

Dispute over track closures bring rail project to a halt

Progress on the Woy Woy rail underpass project appears to have come to halt, with cost estimates more than doubling, because State Rail has refused to accept Gosford Council's plans for track closures during the construction process.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales has revealed that the Chamber has learned that the project has been handed back to Transport NSW after the Council unsuccessfully tried to come up with a design for the rail bridge that would satisfy State Rail.

"Our understanding is that the option prepared by Cardno's for Gosford Council involved three lengthy outages to the Main Northern Rail Line which proved unacceptable to State Rail, especially when State Rail have no planned outages in the foreseeable future.

"Closing the line on three separate occasions has obvious huge implications which could cause major commuter service and freight train disruptions," he continued.

"We now understand that State Rail have come up with a method of pipe jacking under the rail line without causing major disruptions, but this comes at a huge cost which has blown the budget out to

\$115 million.

"At this stage, no one has come up with any answers as to where the additional funds are going to come from in order for this project to proceed," Mr Wales said.

"You can't blame Gosford Council as they had no part in the estimating process and didn't even rate the project on their forward plan of works," Mr Wales said.

"They literally got handed an inadequate bucket of money and were told to design and implement the project

"Projects of this size and magnitude need to be fully designed, quantified, estimated and approved before they ever receive funding otherwise you have no idea what the logistical problems are in implementing the scheme.

"Clearly the project was poorly conceived and grossly underfunded with the result that we now have a partly completed road with little prospect of additional funds being made available in the foreseeable future for the underpass.

"The Chamber is calling on Gosford Council, State Rail and the NSW State Government to urgently come up with a strategy to resolve the design issues and find the funding to complete the rail underpass," Mr Wales concluded.

Media release, 27 Apr 2016
Matthew Wales, Peninsula
Chamber of Commerce



A truck that crashed into the stanchion

Rail underpass could be closed for six months

The Woy Woy rail underpass near Shoalhaven Dr could be closed for up to six months, according to a statement from Gosford Council.

On the morning of Friday, April 8, a large truck became wedged under one of the height restriction stanchions at the Woy Woy rail underpass.

The stanchions on either side of the underpass prevent oversize vehicles that have attempted to use the underpass from hitting the actual rail bridge and potentially damaging the rail track above.

The stanchion are owned and maintained by Sydney Trains to

protect their rail bridge and track.

Sydney Trains, not Gosford Council, are responsible for repairing and replacing the stanchion so that the underpass can be reopened, according to the statement.

"Council understands that the damage to the stanchion was significant," Gosford Council chief Mr Paul Anderson said.

"Council is working with Sydney Trains to get the underpass reopened as soon as possible.

"However, at this stage, Council has been advised by Sydney Trains that the underpass could be closed for up to six months."

Peninsula Chamber of

Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said the closure of the underpass was causing congestion, particularly during morning and evening peaks, because all the traffic that used the underpass via Hillview St and Dunban Rd was now being redirected through the Rawson Rd roundabout.

Mr Wales said he believed the Rawson Rd roundabout should be a high priority to be upgraded and may need to be replaced with traffic lights.

Media statement, 28 Apr 2016
Paul Anderson, Gosford Council
Interview, 28 Apr 2016
Matthew Wales, Peninsula
Chamber of Commerce



The Woy Woy rail underpass has been closed on many occasions

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Month	2013	2014	2015	2016	12 Yr Avg
1	200	100	300	150	200
2	400	200	500	300	400
3	600	300	700	450	600
4	800	400	900	600	800
5	1000	500	1100	750	1000
6	1200	600	1300	900	1200
7	1300	700	1400	1000	1300
8	1400	800	1500	1100	1400
9	1500	900	1600	1200	1500
10	1600	1000	1700	1300	1600
11	1700	1100	1800	1400	1700
12	1800	1200	1900	1500	1800

One quarter average rainfall

With April all but over, the Peninsula has received less than one quarter of its average rainfall for the month.

A total of 40.6mm had fallen by 9am on April 29, compared to the April average of 182mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

The total rainfall for the year now stands at 643.6mm, 11.5 per cent more than the average of 577mm at the end of April.

Falls were recorded on 11 days of the month, but all but three were of three millimetres or less.

Spreadsheet, 29 Apr 2016
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

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The Peninsula News and Ettalong Diggers would like to offer four lucky readers the chance to win double passes to see Australian country music star Melinda Schneider.

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Pelicans and other birds 'continue to die' after storm surges

Pelican and other birds are continuing to die near two storm water drains which exit into Brisbane Water near the Peninsula Leisure Centre, according to Ms Wendy Gillespie from Pelican Rescue and Research.

"Pelicans and other water birds continue to die after every storm surge in the Blackwall and Woy Woy areas and currently we also have a wide range of sick and dying land birds along the same stretch," Ms Gillespie said.

