federal member for Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks.

Public meeting calls for proper consultation over land sell-off

A large crowd attended the public meeting against the proposed reclassification and sell-off of local reserves, parks and green spaces by Gosford Council.

External consultant commissioned to advise on land under consideration for sale

Gosford Council has responded to claims that it could be in breach of the Local Government Act and State Environmental Planning Policy SEPP19 for failing...

Community to rally over public land sell-off

A community rally will be held outside Gosford Council chambers to highlight community concerns about council plans to reclassify and potentially...

Geoffrey Grenfell surprised at Order of Australia honour

Mr Geoffrey Ivan Grenfell, of Erina Heights has received an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for his service to the community of the Central Coast and to youth...

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

Community members dig channel

Young and old turned out on Australia Day at The Entrance to dig a channel at least one-metre wide from the ocean to the lake.

Short Groyne solution for The Entrance is a waste of time - Bob Graham

As the NSW Government prepares to commence work on its promised remediation of The Entrance Channel and Beach, community advocates are questioning whether it will result in a long-term...

Breakwall is a fake solution to a fake problem - Friends of Tuggerah Lakes

According to Friends of Tuggerah Lakes, Wyong mayor, Cr Doug Eaton OAM is stuck up The Entrance Channel without a paddle when it comes to lake management.

Uniformity of policy relating to trees called for

Save Wyong Trees wrote to NSW planning minister, Mr Rob Stokes, the environment minister, Mr Mark Speakman and the Local Government Minister, Mr Paul Toole, urging them to act to ensure that Gosford Council's tree management policy is adopted...

Harris questions mayor's impartiality

Wyong Council unanimously approved the development of a Woolworths supermarket adjacent to the Wadalba Village Centre at its December 9 meeting.

Power reconnection delays blamed on staff cuts

Central Coast residents were forced to wait days for power to be reconnected following recent storms because of massive staff cuts at electricity network operator Ausgrid, according to the Electrical Trades Union.

Contract let for three gross pollutant traps

A local company has been chosen by Wyong Council to build three gross pollutant traps (GPTs) in the shire to enhance the amenity of the lakes.

Wyong CBD drainage network completed

The construction of a new drainage pit and pipes in Hely St, Wyong has been completed by council crews, closing the missing link of the drainage network in the CBD.

Proposed East Toukley service station raises concerns

Member for Wyong Mr David Harris MP met with local business owners and residents who are concerned about a proposal to build a new service station in the heart of the East Toukley shopping precinct.

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Council land sale reminiscent of Enclosure Laws

Gosford Council has been mentioned in the Sydney Morning Herald at least on two occasions in recent months.

Firstly, our councillors apparently awarded themselves the highest salary increase which was permissible under the Legislation and secondly, of councils between here and Newcastle Gosford was the greediest in its grab for public lands.

The latter matter has at least incited enough interest for over 200 people to attend a meeting last Tuesday at the Anglican Church in Gosford.

It was pleasing to see a few councillors in attendance and very exciting and moving to hear people speak about their local parks with such sincerity.

People do value their local parks and open spaces for all sorts of reasons: recreational; educational; and social.

I was shocked to hear that councillors actually vote at council meetings on matters which they do not understand.

Being a councillor entails more than just turning up for a weekly meeting: it demands a great deal of time for studying and enquiring.

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I would have thought it the general manager's job to ensure that all councillors had a handle on matters up for discussion, he himself must be conversant with every detail of these affairs.

Perhaps these people are unaware of the enclosure laws in Britain over centuries, which often were accompanied by force, resistance and even bloodshed; it was these Enclosure Laws which resulted in poachers who tried to feed themselves with wild meat, eventually being transported to Van Diemen's Land.

Now we have our Local Authority trying to take possession of our parks in order to sell them off to developers, as usual they do this over the Xmas period hoping that the public will be too busy to even notice.

Money seems to be our sole raison d'être these days.

Gosford Council seems unaware that our Federal Environment Minister Mr Hunt wants to increase tree cover in order to lower the heat of our built environments.

In a time of increasing global warming (2015 was the hottest

year on record) we need to aim for cooler, greener environments: it will improve our health and quality of life.

Mr Baird was obviously unaware of this also, since he arranged for the felling of 100-year-old native fig trees in the eastern suburbs, this was done at night.

Do we really live in a democracy?

With increased urbanization and more hard surfaces, open land is essential to replenish the water table and to avoid flooding.

In addition, it has been found that green, quiet spaces with shady trees etc are essential for our peace of mind and are particularly important for our mental health; it will be too expensive to buy land for parks in the future, which will be essential for our growing population.

Apart from our human needs for these trees and parks we must consider our dwindling native wild life which needs corridors and native vegetation for its very existence.

When will Gosford Council and indeed all authorities realize and accept that our society: our Governments and Councils; our economies, everything, is a part of the environment and not the other way around?

Without a healthy planet we are lost.

For a start we all need to look carefully at what is happening to our local parks and open spaces and then write to our councillors with our concerns, land which was bequeathed to the public is worth much more now than when originally given.

Compensation is required before they take our land.

Councillors must not just ignore public petitions, they were elected by the people to serve all of the people not just those with business interests.

We the people must be consulted before our lands are taken by Council and sold off to developers but we must let them know.

If they get away with this what else might they try to get away with?

Email, 23 Jan 2016
Margaret Lund, Umina

Why the rush to sell parks and reserves?

Why is Gosford Council in such a rush to sell of parks and reserves on the Peninsula?

Ostensibly, this is to provide funding for infrastructure, but we are assured that Gosford's bottom line is well in the black, so why are we giving up scarce parkland that will be badly needed in the future, as the population grows in line with expectations?

The rush is particularly difficult to understand when we shall have an amalgamated city this year, and the time to decide on public-land dispositions is after the new council has had the opportunity to set region-wide priorities, rather than the short-term parochial goals that seem to be guiding Gosford Council.

If Mr Conacher is correct (PN, 25 Jan 2015) and the land sales require action to conform to the Local Government Act, it seems unlikely that Gosford Council will

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be able to clear the legal hurdles before it ceases to exist, so the appropriate course is to defer this exercise for more mature consideration.

It is to be hoped that the community groups examining the sell-off will be able to get this hasty action postponed.

Letter, 28 Jan 2016
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

One-way Esplanade would make sense

I think a one-way street at The Esplanade in Ettalong from the "Box" to the surf club would make sense.

There could be a two-way cycle track to separate the bicycle from the pedestrians; at the moment pedestrians and cyclists use the same path.

There would also be more parking along The Esplanade

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which would make Ettalong more tourist friendly.

Obviously there would be some objections on the other side but it would make the narrow, curvy road much safer.

Email, 29 Jan 2016
Herbert Saxer, Ettalong Beach



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Misdirected attack on tax system

Van Davy's emotional rant "The morality of tax havens" (PN Forum, 25 Jan 2016) is primarily a misdirected personal attack at Liberal politicians.

Multinational corporation tax avoidance has been rampant for many years under Parliaments controlled by both sides of politics.

All developed nations have failed to astutely tackle the problem.

Australia's tax system needs reform with equity and generational fairness.

Appropriately taxing multinational corporations is one component of necessary change

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to solve Australia's structural budget deficit and associated debt problem.

In numerical terms, correctly taxing multinational corporations will contribute about 10 per cent of the extra revenue necessary to sustainably fund current government expenditures; a lot more change is necessary.

Van Davy would have more credibility if he espoused detailed problem solving policies with numerical perspectives.

Australian politics can do without naïve personal abuse.

Letter, 26 Jan 2016
Graeme Troy, Wagstaffe

Not in touch with the common person

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sent out to book fellow Australians, some local and some out of town Aussies.

Their crime was terrible.

They parked their trailers on or near a block of land on the corner of Burge Rd and Brick Wharf Rd.

They'd never hurt a flea, never made a pedestrian take a sideways step.

Council doesn't have a sign that says you can't park like this but what is more important is that Council is not in touch with the common person.

They paid a ranger penalty rates on Australia Day to rip off other Australians and totally ruin their day.

Fair dinkum.

Are they that desperate for cash that they have to make locals and tourists go boating further north?

If that is the case, they should take a long hard look at their own failings and explain to the poor, humble rate payers why we can't find adequate parking around Lions Park boat ramp and surrounding areas.

Email, 27 Jan 2016
John Orm, Woy Woy

Illegal no, immoral yes

What a magnificent expose from Van Davy (PN, Forum 25 Jan 2016) about Cayman Island investment.

Like many Prime Ministers before him Mr. Turnbull says, "I've done nothing illegal".

Illegal no, immoral yes.

Peninsula News would be the only newspaper with the courage and public will to print this article.

All the others have shut up; because, essentially, they are

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controlled by big money and big business.

As one Irish battler put it of their country's debt crisis, "The politicians, the developers and the banks got us into this mess and who's going to clean it up, not them, us, the people who work for a living."

Letter, 29 Jan 2016
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

With Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull now making no secret of his support for 15 per cent tax on food, health and education, I am reminded yet again that the people who will be hurt most by this terrible policy will be our pensioners and workers.

The PM said the reason for a 15 per cent GST is to fill the budget deficit.

But let's get real.

Why do we have a budget deficit?

Because PM Turnbull leads the big end of town in massive tax-ducking, dodging, weaving,

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and bludging which includes a massive robbery of public funds and the secreting of their loot in offshore tax hide-outs like Turnbull's Cayman Islands.

This is costing the budget hundreds of billions of dollars.

Zero tax is being paid by approximately 400 Australian companies and dozens of huge multinational corporations.