She said a nearby resident recorded a mass death of mallard ducks in January following a major storm surge.

At least 40 duck carcasses were counted along the foreshore in close proximity to the main offending storm water drain.

In March, Ms Gillespie said she started to find sick and dead land birds on the foreshore between Woy Woy Lions Park and the main Blackwall storm water drains.

"I have seen this condition of sick and starving corellas in the past but not in the numbers being observed," she said.

"Many won't be found and many dropped at disparate vets and other carcasses will just be disposed of."



Pelicans continue to die of unknown causes around their breeding reserve at Blackwall

She is calling on members of the public who find sick or deceased birds on the foreshore to report their findings to council, the EPA and the National Parks and Wildlife Service or to contact her.

According to Ms Gillespie, the main sources of the sickness and disease impacting on local birds are two large storm water drains near the Peninsula Leisure Centre

that exit into Brisbane Water near a sensitive area for sea birds at Blackwall.

"The causative organism and/or toxin had not been determined to date despite rigorous and continuing pathology and testing by the Australian Registry of Wildlife Health funded by Taronga Wildlife Conservation Society," she said.

She said the NSW Environment Protection Authority and Gosford Council investigations into bird deaths on the Peninsula had been a farce.

Ms Gillespie said she intended to ensure that pathology and future private environmental testing would continue to be undertaken in the area as she believed 2015 tests conducted by Gosford

Council under EPA instructions were inadequate.

"The EPA purportedly supervised a water quality investigation at a storm water drain discharge point on the Peninsula," Ms Gillespie said.

"The EPA did not undertake the sampling or supervise the sampling but simply gave Gosford Council staff three of their 'sterilised' sampling bottles to collect intermittent samples at one discharge site," she said.

"This was the depth of our environmental watchdog's investigation, despite the storm water drain being mismanaged by Gosford Council and their non-adherence to the EPA requirements for storm water drain management for almost 20 years."

Ms Gillespie said she first approached Gosford Council about the "absolutely appalling state" of the drain three years ago "when it was full to the top with a red thick toxic algae and backed up hundreds of metres in the drain".

Two local residents whose homes also backed on to the drain said they had repeatedly contacted the council regarding the state of the drain without any success and both added it had only been cleaned out once in eight years.

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"My preliminary inquiry resulted in a midnight removal of a gross pollutant grate so that the toxic build up was no longer as evident," Ms Gillespie said.

"This release of years of toxins resulted in the die off of around 50 white ibis in the local area as the thick algae settled in the silt where they forage.

According to Ms Gillespie, pelicans began breeding in close proximity to the storm water discharge site over 30 years ago when their primary drinking source was a creek and the area a natural flood plain.

In the late 1990s, their primary fresh water source was replaced with a "poorly-designed storm water drain that has been largely unmanaged and allowed to collect a lethal toxic build up for 20 years.

"The concentrated build up is fuelled by nutrient loads and a large mix of chemicals and other toxins from a nearby golf course, two playing fields, a very large residential catchment, light industrial areas and a road network.

"In addition the Peninsula Leisure Centre was built on a disused service station site and two disused tips continue to ooze their leachate under the playing fields.

"Three large storm water drains were installed in response to mitigating local flooding on the Peninsula.

"A review of the storm water mitigation documentation indicates that there was no regard for environmental impacts at the time,



A close up of water in the Blackwall drain

and that the primary criteria for the three large arterial drains that feed into three bays 'was the shortest distance and the lowest costs'.

"Pelicans and other water, sea and land birds now use storm water drains as a primary drinking source in the area, with the two large drains the primary drinking sources for nesting pelicans and ibis and their offspring.

"Two large arterial drains and five medium-sized drains feed into the Blackwall area between the Lions Park and Blackwall boat ramp alone.

"I first raised the very concerning

state of the unmanaged drain with Gosford Council staff in late 2013 as there was a constant release of thick red algae from the discharge point.

"It had been left to back up hundreds of metres the depth of the drain as the gross pollutant grate was rarely cleaned out.

"Unlike Wyong Council's focus on effective storm water management, Gosford Council's response to this mismanaged toxic water source was to remove the gross pollutant trap so that the drain stopped backing up and didn't need to be managed.

"The consequences of which included all the gross pollutants being flushed into the bay with every rain event.

"Sickness and death of water birds coincides with every flush particularly over warmer months as the concentrated sludge is ingested by birds.

According to Ms Gillespie, the single water quality test undertaken by Gosford Council staff at the Blackwall site in March 2015 highlighted an ammonia level seven times that recommended for safe human recreation.

An EPA media release stated

that it was still only at trace environmental levels, and too low to be considered a source of the ongoing sickness and deaths of pelicans and other aquatic birds.

"EPA's futile follow up investigation later last year has been based on three similar samples being collected by council staff at the outfall point of one drain only and some further heavy metals testing despite this not being a consistent finding in the dead bird tissues tested," she said.

"I have been advised by a private water quality professional that if testing for ammonia was to be a genuine focus of the EPA investigation despite being ruled out as the causative toxin, then constant monitoring would be required and would need to be considered in relation to other water quality parameters for the results to have any scientific credibility.

"As two large storm water drains are sources of drinking water for aquatic birds, then both discharge points should have had continuous monitoring devices in situ with the primary samples being collected at the time of storm surges.

"I provided significant photographic and detailed information regarding both drains to the coastal manager of the EPA, and yet no sampling was undertaken at the drain that services the light industrial area of Blackwall," she said.

Media release, 13 Apr 2016
Wendy Gillespie, Pelican
Rescue and Research

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Council may spend \$300,000 to justify land sale

Gosford Council may spend up to \$300,000 to gather the information needed to justify the sale of community land, including a number of treed reserves on the Peninsula.

Cr Deanna Bocking has revealed that councillors were told in a memo that the cost of providing the information would be \$294,000.

Council chief Mr Paul Anderson explained to last week's council meeting that the bulk of that cost estimate was for the completion of environmental impact work "across a number of different projects council has undertaken".

He said the remainder of the expense would be in "converting mapping layers into something

easily accessible across the website".

Other costs would involve accessing the history of how each parcel of land was acquired by council in the first place.

"Once council is in a position to engage the consultant we will start to make that information available.

"We have never raised an objection to that information being in the public domain," Mr Anderson said.

Both Mr Anderson and director of community growth Ms Judy Jaeger said at the meeting that the process was not yet up to the point where environmental impact information was available to the public.

**Gosford Council agenda
NM.8, 26 Apr 2016**



Patonga's War Memorial after wreaths were laid

Patonga turns out for Anzac Day

Patonga turned out in force to commemorate the servicemen and women of the nation during the village's Anzac Day 2016 celebrations.

About 300 people attended the dawn service in the small fishing village, organised by Mr John Twiner and Mr Charlie Sproule.

Many families came and

laid wreaths including Senator Deborah O'Neill.

Prayers were led by Father Michael Davies of St Lukes and the bugle echoed throughout the town.

Stories and poems were told and Amazing Grace and the National Anthem were sung live accompanied by a trio of bagpipers.

The service was then followed

by a bacon and egg breakfast donated by The Sports and Social Club of Patonga followed by Anzac biscuits baked by locals.

Mr Twiner and Mr Sproule, both ex-servicemen, have organised the village's Anzac Day celebrations for years and both celebrate their 90th birthdays in 2016.

**Email, 25 Apr, 2016
Fleur Anderson, Patonga**

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Free transport this year to Five Lands Walk

Free public transport to and from the Peninsula will enable residents to participate in all stages of the 10km Five Lands Walk on June 25 this year.

Palm Beach Ferries will bring participants from the Northern Beaches to Ettalong, and buses will go from there to MacMasters Beach and Terrigal.

Free transport is provided between all stages of the walk.

This year will mark the 11th

anniversary of the event, which is expected to become one of the Coast's biggest tourism events, according to organisers.

The family-friendly event is timed to correspond with the peak of the whale migration season.

Organising committee president Mr Con Ryan said the Walk had become a calendar highlight for the Central Coast.

"Free for all to participate, the event links people to people and people to place in a way rarely

found these days.

"It is not a race but an opportunity for all to enjoy, learn and participate at their own pace.

"We welcome the opportunity this year for participants from the Northern Beaches and from our own Peninsula to join in, through the initiative of Palm Beach Ferries and Busways combining resources to provide convenient ferry/bus connections on the day."

**Media release, Apr 6, 2016
David Fellows, Five Lands Walk**

Petition calls for nest protection

A petition has been received by Gosford Council calling for the protection of lapwing plover nests at Hardys Bay and Killcare.

The 66 petitioners stated that lapwing plovers were protected under the National Parks and Wildlife Act.

They requested that council continued the protection of nest sites by increasing ranger patrols in the area and by issuing fines to owners of dogs which were off-leash.

Petitioners also requested infrared motion detecting cameras be installed on council land near plover nests.

Gosford Council staff reported that it was not prohibited to deploy cameras on public property. The only exception was if the camera was also recording audio.

They advised that permanent signs had since been placed on the reserve.

**Gosford Council agenda
GOV.37, 26 Apr 2016**



Community Environment Network



PUBLIC LANDS – Save PEAT ISLAND

Jane Smith, CEO, Community Environment Network

Peat Island and associated public lands are located on the northern side of the Hawkesbury River next to the boat ramp and parking area. Rezoning is progressing through the planning system and are expected to go through Gateway in coming months.