This is costing the budget tens, maybe even hundreds of billions of dollars.

Zero tax is also coming from speculator transactions in shares, bonds, currencies and futures, also

costing the budget billions along with tax bonanzas for the rich via superannuation, negative gearing and capital gains tax exemptions.

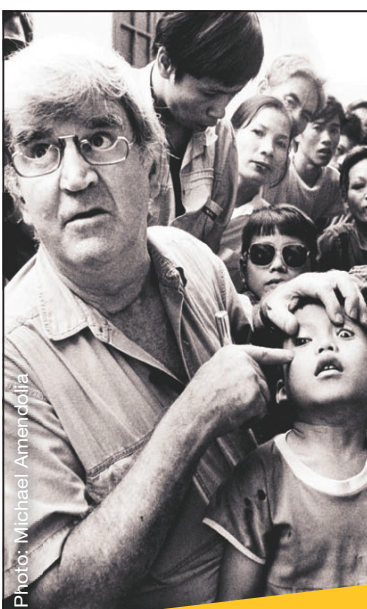
This is plunder, plundering the social wage of pensioners and workers.

The size and relentlessness of the pillage is mind-boggling.

And now the smiling pin-striped PM from the big end of town intends a 15 per cent body-blow to pensioners and workers while gifting a seven per cent tax cut for themselves.

Is there no end to their greed and immorality?

Email, 3 Feb 2016
Van Davy, Pearl Beach



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11pm - midnight: MUMA JANE BLUES BAND

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1pm - 2pm: JOHNNY DEVILSEED - USING A LOOPER PEDAL
2pm - 3pm: MIMOSA - CYPSE JAZZ ACCOMPANIMENT
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4pm - 5pm: PHIL HEWITT - BLUES HARMONICA

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12noon - 1 pm: AZADOOA - ASSYRIAN CULTURE AND FOLK DANCE
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SATURDAY 20

7.30pm - 9.45pm: JUGALUG STRING BAND
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All workshops will be held upstairs at Hotel Gosford away from any noise created on stage on the ground floor.

SATURDAY 20

1pm - JOHNNY DEVILSEED - Using a looper pedal

Johnny Devilseed has been using a looper pedal almost since they came out. The pedal enables him to record bass and rhythm backing to play lead over creating a one man band.

2pm - MIMOSA - Gypsy Jazz accompaniment

Morgan Haselden is a classically trained and professionally qualified guitarist. He heard Gypsy Jazz and was hooked. Morgan dedicated himself to play music like Django Reinhardt and has developed that skill to a world standard. Learn basic Gypsy Jazz from a real expert

3pm - SUE ROBINSON - Harmony and backing singing in blues

Sue's varied musical career encompassed providing studio backing vocals, singing in the original cast of Jesus Christ Superstar and Godspell, long-term residencies, huge concerts in front of thousands, and small folk clubs.

Her workshop will cover the use of harmony in blues, when to join in, and how to use backing singing to make the band and the songs memorable.

We will discuss how to use harmony to add 'hooks' and how to involve the audience.

There will be lots of singing, so just bring your voices.

4pm - PHIL HEWETT - Blues harmonica

Phil participated at the Hohner Harmonica Masters Workshops in Trossingen, Germany in 2007, 2010 and 2014, and for the past 5 years he has been a student of David Barrett of the School of The Blues.

Phil is a competent player in traditional and post war Chicago style harmonica blues in first, second and third position diatonic harmonica, including advanced bending and over-bending and playing in minor and major.

Bring an 'A' harmonica with if you can.

SUNDAY 21

12noon - AZADOOA - Assyrian culture and folk dance

Robin Zirwanda is a native of Iraq and sings in his native Neo-Aramaic language. At his workshop Robin will talk about the disappearing Assyrian culture, their music and dance. It will include live music and demonstrations for people to join in.

1pm - PAUL BAKER - Banjo set-up for jazz

Paul has been playing banjo for 46 years and during that time has learnt a great deal about different ways to set up a banjo to give different tones as required for different music genres.

Paul is keen to pass on his knowledge to anyone that is wanting to learn how to set up a banjo for different effects

2pm - CREG LULAND - Blues fingerpicking guitar

Greg plays blues the way the original masters played it and concentrates specifically on acoustic country blues styles of the 20s, 30s and 40s.

He is keen to pass on some of what he has learned to anyone wishing to go down that same path

3pm - CREG BOWLES - Slide guitar

Greg is a multi-instrumentalist from Western Australia who specialises in 1920s and 1920s blues.

His style punctuates his intuitive interpretations that show years of immersion in the blues and an infectious passion for the genre



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Welcome to GosBlues 2016, a free, three day event presenting quality Blues, Jazz and Roots music in multiple venues in the Gosford business district and surrounds.

GosBlues 2016 will be held over the weekend of February 19 to 21 in six venues, most of which are in walking distance from each other in the Gosford business district.

Presented by Central Coast Newspapers and Trad&Now, GosBlues will start at 6pm on Friday, February 19 and will continue through to midnight.

On Saturday, February 20, free concerts will commence from 4pm and continue through to midnight.

Free entertainment on Sunday,

February 21 will commence at 1pm and continue until 7pm.

Specially selected performers are coming to Gosford from many parts of Australia.

Some of those with special expertise will also give free master classes and workshops in all aspects of blues, jazz and roots music, commencing at 12 noon on Saturday and again on Sunday.

Entry to all venues will be free, but volunteer collectors will be seeking a gold coin donation for Coast Shelter at all venues.

What could be more appropriate than Blues fans donating to Coast Shelter for the benefit of the many homeless people on the Coast?

Blues helping people with the blues could very well become the event's motto.

GosBlues 2016 is seeking to present a wide variety of Blues, Jazz and Roots music giving priority to the more unusual styles.

Acts are being selected because they have something different to offer with many reproducing traditional forms of Blues and Jazz from the early nineteen hundreds while others will present music that has had a European influence on Jazz and Blues adding different rhythms.

There will of course also be the more common blues bands for those that like it rocky and the Jazz component will include Gypsy Jazz, Trad Jazz, a Jug band and much more.

See the following bios for a comprehensive list of the quality of artists

that have agreed to perform at the inaugural BosBlues festival.

Each performer will have at least a one hour set to give fans the opportunity of seeing them at their best.

All who are interested in music are encouraged to set this weekend aside as something special not to be missed.

GosBlues is expecting to be an annual free event and to grow each year for as long as it is supported by large numbers of music fans and local businesses keen to see such an exciting event centred in the Gosford Central Business District, just one hour from major population areas in Sydney and Newcastle.

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Central Coast Newspapers and Trad&Now are to be commended for bringing such an event as GosBlues to the Central Coast.

It is a welcome innovation that is bringing much needed entertainment into our community while raising funds for the ever worthwhile and valued Coast Shelter. I urge people to support this event and take the opportunity to become involved in the music and spirit of the weekend.

Kathy Smith MP



A COUPLA NUMBERS

A Coupla Numbers are a "rockin' blues band" playing in and around the Central Coast with influences from Bondi Cigars, Les Karski, Jimi Hendrix, Gary Moore, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Rolling Stones, Albert Collins and Charlie Musselwhite, all Aussie and American blues styles.

Mark Bloor grows out the lead vocals and plays rhythm guitar.

Dylan Bloor (son of) plays lead guitar with a style of his own and great blues/rock riffs.

Mick Huxley is their energetic drummer/vocals and a great part of the show.

Wayne Lawlor on Bass holds the rhythm section down with a great walking style blues feel.

Phil Hewett on harmonica/vocals is being recognised as one of the top harp players on the Central Coast.

Saturday 20, Hotel Gosford, 4pm - Blues harmonica workshop harmonica workshop
Sunday 21, Hotel Gosford, 5pm



AZADOOTA

With the familiarity of pop-rock, the spicy heat of Latin rhythms and the mysterious sounds of an ancient language, Azadoota rouse unsuspecting pub-goers to their feet and onto dance-floors across the world.

Pitching their music directly at a mainstream audience, Azadoota is one of Australia's longest-established Worldbeat bands.

Songwriter and front man Robin Zirwanda is a native of Iraq.

He sings in his native Assyrian Neo-Aramaic language, now considered to be in danger of extinction.

The band perform a repertoire of catchy originals, which extends from percussive dance tunes to sexy love songs, to solid funk, roots-rock and a touch of reggae - always conveying an irrepressible sense of celebration.

Saturday 20, Central Coast Hotel, 7.45pm

Sunday 21, Hotel Gosford, 12noon, Assyrian Culture and Folk Dance Workshop

Sunday 21, Hotel Gosford, 3.45pm



BIG BAND OBSESSION

Big Band Obsession, are a 17 piece band with a wide repertoire including Swing, Soul, Pop, Funk, Latin etc.

The band was founded in 2013 by bandleader Peter Rohr.

The band is based on the Central Coast and is made up of many professional musicians and music teachers.

The line-up varies depending on availability.

In a recent performance at Erina for example, they had 5 trumpets.

Come prepared for a big sound.

Friday 19, Central Coast Leagues Club, 11.15pm



BLUESANGELS

BluesAngels formed in 2008 to bring authentic and original acoustic blues to the NSW Central Coast and beyond.

Exploring early New Orleans and Cajun blues, Appalachian through Mississippi delta, Piedmont, Texas, Memphis, Chicago, jump, British 60s, USA & Oz 70s, Newgrass, West Coast, and on into contemporary indie roots, beatnik jazz, backhills bluegrass and prog folk/Americana-Australiana, BluesAngels are a total acoustic roots package top to toe, and then some.

With multi vocals, guitars, banjo, harmonica, banjo mandolin, double bass, mandolin, saxophone, clarinet, tin whistle and percussion, they're sure to bring a smile to your face and get your toes tapping.

Friday 19, Hotel Gosford, 9.45pm

Saturday 20, Hotel Gosford, 8.30pm

Sunday 21, Central Coast Leagues Club, 1.15pm



COLLEEN FRICKER

Colleen's big, loud and emotionally raw vocals are reminiscent of Melissa Etheridge, Janis Joplin and Robert Plant.

Couple that with addictive roots dance riffs under which runs a driving, foot stomping beat and you've got the prefect combination of blues and roots.

With two albums under her belt and a slew of impressive support slots, Colleen is generating a big name for herself in the Sydney music scene.

Sunday 21, West Gosford RSL, 2.15pm



DOGG'N IT

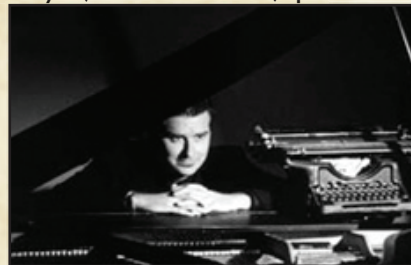
Dogg'n It are a folk blues duo with players Graeme Druce on a variety of guitars and John Cupit on harp.

They have played together since 1985 and won the Sydney Blues Challenge to represent NSW in Memphis in 2013.

Competing with bands from 80 countries, they made it to the semi-finals with the top 28 bands in world blues.

Dogg'n It sing and play their way through a commentary on Australian life.

Sunday 21, Gosford Golf Club, 2pm



DORIAN MODE

Dorian Mode is a multi award-winning jazz musician who is as well known for his funny novels as his cool music.

After living in New York, he returned to Oz to sit for a degree at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

He continued his studies and has a Masters Degree (Hons) and in 2014 was awarded a Doctorate.

He first hit the jazz scene with the mighty Hammond B3 Organ - one of the few exponents of this classic 60s jazz sound in Australia.

It earned him a record contract with EMI Records - one of the few Australian jazz artists to be signed to a major.

Dorian has since recorded numerous jazz CDs with his last winning two ABC Music Awards for Best Jazz Composition and Best Instrumental.

He also won Best Theatrical Score for music he composed for the Good German the following year.

Sunday 21, Reviver Bar, 3.30pm



DUST DIGGER BLUES

Dust Digger Blues is a combination of Vanessa Adams and Michael Blue Dalton's soulful vocals, harmonica, slide and resonator guitars.

Vanessa has performed with a number of notable musicians including Mark Featherstone (Voodoo Chillies, slide guitarist), Keith Miles (Apparition, guitarist, jazz bass, songwriter), Pat Dow and Keith Hall.

Blue contributed bluesy harmonica and slide guitar as a member of the Lighthouse Keepers, the Honeys, Blumenintahls as well as contributions to the Trifids, Killjoys and Eva Trout.

Blue has now also returned to his first love of blues and blues inspired music playing harmonica and finger picking, bottleneck and lap steel resonator guitars.

Friday 19, Hotel Gosford, 6pm



GREG BOWLES

Coming all the way from Western Australia, toe-tapping Australian singer and multi-instrumentalist Greg Bowles celebrates a spirited spectrum of authentic 1920s and '30s blues music with his rollicking renditions of tunes by his own personal Delta blues heroes such as Charley Patton, Robert Johnson and Mississippi Fred McDowell.

Greg accompanies himself on guitar and slide guitar as well as banjo and mandolin in order to freshen up traditional blues melodies and rhythms and spellbind modern audiences through vibrant live performances and recordings.

His emotionally-charged, authentic blues singing style punctuates his intuitive interpretations that show years of immersion in the blues and an infectious passion for the genre.

Friday 19, Hotel Gosford, 8.30pm

Sunday 20, Central Coast Leagues Club, 12 noon

Sunday 21, Hotel Gosford, 3pm - Slide guitar workshop

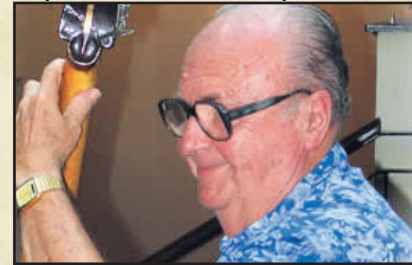


HAMISH BAKER

Hamish played harmonica under Jim Conway and acoustic and resonator guitar under John Morris from the Blues Preachers for the past 8 years.

Hear Hamish sing and play Fred McDowell, Big Bill Broonzy, Keb Mo, Robert Johnson and John Hurt classics.

Sunday 21, Hotel Gosford, 2.30pm



HARRY HARMAN'S GENTLEMEN OF JAZZ

The Gentlemen of Jazz are a six piece band of highly acclaimed musicians.

Harry Harman founded the Sydney Jazz Club in 1953.

Harry became the banjo player with the Graeme Bell All Stars in 1962 shortly after it was formed.

Harry has performed in several bands and now fronts Harry Harman's Gentlemen of Jazz and brings his wealth of jazz experiences to the Coast courtesy of the Central Coast Jazz League

Sunday 21, Central Coast Leagues Club, 2.30pm



JESSE MORRIS BAND

Byron Bay based Jesse Morris Band are in Gosford travelling after doing shows in Coffs Harbour and Narooma on a very busy weekend.

2015 was a huge year for the Jesse Morris Band with over 140 shows across 6 states.

2016 will see a string of new releases including a new single in Feb, EP in April, and an album July as well as a tour of Germany, UK, NZ and Canada through July-August.

The Jesse Morris Band present a positive, uplifting, energetic live show full of good vibrations and quality players.

Jesse has also spent the last 12 months fundraising for an Island school off the coast of Cambodia, donating 50% of all CD sales and a portion of ticket sales towards the Island's first school.

See them while you can.

Sunday 21, Hotel Gosford, 6.15pm



JOHNNY DEVILSEED

Formed in late 2010 by guitarist Hayden Maskey and blues harpist Paul "Old Man Rubes" Rubie, this hard rocking duo have been doin' the rounds about town, constantly blowin' the doors off joints every time they perform.

With a huge repertoire of songs from the old timey era, to the modern blues of today, their shows have been described by many as a, "full on, hardcore, foot to the floor, theatrical blues extravaganza".

So come on down to a Johnny Devilseed show near you, and melt the soles off ya shoes with some good old 'fashioned rockin' blues.

Saturday 20, Hotel Gosford, 1pm - Loop pedal workshop

Saturday 20, Hotel Gosford, 6pm

Sunday 21, Gosford Golf Club, 3.15pm



THE JUGLUG STRING BAND

The Juglug Stringband was formed in 2005. Since then, Juglug has performed regularly for the Sydney Jazz Club and at several Jazz Festivals.

They have released three successful albums, "Waltz Mysterioso", "Six Pack" and "Wabash Blues".

The Juglug Stringband plays a repertoire of pre western swing music based upon the styles of early string and jug bands of the 1920's and 30's.

The band is entertaining, engaging and swings like crazy and the instruments, dating back to the early part of the twentieth century, include National guitars, uke and lap steel, banjo, strohviol, mandolin, washboard and double bass

Friday 19, Central Coast Leagues Club, 8.45pm, Saturday 20, Central Coast Leagues Club, 7.30pm



JUNKYARD CATS

A rollicking band covering blues from the 50s and 60s as well as acoustic blues from earlier times.

Expect upbeat fingerpicking or slide National guitar mixed with banjo, bass, soaring harmonica and gravelly vocals.

Saturday 20, Hotel Gosford, 11pm



MIMOSA

Mimosa is a Sydney born and bred, guitar and violin duo that is of international standard.

Its members, Phoebe O'Shea and Morgan Haselden, met whilst studying, with scholarships, at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

Over time, Mimosa were not happy playing only classical music, and they now perform music from vastly different genres, most noticeably the gypsy jazz music of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli, which now has a permanent place in the Mimosa repertoire and deep within their swinging hearts.

Mimosa have performed in the highly esteemed Sydney Opera House main stage and on cruise ships around the Mediterranean, Caribbean and the rivers of inland France.

They have lived in Paris, where their music led them to meet some of the gypsy jazz greats and to play in venues where the great Django Reinhardt used to regularly perform.

Friday 19, Central Coast Leagues Club, 10pm

Saturday 20, Hotel Gosford, 2pm, Gypsy Jazz accompaniment workshop

Saturday 20, Central Coast Leagues Club, 10pm

Sunday 21, Central Coast Leagues Club, 5pm



MUMA JANE BLUES BAND

Muma Jane Blues Band has been around since 2000.

They cover a wide selection of rhythm and blues performing material from Chicago Blues to blues rock.

They pump out a big sound and create a great groove for dancing.

"After all, isn't that what music was designed for, created in juke joints and road houses, and matured in the urban club land, for people to let their hair down after a hard day's work", said lead singer Jane Stewart-Kemle.

Friday 19, Hotel Gosford, 11pm



NASTY CLOUD DELTA BLUES

N.C.D.B are Brett Nasty old dog and Shane White Cloud Clarke.