It is important that Peat Island is retained in public hands and is not used for private housing due to its;

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We need as many sets of eyes, hands and feet as we can to get on board and help gather this important information.

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on this page. See our website for more information or to register: www.ccmdc.org.au

This project is supported by Greater Sydney Local Land Services through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme

The idea is to collect data for each program approximately once a month. So if you like to dive, walk on the beach or down by your local lakes/lagoon, then we would love your by simply recording what you see while doing so.

Details of training days listed on this page, otherwise, see our website for more detail: www.ccmdc.org.au



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Hotel owner defends expansion plans

Patonga Beach Hotel owner Mr Andrew Smith has defended his plans to redevelop the hotel.

Mr Smith said the expansion was to help the hotel deliver more to its patrons.

"We're simply trying to improve the services we offer," he said.

"Expanding our kitchen means we can provide better food.

"Adding a new cocktail bar means we can provide more services.

"More seating upstairs and throughout means we can accommodate more people."

He said: "A major issue we have with the hotel is that too much seating is located outdoors.

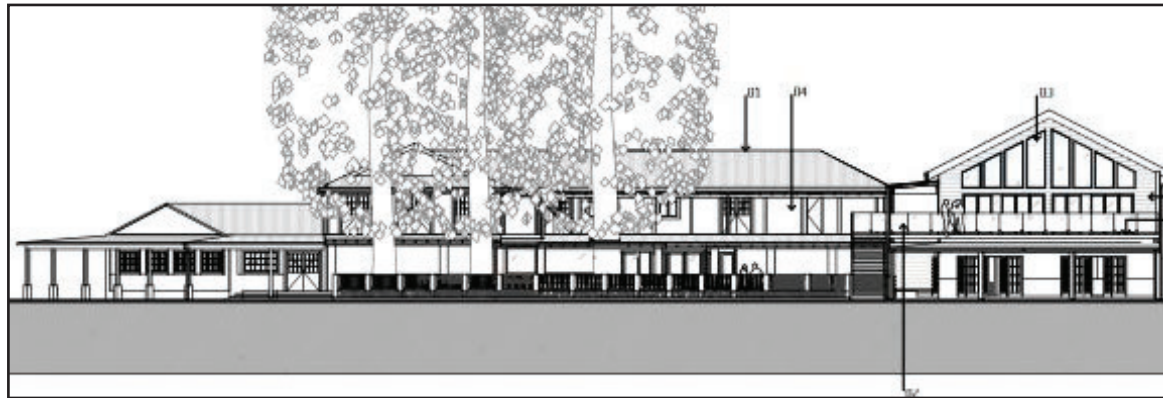
"When it rains or when the weather is poor, we lose a huge portion of our seating.

"With the current hotel's floorplan, we cannot reaccommodate any patrons who need to move from outdoor seating to indoors.

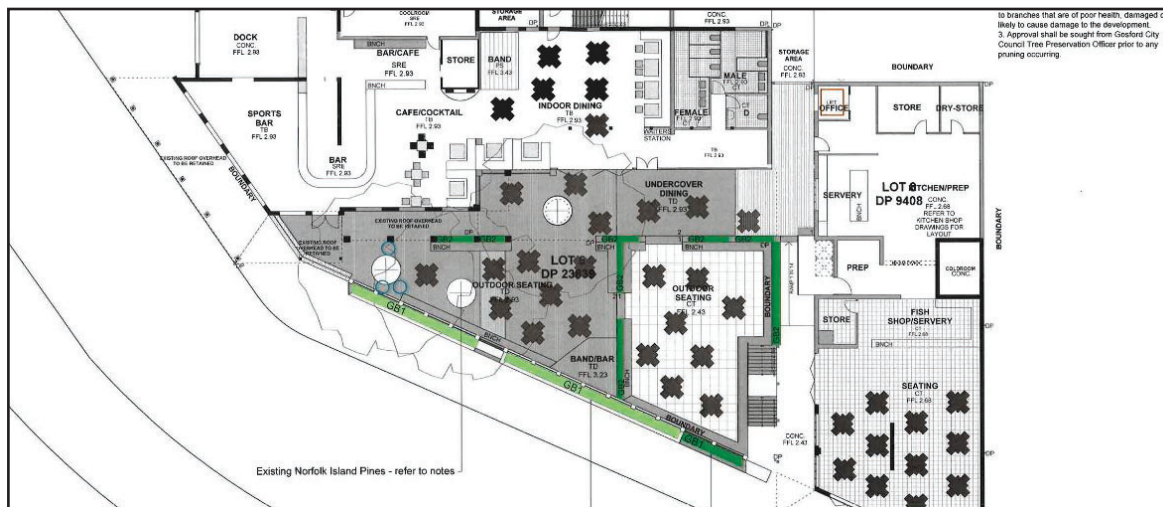
"That's why we're focusing on internal development and expansion," Mr Smith said.

According to Mr Smith, there will be little to no noise impact on the community as the majority of the works proposed were internal.

He said the hotel's licencing regulations would ensure noise generated by live music would not



A proposed view of the expanded hotel from Patonga Beach



A proposed floor plan from the architect report submitted to Gosford Council

impact surrounding residents.

"Our licencing regulations prevent us from playing amplified music in the hotel.

"Additional band stages do not change this and the hotel will not violate its licensing regulations," Mr Smith said.

Mr Smith also said that patronage would not increase to the levels stated by opponents of the proposal.

"There will be an additional 70 seats upstairs and more seating in the fish and chip shop.

"But we will actually be losing seating in the beer garden to accommodate the expansion of the facades," he said.

Mr Smith also outlined that any decisions made in relation to parking were at Gosford Council's discretion.

"Obviously with the expansion, we would love more parking, but how much more, where it will be and the costs associated with it are up to Council.

"We simply submit the DA with what we'd like to do with the site and Council regulates from there," he said.

"The hotel's charm is that it's quaint," Mr Smith said.

"It's got a history.

"People come here to wine and dine and enjoy the views of Patonga Beach."

The development application has received more than 70 opposing submissions on Gosford Council's website.

Interview, 27 Apr 2016
Andrew Smith, Patonga Beach Hotel
Reporter: Dillon Luke

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News

Rotary provides candles at Anzac service

Rotary Woy Woy provided the community with candles to light up the chilly autumn dawn at the Anzac Day dawn service on Monday, April 25.

The supply of candles is an annual tradition started some 21 years ago.

Woy Woy Rotary's community director, Mr Don Tee, said the club was proud to be part of the special event.

"We always have a big contingent of volunteers who are happy to be of service to the community on this sacred

occasion," Mr Tee said.

"This year we handed out 1800 candles and I reckon over the past two decades the number would be over 24,000," he said.

"As always, our coffee cart was very popular.

"The early morning hot cuppas and homemade Anzac biscuits were much appreciated."

After the service, Senator Deborah O'Neill took time to join attendees for a chat and to thank the club for its efforts.

Media release, 27 Apr 2016

Joan Redmond, Rotary Club of Woy Woy



Senator Deborah O'Neill (centre) chatting with president Marie Armstrong and veteran John Regan after the Woy Woy Dawn Service

Council starts clean-up of Ettalong foreshore

Gosford Council will be carrying out clean-up works on Ettalong foreshore from Wednesday, April 27, according to its Director of Community Growth, Ms Judy Jaeger.

"Council has been working together with local residents for a number of years to create a premium foreshore precinct at Ettalong Beach.

"In continuing our ongoing commitment to improve the quality and accessibility of the foreshore precinct, we are responding to

community concerns to conduct important clean-up works to remove the rock contamination on the beach," Ms. Jaeger said.

The foreshore clean-up follows the construction of a \$1.4 million rock revetment wall in Lance Webb Reserve in 2015.

After the wall was built, "issues have been experienced with rock contamination throughout the sand on the foreshore", said Ms Jaeger.

Ms Jaeger said section of beach between Picnic Parade and Schnapper Road will be closed for clean-up efforts and restricted access will be in place from April

27.

It is anticipated that works will take several weeks to complete.

"Council thanks all residents and visitors to the area for their patience and co-operation while these important clean-up efforts are carried out.

"We will continue our work to provide first-rate facilities to the Ettalong Beach community and will keep all community members informed with regular updates as this vital work progresses," Ms. Jaeger added.

Media release, 26 Apr 2016
Judy Jaeger, Gosford Council



Colin Mew and John Perks distribute candles at the dawn service

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Businesses urged to enter for Peninsula awards

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has urged local businesses to participate in the Peninsula Business Awards.

The awards are a "lead-in" to the Central Coast Business Excellence Awards and State NSW Business Chamber Awards.

"The local Chamber awards are an essential pathway for local businesses to compete at both a Regional and State level with entries being received up to Friday, May 22," said Peninsula Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

The local awards will be made on the June 25, in a gala event at the Ettalong Diggers.

This would be an ideal opportunity for local business people to celebrate the strengthening local economy and diversity of businesses, he said.

"There will be a range of

categories for businesses to enter in a simplified and streamlined process created from the alliance between the Central Coast Business Excellence Awards and the NSW Business Chamber.

"Under a coordinated approach, if a local business wins a category at the local Chamber level, it will automatically qualify as a finalist for the regional Central Coast Business Excellence Awards," Mr Wales said.

"This is a great opportunity for businesses to showcase their business and participate in a great local awards process.

"The Peninsula has some of the best businesses on the Central Coast and we want to reward them for their hard work and dedication to the business community," Mr Wales said.