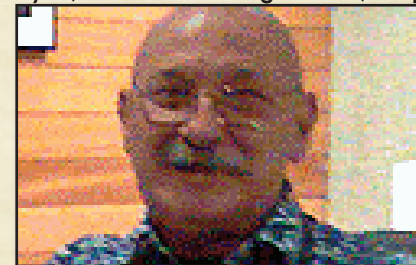
Yes we are brothers. Brett plays Harmonica and deep vocals while Shane is a Steel finger picker on a Mini Maton guitar and parlour size Dobro guitar.

"Many of our fans say we are a unique Blues Duo," Brett said.

"Shane plays many early traditional blues songs that have no harmonica in them so this is a challenge for me that I enjoy to complement the tunes with my own harmonica solos.

"This, we believe, sets us apart from many other guitar and harmonica duos," he said.

Friday 19, Central Coast Leagues Club, 7.30pm



PAUL BAKER TRIO

Paul Baker is a soloist banjost/vocalist specialising in old jazz tunes from the 20's & 30's—"the Great American Songbook".

He's been doing this for 46 years, having toured China with Graeme Bell, played at jazz festivals in the US with Geoff. Power, and freelanced for almost 40 years.

Paul has been a member of Paul Furniss' San Francisco Jazz Band for 38 years and still plays with him in a trio every Sunday at the Gosford Markets.

Paul will perform with Jim Elliott on bass sax as he has done for 26 years this way and will add a sax to the group for his performances at GosBlues 2016.

Saturday 20, Central Coast Hotel, 4pm

Sunday 21, Hotel Gosford, 1pm - Banjo set-up for jazz workshop

Sunday 21, West Gosford RSL, 3.30pm



PHIL AND TRUDY EDGELEY

Coming to Gosford from country Victoria, Phil's music draws upon influences ranging from Delta Blues masters such as Robert Johnson, Fred McDowell and Skip James, to contemporary artists such as Chris Whitley, Jeff Lang and Chris Smither, and of course, from his English background taking in the styles of Richard Thompson, John Renbourn, Jimmy Page and Robert Plant.

Now add Trudy Edgeley, an Australian Singer Songwriter, hailing from a rich musical background founded in both her family's strong Gospel lifestyle and her rich heritage, which is a melting pot of cultures.

Saturday 20, Hotel Gosford, 9.45pm

Sunday 21, West Gosford RSL, 1pm



SUE ROBINSON

Sue Robinson started singing traditional gospel and graduated from there to blues, jazz, rock and acoustic.

She never lost the love of harmony and her subsequent career encompassed providing studio backing vocals, singing in the original cast of Jesus Christ Superstar and Godspell, long-term residencies, huge concerts in front of thousands, and small folk clubs.

Sue has also arranged music for theatre.

She has sung with numerous choirs and a-capella groups.

Her workshop on Saturday will cover the use of harmony in blues, when to join in, and how to use backing singing to make the band and the songs memorable.

We will discuss how to use harmony to add 'hooks' and how to involve the audience.

There will be lots of singing, so just bring your voices

Friday 19, Hotel Gosford, 7.15pm

Saturday 20, Hotel Gosford, 3pm - Harmony and backing singing in blues workshop



SUGARCANE COLLINS - 2014 AUSTRALIAN BLUES SINGER OF THE YEAR

From the cane field puts of Queensland to the honky tonks of New Orleans and juke joints of the Mississippi Delta, Sugarcane performs his potent no frills blues with an emotional intensity and raw abandon that only the very best bluesmen achieve.

He is widely regarded as one of Australia's most distinctive and original blues artists.

Playing dynamic hard driving guitar, he moves fluidly through an array of blues styles from down home delta to ragtime to swing to Chicago shuffles, but it's his big soulful voice that will knock you out.

When Sugarcane sings the blues you'll see the passion in his face, the fire in his eyes, the veins in his neck!

But it is not just as a singer and guitar picker that Collins has made a name for himself.

Few songwriters can match his vivid storytelling.

Not for him the simple blues love songs so regularly employed by others.

The former Queensland Songwriter of the Year has so much more to say.

Sunday, Gosford Golf Club, 4.30pm



TWO BUCK BLUES BAND

Formed from members of the Central Coast Blues Society, Two Buck Blues Band play country and jazz oriented blues.

The line-up varies and usually includes guitars, harmonica, drum and bass with a percussionist and a violin often joining the group

Saturday 20, Central Coast Hotel, 6.30pm

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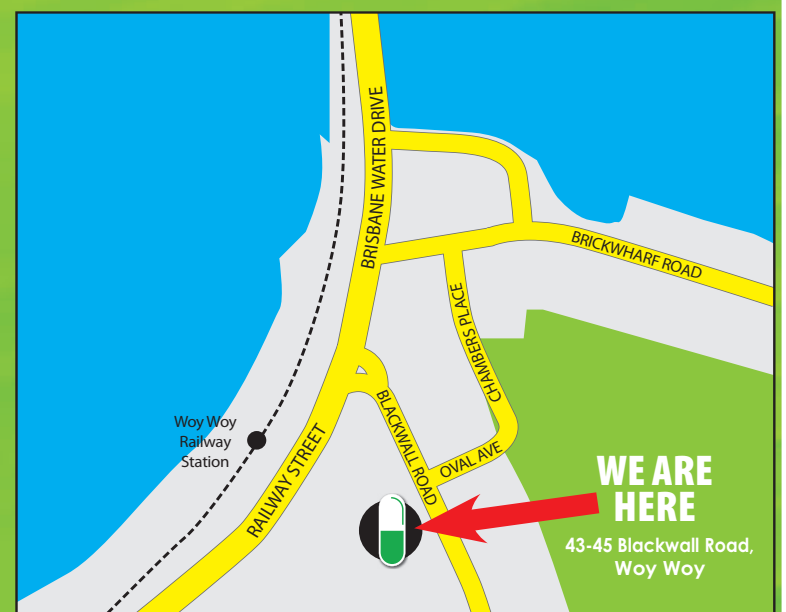
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News

Teenager charged over Woy Woy robbery

Police have arrested and charged a teenager over the alleged robbery of a 17-year-old by four teens at Woy Woy on February 2.

Just before 4:30pm, a 17-year-old boy was waiting at the bus terminus area of Woy Woy railway station when he was allegedly approached by four teenagers.

Two of the four teens allegedly punched the 17-year-old in the chest and face and forced him to hand over his wallet, before they all ran into the railway station and boarded a northbound train.

Shortly afterwards, the 17-year-old attended Woy Woy Police

Station to report the incident to Brisbane Water police who commenced an investigation.

Following inquiries, just after 9pm, officers attached to the Police Transport Command arrested a 15-year-old teen at Central Railway Station in connection with the incident.

He was taken to Surry Hills Police Station where he was charged with robbery in company.

The teen was refused bail to appear before a children's court on Wednesday, February 3.

Investigations were continuing and further arrests were expected.

Media release, 3 Feb 2016
NSW Police media

Two more arrested after prolonged police chase in state's south

A further two males have been charged over a robbery at Woy Woy railway station after they were arrested following a pursuit in the state's south.

Just before 4:30pm on Tuesday, February 2, a 17-year-old boy was waiting at the bus terminus area of Woy Woy railway station when he was approached by four teenagers.

Two of the four teens allegedly punched the 17-year-old in the chest and face and forced him to hand over his wallet, before they all ran into the railway station and boarded a northbound train.

Shortly afterwards, the 17-year-old attended Woy Woy Police Station to report the incident to Brisbane Water police who commenced an investigation.

At 3:45pm on Thursday, February 4, police attached to Yass Highway Patrol detected a Toyota Prado speeding on the Hume Highway at Bookham.

Checks revealed the car had been stolen from Umina on February 2.

Police attempted to stop the vehicle but it failed to stop and a pursuit was initiated.

The vehicle turned around and travelled north on the Hume Highway before taking the exit ramp on the Gundagai Rd.

The pursuit came to an end at Cullinga Creek when road spikes were deployed.

The 15-year-old male driver and 18-year-old male passenger were arrested and taken to Cootamundra Police Station.

The 15-year-old was charged with illegal use of conveyance, police pursuit (Skye's law), drive

while disqualified and revocation of parole.

He was also charged with robbery in company, affray and assault relating to the incident in Woy Woy on February 2.

He was refused bail to appear at a Children's Court on February 5.

The 18-year-old man was charged with robbery in company, illegal use of conveyance, and stealing.

He was also refused bail to appear at Wagga Wagga Local Court on February 5.

Another 15-year-old boy had been arrested and charged over the same incident after being arrested at Central Railway Station at 9pm on Tuesday.

Police are continuing to investigate the robbery in Woy Woy, and are urging any witnesses who have not yet spoken to police to come forward.

Media release, 5 Feb 2016
NSW Police media



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Anxiety and Back Pain

With the new year in full swing already (where has January gone?), we might finally assess the full impact Christmas and the holiday season has had on us, financially, emotionally and health wise.

Having spent too much money (and now it's the new school shoes, the new school uniform and other must haves), or maybe having had emotionally taxing Christmas days, or just having indulged a little too much, might make us feel anxious.

We start assessing our resolutions and plans for the new year and might feel we have already nosedived or not quite achieved what we intended.

Headaches, muscle tension, lack of energy and generic body soreness are widely described symptoms among people who suffer from anxiety, with lower back pain being one of the most common complaints.

Any stress, including the stress caused by being overly anxious can cause back pain.

It is believed that anxiety itself does not cause back pain, but feelings of worry and being anxious may lead to behaviour that causes back pain.

Changes in posture, including the way we sit (slouch), paired with muscle tension, can lead to subluxation of the spine and ultimately to back pain.

Inactivity has also been shown to be a contributor to back pain, with muscles tensing and possibly cramping up.