Media release, 27 Apr 2016
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce



Anzac Day honoured with vintage concert

Residents of Peninsula Village Umina honoured Anzac Day with vintage concert entertainment from local community concert band, Tempo Terrific.

Music from the 40s, which included many war songs, brought back many memories and

emotions for some of the residents of the Village.

The residents were entertained with renditions of favourite old songs such as Pack up your Troubles, Nursie, It's a long way to Tipperary and Run Rabbit Run.

Many residents struggle with memory issues and illness but

were able to enjoy singing along to songs of the yesteryear.

Tempo Terrific is a 25-piece volunteer band that is comprised of musicians of various levels who come together to play and entertain at a multitude of functions and events.

Email, 26 Apr 2016
Delma Matheson, Tempo Terrific

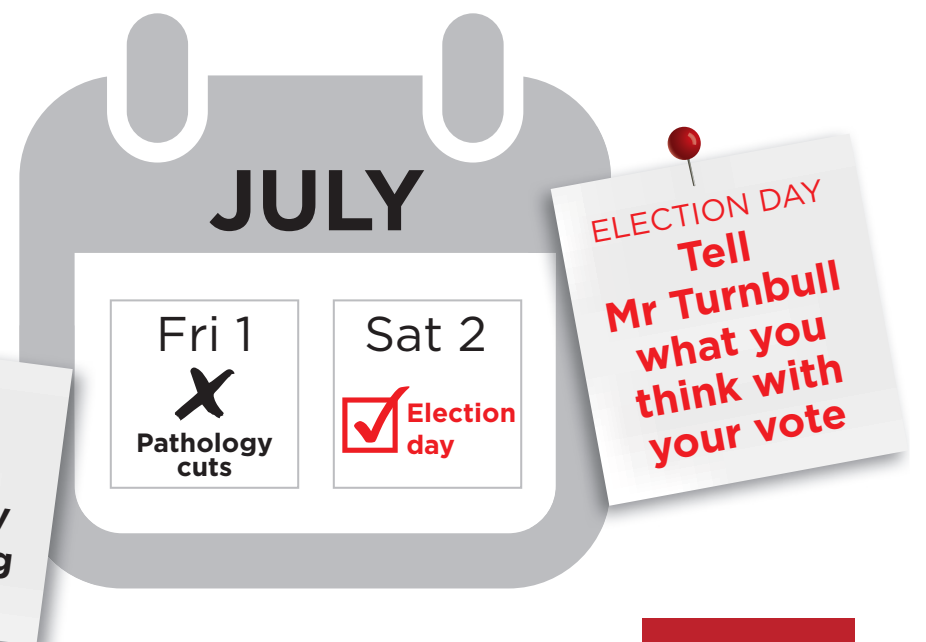


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Groups welcome land sale information as ‘first small step’



A sashed tree in the Jumbuck Crescent reserve

Two community groups have welcomed Gosford Council's decision to make more information available about its proposed community land sale as "a first small step in improved transparency".

However, they have also criticised the lack of information behind council decisions to date.

The council resolved to publish the address and a map showing each lot that has been identified for reclassification and potential sale.

"This is a first step towards some transparency in the process as to date council had not formally advised the community of its intentions," said Ms Sue Chidgey, spokesperson for Save Central Coast Reserves.

"In addition, Council agreed to place a link to the information on the council's website to make it more easily accessible," Ms Chidgey said.

"Council also agreed to adding information on the individual sites as it comes to hand including information about the time-line for submissions and public hearings.

"It is disappointing that the community has had to lobby for over seven months to get even this small amount of transparency around this land sale process.

"We are still not getting a clear picture of the timeline on the process or the terms of reference for the independent consultant that

will be appointed to conduct public hearings.

"Several of the sites have environmental significance which the communities involved hope the consultant will fully assess.

"We would also hope that a good overview of the social benefits of the reserves be included in the consultant's report.

"We strongly believe that several of the sites should not have made the list in the first instance due to these very obvious reasons," Ms Chidgey said.

Ms Jane Smith from the Community Environment Network said: "This is a good outcome to get the addresses and maps on Council's website.

"However, it highlights what information is not available," she said.

"Reports in previous council business papers refer to council's property group undertaking a review of the lands owned by council to establish sites with sale potential.

"The community has asked for the information from that review to be made public.

"However, council has resisted.

"This raises questions about whether this information exists and what assessment was done by council staff in identifying those lands."

Ms Chidgey said: "There are now seven community groups representing a large portion of the targeted sites.

"The communities concerned value their special neighbourhood sites and will argue strongly to retain them for the community and/or the environment now and into the future."