These muscles pull on the ligaments, and eventually, the bones of your spine (vertebrae) move out of position and create pressure on, or irritate spinal nerves.

When we are anxious, we might experience physical pain as more severe than we usually would, and 'normal back pain' all of a sudden is experienced as very severe.

There are a few things that you can do at home to help release muscle tension:

- Gentle stretching exercises are incredibly important to prevent further pain. Your chiropractor can show you the correct way and the right stretching exercises for your condition;
- Warm compressions (such as a heat pack) can also help relieve muscle tension;
- Watch your posture: grandma was right when she said to keep your shoulders back and your head up. If you are sitting while reading this article, get out of the chair now and do your stretches;
- Massage can help ease muscle tension. There are many qualified and health fund accredited massage therapists on the Peninsula and your chiropractor is happy to recommend one that suits your needs; and,
- Have fun, laugh, hug someone you love – it all reduces stress.

Your chiropractor may recommend a spinal adjustment to release the spinal subluxation.

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Ms Hillary Morris (right) with her Dobell running mate

Greens candidate holds launch in Woy Woy

Ms Hillary Morris has chosen Woy Woy as the venue to launch her campaign as Greens candidate for the electorate of Robertson in the next federal election.

Ms Morris has been a Gosford councillor for the past three years and said she has stood up for local communities and the environment in that role.

She is employed as a practice manager in a Central Coast Law firm.

Ms Morris said she had a passion for the environment, was a keen advocate on renewable energy and understood the complexities the residents of Robertson face with employment, transport, affordable housing and infrastructure funding.

"The face of Robertson has changed since I moved here 30 years ago," she said.

"It has transformed itself from

several sleepy seaside hamlets to populated, vibrant centres.

"There are certainly more opportunities for employment than there were 30 years ago but employment is still a huge issue.

"There are no easy answers to this problem but I will work on creating new opportunities for job growth around renewable energy, passive recreation, ecotourism and agricultural initiatives.

"I believe this is the direction Government should be taking to sustain long term economic growth."

The Greens will launch Ms Morris' campaign for the seat of Robertson at the CWA Hall, The Boulevard, Woy Woy on Friday, February 12.

Media release, 5 Feb 2016
Justine Suthers, Central Coast Greens

Workshops about being a dad

A series of workshops on Being a Dad will be held at the Peninsula Community Centre during February to help local fathers gain the skills necessary to build closer relationships with their children.

The workshops aim to teach participants how to better connect with their children through recognising the importance of fathering, setting goals for spending quality-time with their children, and improving communication skills.

Participants will work with staff from relationship counselling organisation Interrelate to gain a

better understanding of the role a father plays in a child's life.

The three-session workshop is open to fathers interested in improving their parenting skills and has been organised by Coast Community Connections.

Organiser Ms Di Spragg said: "Our Being a Dad program provides an opportunity for fathers from all walks of life to come together and learn about what it's like to be a dad and how they can make the most of their relationship with their children.

"The workshops will cover everything from understanding children at different ages to learning positive ways to discipline

children – among many other useful topics."

The workshop series will be held between 6:30pm and 9:30pm on Mondays, February 15, 22 and 29, in the Seniors' Room of the Peninsula Community Centre at 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

Registration is essential and costs \$20 or \$15 for concession-card holders.

To register or for more information, call 4341 9333.

Media release, 2 Feb 2016
Di Spragg, Coast Community Connections

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Education

Maintenance works nearing completion

Maintenance works at Woy Woy Public School are nearing completion and a new garden has been installed.

Work was started at the end of 2015 on a ramp for the Community Access Room, moving the fence out for the Early Intervention Area, and on new steps installed within the front area of Early Intervention.

"These jobs are nearing completion, and we are now only waiting on the permanent hand rails to be installed," principal Ms Ona Buckley said.

"Two big trees in the playground near the silver seat area and in the preschool yard were lopped and made safe ready for 2016, and some tree branches around the boundaries of the school were also

dealt with," Ms Buckley said.

"The weather was very humid, hot and stormy for most of the holidays so keeping up with ground maintenance was extremely difficult with staff on holiday breaks and problems with equipment," she said.

"At present we are looking to purchase a new ride-on mower to make it easier to whip over the lawn areas more efficiently.

"I hope you have had time to check out the beautiful new garden created in our playground. "This is in memory of all our staff who have passed on.

"It has a couple of relaxing seats for everyone to have a sit on and perhaps reflect a while."

Newsletter, 3 Feb 2016
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

Kitchen garden program to continue

The kitchen garden program will continue to run at Woy Woy Public School this year.

Students in Years Three through to Six will be doing gardening and cooking on alternate weeks, according to principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"Ms Deb Moxon will continue the garden component and Ms Lina Williamson will deliver the kitchen lessons for Years Five and Six," Ms Buckley said.

"Ms Williamson will also take

the kitchen component for Years Three and Four, with Ms Tess Kleppen taking the gardening and environmental education component," she said.

"The school will continue to run the environmental education program throughout the school working in with the kitchen garden program and the new science curriculum.

"Rumbalara environmental education field excursions will be run again this year.

"The school will continue to supplement these excursions so that costs are minimal for parents and so that all students can benefit from attending.

"The kitchen garden program will cost \$5 a term for Years Three to Six, with an overall cost of \$20 for the year.

"This will be added to the yearly school costs."

Newsletter, 3 Feb 2016
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

Program for first Holy Communion

The Catholic Parish of Woy Woy Peninsula is about to start a program to prepare children in Year Three of primary school or above for their first Holy Communion.

If children have been confirmed and have made their First Reconciliation, they can receive

the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

A parent information night will be held on Monday, February 8, at 7:30pm in the Walter Baker Hall, 100 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy.

Newsletter, 2 Feb 2015
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School

Bank to support road education program

A local bank branch has offered to support a project to give senior high school students the opportunity to attend a road safety education program.

The RYDA road safety education program is a community-based

initiative coordinated through local Rotary Clubs with support from corporate sponsors.

The program has been a part of the senior school curriculum on the Peninsula for the past 12 years.

In March, students from Brisbane Water Secondary College will take part in this year's

program.

The Ettalong branch of the Central Coast-Bendigo Community Bank is supporting the program by offering students a daily prize of a \$100 Bendigo Bank account.

Media release, 2 Feb 2016
Jenny Ward, Road Safety Education Ltd

Swimming carnival

Woy Woy Public School held its annual swimming carnival on Tuesday, February 2.

"It was a very successful event with many children reaching and exceeding their personal goals, including some who broke long

standing school records," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"Participation in all events was outstanding," Ms Buckley said.

Newsletter, 3 Feb 2016
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School



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Parent information barbecues

Ettalong Public School will be holding parent information barbecues on February 9 and 11.

The Kindergarten and class K/6P barbecue will commence at 3:30pm on Tuesday, February 9, and at 4:15pm parent information will be available in the school's library followed by a classroom visit.

Kinder, Year One and Year Two will start their barbecue at 4:15pm and then at 5:15pm there will be parent information available in the school library followed by a

classroom visit.

Parents of students in Year Three, Year Four, K/6B, K/6JS and K/6D have been invited to attend a barbecue sausage sizzle at 3:30pm on Thursday, February 11, followed by parent information in the library and a classroom visit from 4:15pm.

Years Three through to Six will have their barbecue from 4:15pm on the Thursday with parent information and classroom visits starting from 5:15pm.

**Newsletter, 2 Feb 2016
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong
Public School**



Contact RMS for school zone flashing lights

Peninsula schools who wish to be considered for school zone flashing lights should contact Roads and Maritime Services, according to Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast, Mr Scot MacDonald

He said that both Umina Beach Public School and the Umina Campus of the Brisbane Water Secondary College had been provided with school zone flashing

lights by the NSW Government since 2011.

"Children are some of the most vulnerable people on the road and we know that flashing lights slow motorists down in school zones," Mr MacDonald said.

"From now on, if a new school is established at a location without an existing set of flashing lights, Roads and Maritime Services will deliver the lights when they install a new school zone," he said.

Flashing lights remind motorists

of the 40 km per hour speed limit which applies from 8am to 9:30am and from 2:30pm to 4pm on gazette school days.

The flashing lights rollout was funded by the Community Road Safety Fund which redirects speed camera fine revenue into road safety initiatives.

Schools who wish to be considered may do so through roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

**Media release, 2 Feb 2016
Mitchell Cutting, Office
of Scot MacDonald**

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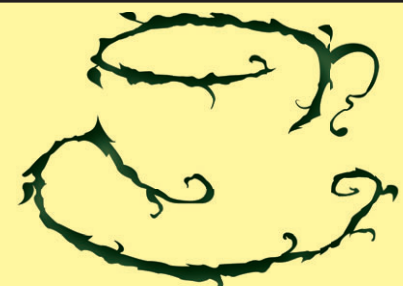
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Out&About



Christine Bannigan flew the Peninsula flag at Toastmasters

Christine wins at speech evaluation

Ms Christine Bannigan of Ettalong has won a Toastmasters Speech Evaluation Contest.

Ms Bannigan joined Toastmasters in May, 2015, to improve her speech presentation as she regularly speaks at conferences.

The competition on Friday, January 29, contained eight

contestants from the Wyong Toastmasters Club.

A test speaker presented a speech and each contestant was required to separately evaluate the performance and provide helpful feedback.

The topic of choice was Toastmasters for Seniors.

Ms Carol Williams of Wyong Toastmasters said that Ms

Bannigan took a great deal of pleasure in helping and assisting members of Wyong Club to achieve their goals.

Ms Williams also said that Ms Bannigan's favourite quote was from Wayne Dyer: "There is no road to happiness. Happiness is the road."

Email, 2 Feb 2016
Carol Williams, Wyong
Toastmasters

Umina band to play in blues festival

Umina band Slightly Off was selected as one of more than 25 acts to perform at the inaugural blues festival in Gosford, GosBlues 2016.

Slightly Off band-member, Mr Carl Desborough, said: "We are pleased to have been selected to perform at the inaugural GosBlues 2016."

"Having been very well received recently at Gulgong Folk Festival and now preparing for St Albans Folk Festival, this fits in perfectly with our program."

"What we have to offer is very different from every other act at GosBlues 2016 and we look forward to presenting that to locals and visitors alike."

"To be included among such a stellar line-up is a real thrill for us as it is often hardest to be noticed by locals."

Other GosBlues artists will include 2014 Australian Blues Singer of the Year, Sugarcane Collins, from far-north Queensland, Jesse Morris Band from Byron Bay, Greg Bowles from Western Australia, Frank Povah from Tasmania, and Phil and Trudy Edgeley from country-Victoria.

GosBlues 2016 will be a free, three-day event to be held across multiple venues in Gosford over the weekend of 19-21 February.

Central Coast Leagues Club, Hotel Gosford, Central Coast Hotel, West Gosford RSL, Gosford Golf Club and Reviver Bar are all hosting blues, jazz and roots artists from many parts of Australia.

Entry to all events is free but volunteer collectors will be seeking

gold-coin donations for Coast Shelter.

Former Member for Gosford, Mr Chris Holstein, now working as a consultant for Coast Shelter, said: "This is a fantastic, free event for Gosford and I encourage everyone to come to Gosford throughout the weekend to enjoy the free entertainment."

"While you're there, think about those less fortunate than ourselves who are homeless and in need of assistance from Coast Shelter to keep them safe and give generously to our volunteers, who will be on hand at all venues."

Current Member for Gosford, Ms Kathy Smith has also offered support: "What a wonderful event this looks likely to be for the people of the Central Coast and beyond."

"It will be great to see hordes of people in the Gosford CBD throughout the weekend moving from venue to venue to see what the various artists have to offer."

A comprehensive programme of free one-hour workshops has been included as part of the festival.

All workshops will be held upstairs at Hotel Gosford and will include master-classes on such things as playing a saw, gypsy-jazz accompaniment, blues harmonica, slide guitar, backing-singing for blues, and finger-picking guitar.

Workshops will commence at 12pm on the Saturday and Sunday.

For more information visit www.GosBlues.com, or find the festival on Facebook under GosBlues Festival.

Media release, 4 Feb 2016
Cec Bucello, GosBlues 2016

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Out&About



The Humble Boy cast in action at Peninsula Theatre

Humble Boy to open at Little Theatre

Charlotte Jones' comedy **Humble Boy**, directed by Annie Bilton and presented by Woy Woy Little Theatre, will open on Friday, February 19.

Ms Bilton said that she fell in love with the play when she saw it performed in America.

"I loved what it said about people and the depth of the story.

"There are a lot of layers which I found fascinating. It's very funny," she said.

"It's a black comedy in some areas but it's very true to life for some people," Ms Bilton said.

Actress Yvonne Berry-Porter who plays Flora Humble, a mother in the play, said that she can't wait for the play to open.

"I love that Flora is so abrasive and can be very rude.

"She's very domineering but underneath she's a grieving person

who has just lost her husband of many years but she has his replacement standing in the wings before the funeral nibbles have reached room temperature," Ms Berry-Porter laughed.

Actor Keith Conway who plays Flora's son Felix Humble said: "After reading the script, I realised Felix was a character I wanted to challenge myself with.

"My wife's been fantastic, so has her mother, virtually anybody who walks past is grabbed to help me with the lines," Mr Conway laughed.

"Most roles I do have been clownish characters but this is so different.

"Felix is a very complex character. His father has just died and so much is happening in Felix's life at this point," he said.

"It's one of the funniest plays I've been in and this time I'm

not playing the clown," said Mr Conway.

Ms Bilton said that the father's funeral becomes a turning point with every character.

"I'm sure the audience will enjoy exploring those depths as the story unfolds," she said.

The other four characters in the play are played by Terry Collins, Greg Buist, Sierra Philips and Paul Russell.

Humble Boy will run on Fridays, February 19, 26 and March 4 at 8pm, Saturdays February 20 and 27 at 8pm and March 5 at 2pm and 8pm, and Sundays February 21, 28 and March 6 at 2pm.

Adult tickets are \$25, concession tickets are \$22 and students aged 7 to 15 are \$7.

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David Wicks, Woy Woy Little Theatre

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Featured artist for the 2016 event will be bass-baritone Teddy Tahu Rhodes, Australia's most well renowned opera singer, performing together with soprano Clarissa Spata, tenor James Egglestone and soprano Amanda Brewer.

Returning to accompany this year's performers are the Central Coast Chamber Orchestra and pianist Jem Harding, a dedicated Opera in the Arboretum performer and fan favourite.

The event is an initiative of the Rotary Club of Woy Woy, with all proceeds go to support Rotary projects and charities.

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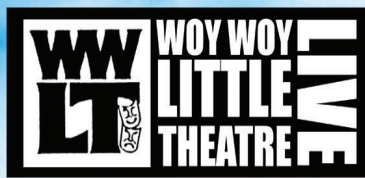
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To restore medical services previously available & upgrade to a standard that meets with local needs. 2pm 2nd Sat St Lukes Church Hall, Blackwall Rd Woy Woy 4344 4811

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
Marine Education Courses. Radio Licenses, Boat Safety & Boat License & PWC License Tests, Navigation, Seamanship and Meteorology. 4325 7929 www.vmrcc.org.au

Music
Brisbane Water Brass
Brass Band entertainment for the community playing all types of popular music. Rehearsal every Tues 7.30pm-10pm 0419 274 012

Gosford Musical Society Minstrels
Entertain at various venues on the Coast seeking new members Thur Night Laycock St North Gosford 4341 4210

JAZZ LEAGUE
Live Jazz Bands - Come to listen, Come to dance Free - Every Sun Central Coast Leagues Club Gosford 2-5pm www.jazzleague.net

Soundwaves
Men's a-capella 4 part harmony chorus - all ages 7pm Mon. Central Coast Leagues Club John 0413 276 698 jthomson51@gmail.com

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 kyle.macgregor@hotmail.com

Woy Woy Branch
Everglades Country Club 7.30pm 2nd Mon 0412 517 520 belindaneal@bigpond.com

Peninsula Day Branch
1pm 2nd Mon CWA Hall Woy Woy 4341 9946

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

Service Groups
Lions Club of Woy Woy
1st and 3rd Mon. Woy Woy Leagues Club 0478 959 895 Make new friends and have fun while serving your community.

Northern Settlement Services - Volunteers
Volunteers needed for friendly visits to the elderly in nursing homes. People with a second language encouraged. Training support provided 4334 3877 cvscc@nssservices.com.au

Rotary Clubs
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Phillip House, 21 Old Mount Penang Rd, Fri 7.15am 4340 4529 kersuebay@philliphouse.com.au

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

Rotary Club of Woy Woy
Tues 6pm Everglades Country Club.

Don Tee 0428 438 535
Special Interest
Brisbane Water Caravan Club
located on the Central Coast and looking for new members www.bwcaravanclub.wix.com/bwcc 4344 4363

Biz Plus Networking Association
Business owners networking group. Biz Networking breakfast every Thur 7:15am - 9am Erina Leagues Club Geoff Neilson network@bizplus.com.au

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

Central Coast Tenants' Advice and Advocacy Service
Help with issues with landlords & real estate agents? Free telephone advice and advocacy for all tenants and residents in residential parks. 4353 5515 cctaas@hotmail.com

Central Coast Lapidary Club, Minerals & Gems
Learn silverwork, cabochons, faceting, enamelling, stone fieldtrips & fossicking. Weekly Workshops Tues and Thurs 8.30am-2.30pm Thurs evening 6-10pm 10 Ourimbah Creek Rd Ourimbah 4362 2246

Central Coast Potters Society
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Mangrove Mountain Thur, Sat, Sun (weather permitting) 0412 164 082 0414 635 047 www.ccsoaring.com.au

Sport
Woy Woy Judo Club
3 Classes every Tue & Fri 5.30pm to 8pm Ettalong Leisure & Learning Centre Min age 5 years old 0434 000 170 www.woywoyjudoclub.com

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

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

Woy Woy Ettalong Hardy's Bay RSL
Provide help with pensions and welfare etc. Shop 5/382 Oceanview Rd Ettalong. Tues & Thurs 9am to 1pm 4341 2594

Women's Groups
BPW Central Coast
Empowering women of all ages in the areas of work, education, well-being and friendship. All women welcome to attend monthly dinner meetings. Be enlightened. \$40 covers two course meal and speaker. 0438 989 199 bpwcentralcoast@hotmail.com www.bpw.com.au/central-coast

Country Women's Association Woy Woy
Opposite Fisherman's Wharf Craft & Friendship 1st and 2nd Wed 10am Meetings 4th Wed 12.30am 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

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.cccwhc.com.au

WOWGIRLS Wave of Wisdom
WOWGIRLS Wave of Wisdom connects women and local businesses around a common theme of wellbeing to share wisdom and explore life's potential. Regular PowWows, WOW Wisdom gatherings, WOW days and WOW courses. www.wowgirls.com.au info@wowgirls.com.au

If you would like your Community Organisation listed here, call us on 4325 7369 or see www.centralcoastnewspapers.com

Entries in the Not For Profit Community Organisations Directory are free.