She has invited community members to stay informed about the issue by joining the Save Central Coast Reserves Facebook page or signing up to the CEN email list at www.cen.org.au

Media release, 28 Apr 2016

Sue Chidgey, Save Central Coast Reserves

Jane Smith, Community Environment Network



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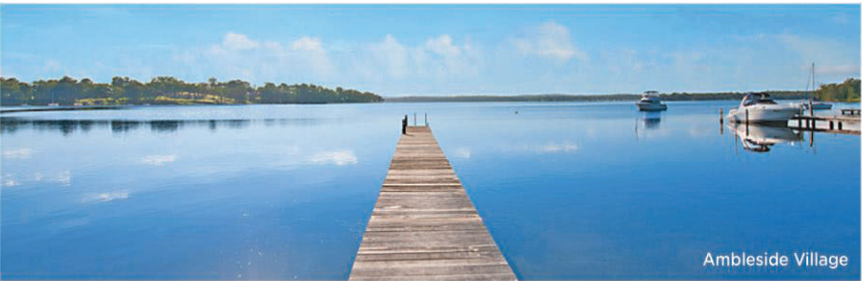
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Call for information about council land sale unsuccessful

The Greens' Cr Hillary Morris has unsuccessfully called for comprehensive information to be provided on the Gosford Council website about the community land it proposes to sell.

She called for the information to include a map and the location of the land, its history and acquisition or purchase date, an environmental impact study and time lines for each part of the process involved in their potential rezoning and sale.

"What we've ended up with is the website home page having a link to the details of all the parcels of land that are being considered for the land sale together with their actual physical address not just the DP and lot number," Cr Morris said.

"What they've agreed to do is just provide the barest minimum information, just the physical address on the website."

The blocks of community land on the Peninsula that are on the council's list for rezoning and potential sale include: lots 195 and 196 Brisbane Ave, Umina; lots 56, 40 and 42 Albion St, Umina; lots

184, 185 and 187 DP 10186, 40 42 and 46 Pozieres Ave, Umina; lot 47 and 48 Sec B, DP 10242, 9 to 11 Mackenzie Ave, Woy Woy; and lot 1 DP 247520 and Lot 372 DP 612274, 10 and 12 Jumbuck Cls Woy Woy.

"Many people in the community have shown interest in the council's land sale," Cr Morris said before a full public gallery at the April 26 Gosford Council meeting.

The proposed land sale was first presented to the councillors at a June 30 Strategy-Policy Workshop meeting.

"The presentation highlighted council's significant property portfolio of some 3200 land parcels," she said in her notice of motion.

"Council's Property Group undertook a review of this portfolio to establish sites with sale potential.

"The sites were considered by the various notional owners within council and then inspected by the executive leadership team and councillors.

"To assist the community in forming a greater understanding of

the lots being considered for sale, background information regarding the parcels should be provided via the council's website.

"This information should already be available as the independent consultant has been provided with the historic, physical, environmental aspects of each property.

"It is only reasonable for the community to also have access to this information," Cr Morris' notice of motion said.

Ms Jane Smith from the Community Environment Network supported the move.

She said there was confusion in the community about which lots council was considering for sale.

"Community members have requested council make available terms of reference for the consultant and the timeframe, but council has not been forthcoming," Ms Smith said.

Cr Morris said: "My aim with this motion is to try to provide the community with some level of information they can access.

"There's a whole lot of stuff that needs to be looked at, such

as the past history of the lots, an environmental study of the land," she said.

"That hasn't been done yet and I would assume that part of the process is to provide the independent consultant with that environmental information," she said.

"Some of the lots you just need to look at and there is nothing on them.

"There is just grass but there are blocks which obviously need to have an Environmental Impact Statement because it is significantly treed."

According to Cr Morris, the stand of paperbark trees at the Jumbuck Close reserve and Banksias at the reserve in Pozieres Ave, Umina make both those reserves worthy of a full environmental analysis before they are reclassified as operational land.

Cr Morris said she attended the majority of site inspections for all 25 lots of land throughout the Gosford local government area that are being considered for potential sale.

"There were some I didn't go to because it was just obvious I would

have been happy to certainly say some of those land parcels could go through the process but we were not given that opportunity," she said.

Councillors were not given the option of voting for individual parcels of land to be included in or excluded from the land sale.

They were required, at two separate council meetings, to vote on lists of reserves for reclassification and/or sale.

"So I said, well I am not going to support it at all," Cr Morris said.

"I did question how we came about identifying the sites but I was advised that it was a rigorous process.

"However, we did not receive any background information on that process.

"What was in the council agenda was what we [the councillors] received before each vote."

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Interview, 27 Apr 2016

Hillary Morris, Gosford Council Reporter, Jackie Pearson

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News



Anne Charlton and Jason Clare with residents in Woy Woy

Labor hosts meeting about NBN failures

Complaints about snowballing problems with the national broadband network roll-out on the Peninsula were at the centre of a recent community meeting organised by the Labor Party in Umina.