However, we require each organisation to subscribe to each newspaper to ensure that someone from that organisation keeps their entry up to date.

Australia Post is about to increase their postage rates by over 42% and we can no longer continue to absorb these increases.

Subscription rates have therefore needed to be increased from \$50 to \$75 for 25 editions.



Australia Day at Woy Woy

Official celebrations for Australia Day 2016 were held at The Boulevard, Woy Woy, from 2pm through to the conclusion of the fireworks at 9:30pm.

Festivities included children's activities in the Woy Woy CWA Hall including face painting, colouring in and games.

Food and market stalls and community displays ran all day and the main stage entertainment included Laycock Street Dance, Kick Start Artists, Here Comes Treble and the Woy Woy South Pacific Island Group.

The Daniel Friend and Olivia Shaw Duo also performed on the main stage along with displays by the Veronica Law School of Highland and Scottish National

Dancing and Liam Faulkner-Diamond.

Drumbala also held community drum circles in Memorial Park during the afternoon.

The official ceremony took place at 6pm and included an official address, singing of the national anthem and cutting of the Big Lamington.

Evening main stage performances included Fletcher Pillion, Joseph Arrua and The House Band featuring Toni Williams.

The traditional lantern parade made its way from the CWA Hall to Memorial Park at 8:30pm and the fireworks spectacular at 9:15pm was accompanied by a live radio soundtrack.

Website, 26 Jan 2016
Gosford Council

Peninsula directory of services, contacts and support groups

Ambulance, Police, Fire 000

Emergency

Ambulance, Police, Fire 000
Police Assistance Line 131 444
Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000
Woy Woy Police Station 4379 7399
Energy Australia 13 13 88
Gas Emergency 131 909
Gosford City Council 4325 8222
Marine Rescue NSW -
Central Coast 4325 7929
SES - Storm and Flood
Emergency 132 500

Aboriginal & Torres Strait

Islander Organisations

Mingaletta 4342 7515
Aboriginal Home Care 4321 7215
Drug & Alcohol rehab 4388 6360

Accommodation

Dept. of Housing Gosford 4323 5211
Cassie4Youth 4322 3197
Coast Shelter 4325 3540
Pacific Link Com Housing 4324 7617
Rumbalara Youth Refuge 4325 7555
Samaritans Youth
Services 4351 1922

Youth Angle • Woy Woy 4341 8830
Woy Woy Youth Cottage 4341 9027

Animal Rescue

Wildlife Arc 4325 0666
Wires 1300 094 737

Community Centres

Peninsula Community
Centre 4341 9333
Men's Shed Cluster Inc 0413 244 484

Counselling

Centacare: 4324 6403
Relationship Australia: 1300 364 277
Interrelate: 1800 449 118

Family and Relationships

Centacare Gosford 4324 6403
Central Coast Family Support
Service 4340 1099

Horizons (For men with children) 4351 5008

Uniting Care Burnside
Gosford 1800 067 967

Health

Poisons Information 131 126
Ambulance Text Mobile 106
Ambulance GSM 112
Gosford Hospital 4320 2111
Woy Woy Hospital 4344 8444
Sexual Health @ Gosford
Hospital 4320 2114

After Hours GP Help Line 1800 022 222

Legal & Financial Help

Financial Counselling
Service 4334 2304
Tenants' Advice and Advocacy
Service 4353 5515
Woy Woy Court 4344 0111

Libraries

Gosford district:
Umina Beach 4304 7333
Woy Woy 4304 7555

Problems,

Habits & Addiction

Alcoholics Anonymous 4323 3890
Narcotics Anonymous 4325 0524

Transport

Taxi 131 008
Busways 4368 2277
City Rail 131 500

Welfare Services

Gosford Family Support 4340 1585
Meals on Wheels 4341 6699
Department of Community Services
Gosford 4336 2400
The Salvation Army 4325 5733
Samaritans Emergency
Relief 4393 2450
St Vincent De Paul Society
HELPLINE 4323 6081

The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Monday, Feb 8

Reading Buddies, Woy Woy Library, does your child need help with reading? Program that will run until Apr 18

Primary Book Club, Umina Library, ages eight to 12, 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Tuesday, Feb 9

Reading Buddies, Umina Library for children who need help with reading, running until April 12.

Friday, Feb 12

Luke O'Shea, Hardys Bay Club

Saturday, Feb 13

Service to commemorate the anniversary of the sinking of HMAS Voyager, CPO Jonathan Rogers Memorial, Rogers Park, Woy Woy, from 11:30am starting at the Everglades Country Club carpark

A Coupla Numbers, featuring

Phil Hewett, Old Pub Woy Woy, 8pm

Sunday, Feb 14

Valentines Lunch at Jasmine Greens Park Kiosk, Umina, 12pm
Dean Ray, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club, doors open 8pm

Monday, Feb 15

Being a Dad program, Coast Community Connections, three Monday evening sessions, The Senior's Room, Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd Woy Woy, bookings essential, 6:30pm to 9:30pm

Wednesday, Jan 17

The Bays Community Group Inc annual general meeting, Community Hall, Woy Woy Bay Rd

Acrylic painting demonstration, Woy Woy Library, 2pm to 4pm

Friday, Feb 19

Woy Woy Little Theatre

presents Humble Boy, Peninsula Theatre for three weekends, book online

Saturday, Feb 20

Crochet for beginners workshop, Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre, Feb 20 and 27
Deadly Young Aboriginal Surf Program, Umina Beach, 9am to 5pm

Sunday, Feb 21

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

Tuesday, Feb 23

Good Morning Ettalong, Ettalong Diggers, from 10am

Wednesday, Feb 24

Sunset Music Club feat. Darren Percival, Margarita Daze restaurant, book online, 7:30pm

If you've got something happening on the Peninsula over the next few weeks, let us know about it and we'll list it here for you, for free. Contact details are on page 2. See the Coast Community News for events in post code areas 2250, 2251 & 2260 and the Wyong Regional Chronicle for events in post code areas 2258, 2259, 2261, 2262 & 2263

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Out&About



Louis Dimitrov delivered Try-athlon packs across the Coast prior to the Woy Woy event on Sunday, February 7

Woy Woy hosts regional Tryathlon

The annual Tryathlon for children aged seven to 15 was held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre and James brown Oval on Sunday, February 7.

The event attracted hundreds of competitors who swam, cycled and ran their way to the finish line.

The Woy Woy event attracted competitors from across the Central Coast and was one of 11 held across Australia between January and May.

The Tryathlon is a community

engagement program which aims to help children develop self-esteem, improve confidence and achieve their personal best, while having fun with friends.

Woy Woy held two Tryathlons for children aged seven to 15.

For children between seven and 10 years old, the event included a 75 metre swim, three kilometre cycle and 500 metre run, before crossing the fi nish line.

For 11 to 15 year olds, the event incorporated a 150 metre swim, six kilometre cycle, and concluded with a one kilometre run.

Courier Louie Dimitrov, pictured, spent the weeks leading up to the event delivering the Tryathlon packs to the local children who entered the competition.

Each pack contained a t-shirt, an event-day bib and other merchandise.

The Kids Tryathlon is a series of non-competitive events run by Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing Company that encourages children to be more physically active.

Media release, 3 Feb 2016
Annaliese Vella, Sanitarium

Monthly music series planned

A Umina restaurant is planning to host a monthly music series.

Named the Sunset Music Club, the first of the series will be held on Wednesday, February 24, at Margarita Daze Restaurant in Umina.

February's feature artists will be singer Darren Percival from The Voice and the James Morrison Band.

He will be backed by the Sunset Music Club House Band.

Darren said he had been artistically inspired from a young age, studying piano, singing and acting at a performing arts centre.

By the time he had graduated in 1989, James Morrison had discovered Darren and together they began a decade of musical

adventures.

Through his career, Darren has sung jingles, done voice-overs and toured as a backing singer.

His name is found on the album credits for many Australian artists.

He has released several solo albums of original music.

He has worked the music festival circuit and corporate arena since 2004.

Darren appeared on the first season of The Voice Australia, where he was coached by Keith Urban and became the 2012 runner up.

His album Happy Home debuted at number three on the ARIA chart and went Gold.

Email, 3 Feb 2016

Gerard Masters, Sunset Music Club



Darren Percival will play at the Sunset Music Club

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- Henry Ford



Brisbane Water Netball Club 2015 members

Netball registrations open

Peninsula netball club registrations are open for the 2016 winter season.

The Umina Beach Netball Club describes itself as a family-friendly local club for girls and women wanting to play netball in a friendly, inclusive social environment from ages five through to seniors.

The club was established in 2008 and now has over 150 members and continues to grow each year.

Registration fees for 2016 include fund raising and umpiring and are set at \$170 for Net Set Go (10 and under), and \$200 for Juniors (11 to 17) and Seniors (18-plus).

The Brisbane Water Netball Club is the biggest and oldest on the Peninsula.

It welcomes players from age five.

Registration is only available

online and closes on February 17 at www.bwnc.net.

TKT Ocean Beach Netball Club has also called for player registrations.

All past players and any new players are welcome.

Players need to be turning five or older in 2016.

For more information, email joannee_1956@hotmail.com.

The Peninsula Lions Netball Club welcomes all levels of ability for juniors and seniors.

Registration forms can be downloaded at the Peninsula Lions Netball Club website or for further details email peninsuliansnetball@outlook.com

Newsletter, 2 Feb 2016
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School
Email, 2 Feb 2016
Ros Carey, Peninsula Lions Netball Club



A Umina boardrider in action

Boardriders' competitions start

The Umina Boardriders annual surfing competitions will begin this Sunday, February 14, at 6:30am on Umina Beach.

The club's spokesperson, Mr Craig Glynn, said they are always looking for new members.

Anybody wishing to join can purchase a membership for \$80 which gains entry into all

competitions for 2016, along with other perks.

The club's surfing divisions are opens, masters and cadets for under 16s.

Mr Glynn said the club also has a social surfers division "for all ages to come down, have fun and not be too serious about it".

Pro surfer Glenn Hall of Umina and former pro Drew Courtney of

Empire Bay have both surfed with the Umina Boardriders before making the World Tour.

The club was founded in 1960 for short board riders.

The Umina Boardriders meet every second Sunday of the month for competition.

Interview, 4 Feb 2016
Craig Glynn, Umina Boardriders
Reporter: Jasmine Gearie



Brisbane Water Netball Club 2015 members

Woy Woy



Rugby Club

**Try Rugby Union
this season at a
family friendly club**

At **Woy Woy Lions Rugby Club** the emphasis is on having a go, playing fair and having fun.

Total cost for juniors this season:

\$25 for under 7s \$80 for 8s to 11s \$90 for 12s to 18s

This cost includes socks and shorts, club jerseys are provided on game day. It also includes player insurance.

2016 Junior Registration days at Ettalong Oval:

Sat 6th Feb 9am - 1pm and Sat 13th Feb 1pm - 4pm

Registrations also welcome for **Senior Teams**, please contact John Kenny on 0410 587 725.

For further information call Kathleen on **0404 036 138**

email: woywoyrugby@outlook.com

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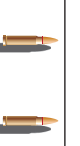


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Sport



Joint winners of Bowler of the Year Ettalong's Aaron Sherriff and Lee Thethowan

Ettalong bowlers create zone history

Ettalong's Aron Sherriff and Lee Trethowan created zone history by being named joint winners of the prestigious Central Coast Bowler of the Year for 2015 at a presentation

dinner at Ettalong Bowling Club on January 9.

Sherriff and Trethowan won all Zone team events in 2015 including Fours, Triples, Pairs and Champion of Champion Pairs, and

went on to reach the semi-final of the State Fours and won the State Pairs title.

They are the first joint winners to have their names inscribed on the Wal Rainbow Perpetual Shield in the 24-year history of this prestige award.

This inaugural presentation dinner was hailed an outstanding success with former Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist Wayne Turley in attendance as a special guest and entertainer Shane Edwards bringing the audience to their feet.

Other major Player of the Year Award winners were: Senior Bowler of the Year Joint Winners: Lindsay Wilding of Halekulani and John Roberts of Ettalong, Rookie of the Year: Steve Cutler of The Entrance, Under 18 Bowler of the Year: Jayden Moody of Terrigal, Club of the Year: Gwandalan BC and Highly Commended: Davistown RSL & Ettalong Memorial BC's.

Media release, 10 Jan 2016
Kevin Dring, Bowls Central Coast

Umina Surf Club to get 20-year lease

Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club will no longer need to go through a lengthy lease renewal process, according to Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast, Mr Scot MacDonald.

Mr MacDonald said a landmark agreement between the NSW Government and Surf Life Saving NSW had cut red tape for surf clubs on the Central Coast.

A new club lease package removes the need for clubs and councils to negotiate new lease arrangements and provides a 20-year minimum lease, he said.

"The agreement covers all surf lifesaving clubs on Crown land on

the Central Coast," Mr MacDonald said.

"It ensures consistency and fairness for club leases and recognizes legitimate fund-raising activities by clubs to support themselves."

Mr MacDonald congratulated Gosford Council for its involvement in the agreement.

"The NSW Government will work on implementing the package with reserve managers, Surf Life Saving NSW and the clubs, starting with those at the end or near the end of their current lease," he said.

Media release, 25 Jan 2016
Email, 25 Jan 2016
Mitchell Cutting, Office of Scot MacDonald

Major pairs play ahead of storm

Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club played its Major Pairs final game on January 29, narrowly avoiding the storm that hit the Coast.

Four very experienced players battled it out on the green, with Ms Dawn Burrows and Ms Pat Neal playing against Ms Bev Allan and Ms Yvonne Gordon.

Ms Burrows and Ms Neal led from the start but Ms Allan and Ms Gordon stayed with them, with only a point in it on the 11th end, eight

to seven.

Ms Burrows and Ms Neal pulled ahead from the 12th end, with Ms Allan and Ms Gordon staying stuck on nine until the 18th end.

Ultimately, Ms Burrows and Ms Neal claimed victory, winning 18 to nine.

Spectators watching the game said the score did not reflect the quality of the evenly matched pairs game.

Email, 5 Feb 2016
Eve Phillips, Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club

Bridge results

Brisbane Water Bridge Club contested the Australia Day Pairs on Tuesday, January 26, with 23 pairs contesting.

The winners were Ms Carol Anderson and Ms Jenny Buckley with 64.2 per cent.

In second place were Ms Karen Ody and Ms Jurate Petrauskas with 61.2 per cent and in third position were Ms Sylvia Foster and Mr Jaan Oitmaa with 60 per cent.

Media release, 1 Feb 2016
Jenny Buckley, Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Tide Chart

FORT DENISON

LAT 33° 51' S - LONG 151° 14' E - TIME ZONE - 1000

Times and Heights(m) of high and low waters

Time - Height(m)

Add one hour to the times below when Daylight Saving is in force

8 MON	0124 0.38 0752 1.87 1427 0.22 2025 1.51	9 TUE	0211 0.33 0837 1.92 1508 0.17 2110 1.57	10 WED	0300 0.30 0924 1.93 1551 0.15 2156 1.61
11 THU	0350 0.29 1011 1.88 1635 0.18 2245 1.63	12 FRI	0443 0.32 1100 1.78 1720 0.24 2334 1.64	13 SAT	0539 0.38 1151 1.65 1808 0.33
14 SUN	0028 1.62 0640 0.45 1246 1.50 1900 0.42	15 MON	0127 1.60 0749 0.51 1350 1.36 1958 0.51	16 TUE	0231 1.58 0907 0.54 1505 1.27 2103 0.56
17 WED	0340 1.59 1025 0.53 1625 1.25 2212 0.57	18 THU	0446 1.63 1134 0.48 1733 1.28 2315 0.55	19 FRI	0545 1.68 1230 0.42 1829 1.33
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APPROX. TIME LAG AFTER FORT DENISON
Ettalong 40 min, Rip Bridge 2hrs - Wisemans Ferry 2 hrs 30 min, Koolewong 2 hrs 10 min
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Two teenagers were among the best

When Woy Woy first grade challenged for successive premierships last season two teenagers, playing their first season of Rugby Union, were among the club's best performers.

Centre Wade Hannell was 19 years old and his good mate Rhys Sherrif, loose head prop, was 18.

Both came from Rugby League backgrounds and began the season in Colts but were soon regular first graders -- an outstanding effort.

Rhys was chosen in NSW under-18s for a short tour of South Africa which took place later that year.

The tourists won three of their four matches in Praetoria and Capetown.

The atmosphere at these games was unlike anything Rhys had experienced in his very brief Rugby Union career.

He was hooked.

Their talent did not go unnoticed in the local 2015 Grand Final and both were invited to attend special training camps and a chance to represent NSW Country Colts.

Their final camp took place on February 6 and 7, featured games against Waratah Gen Juniors and Waratah Colts at the NSW Academy.

The boys returned from the



Rhys Sherrif and Wade Hannell from Woy Woy Rugby Union Club

weekend waiting for the Country Colts team to be announced for the Southern States Championship in Adelaide from February 18 to 22.

A Barbarians' team, made of players from Southern States and Country, will then be chosen to contest the NSW Under 20

championships.

Both have caught the eyes of Sydney club scouts and are being wooed to play Colts in Sydney

after the state championships.

They naturally have serious ambitions in the game but Woy Woy and Country officials are hoping they choose a path to the top via Country Rugby representation rather than going to Sydney.

Having coached several Sydney clubs, Woy Woy Rugby Union Club patron Peter Fenton said he was aware of the lure of the "Big Smoke".

"It is exciting to young blokes but also it can be difficult for lads who leave their environment too early," Mr Fenton said.

"Time is on their side.

"After all, they are only 18 and 19.

"I will advise them to stay if only even for another season or two.

"It will be a tremendous boost to the district and to Country Rugby.

"It will also give them time to make an unhurried decision after assessing their chances in an environment where they know they will be key players in a very close-knit team -- something every young player needs.

"They also have unfinished business here.

"They deserve a premiership," he said.

Submission, 1 Feb 2016
Peter Fenton, Woy Woy Rugby Union



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5. Active lice are not always brown - when they are not feeding they can be clear, so

6. Lice can survive for more than one hour without oxygen, so don't be surprised to see what is known as the "resurrection effect," where lice appear to come back

from the dead after treatment

7. Nits (head lice eggs) take between seven and 10 days to hatch, so reapplication of head lice treatment is often necessary a week or so after initial treatment.

Talk to your local YouSave pharmacist about treatments available. They will make sure you not only get the treatment most likely to work for you and your child, they will ensure you know the key points about how to effectively use the treatment. Many treatment failures are caused by not following the instructions!

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