The meeting was hosted by the

Labor Party's Federal candidate for Robertson, Ms Anne Charlton, and the Shadow Minister for Communications, Mr Jason Clare. "The Coast's role as a test case for Malcolm Turnbull's version of the information superhighway has proved to be an abject failure," Ms Charlton said.

"After hearing from so many locals about the multitude of problems they are facing when trying to connect to the NBN, it was great to have the Shadow Minister out with me to speak with residents about the failures of this government to deliver the NBN to the Central Coast," she said.

"I have been contacted by dozens of residents who have had their services cut and a complete lack of an adequate response from NBN or the current member for Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks.

"The people here are a living experiment of what a shoddy substitute Malcolm Turnbull's version of the NBN is," Mr Clare said.

"These stories are popping up all over the country and the Liberals are refusing to admit there is a problem" he said.

"Mr Turnbull promised a faster, sooner and cheaper option, but locals have been duded with a failing system," he said.

**Media release, 5 Apr 2016
Anne Charlton, Labor candidate for Robertson**

Petition opposes Patonga Hotel proposal

A petition with 89 signatures was received by Gosford Council regarding the Patonga Hotel development application.

The petitioners stated that a public meeting was held to discuss the development application and that the proposed extensions and expansions of the Patonga Hotel will have an adverse impact on

residents.

They requested that council thoroughly investigate the impacts of the proposed expansion before a decision was made to approve the development application.

The petition was noted and the petitioners told the issues raised would be considered in the assessment of DA48986.

**Gosford Council agenda
GOV.37, 26 Apr 2016**

Some NBN issues at The Bays

The National Broadband Network has been connected to The Bays with mixed results.

Some residents in Horsfield Bay have not reported any issues, according to The Bays Community Group president Mr Bob Puffett.

However, some in Woy Woy Bay and Phegans Bay, who have been waiting for connection since

February, have been told by Telstra that there is an unexplainable issue.

Community members are able to find out whether they are able to join NBN by entering their residential address into the NBN website.

**Newsletter, 18 Apr 2016
Bob Puffett, The Bays Community Association**

Owner warned about roaming dog

A petition with 10 signatures was received by Gosford Council about a nuisance dog in Olive Ave, Phegans Bay.

The petitioners stated that the semi-feral dog had been chasing and mauling local fauna in Olive Ave.

They requested that council encouraged responsible owner control of the animal.

A Gosford Council ranger attended the location and patrolled the street.

The owner was issued with a caution about the roaming dog and advised of possible fines.

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Footpath and road works planned for Melbourne Ave

Residents have been told that footpath and road works will be undertaken on Melbourne Ave, Umina, after they submitted a petition to Gosford Council.

The petition was signed by 243 residents and included a request for Gosford Council to install a footpath and define the road edge along Melbourne Ave.

The petitioners said the road, which was used regularly by motorists, cyclists and pedestrians, was dangerous and unsafe.

They further stated that there were other traffic management issues surrounding the area near Umina Public School.

According to the petition, a footpath should be installed by council along Melbourne Ave from Brisbane Ave to Hobart Ave as a matter of urgency.

They also requested that council undertake a traffic study

during peak periods and review existing safety features of the road surface and markings.

Petitioners were advised that an investigation was undertaken into pedestrian and traffic concerns in Melbourne Ave and at its intersection with Hobart Ave.

A concept plan has been prepared that addressed pedestrian and vehicle movements in this location.

Footpath and kerb and gutter work was likely to be included in the council's next four-year delivery program, which would commence in the 2017-18 financial year.

They were also advised that council's road safety officer was also available to assist in matters of community education regarding safer movement around the school and use of the formalised parking areas at the extreme southern end of Melbourne Ave.

**Gosford Council agenda
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Gallipoli seed planted at The Bays hall

Computer Guy

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Mr Brian Carroll and Mr Bob Puffett have planted a small pine tree outside The Bays community hall for Anzac Day.

The pine tree has been propagated from a seed with origins in Gallipoli.

The memorial tree display, which also contains a pebble from the beach at Gallipoli, will be displayed at the next community breakfast on Sunday, April 24.

**Newsletter, Apr 18, 2016
Bob Puffett, The Bays
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Second building announced for former school site

The NSW minister for finance, services and property, Mr Dominic Perrottet has initiated the latest flurry of debate about the regional performing arts centre ...

Senator upset by school site announcement

The announcement that a second public service office is to be built on the Gosford waterfront is further proof that the Liberals ignored the wishes of the ...

State government not keeping council informed on waterfront

The Central Coast's NSW Government representatives, Mr Scot MacDonald and Mr Adam Crouch, have not directly consulted Gosford Council about their latest...

Council does not yet have a preferred location for PAC

Gosford Council has been in regular contact with the NSW Government during the past 12 months about the location for a regional performing arts centre (PAC), contrary ...

"Just get on and build it" - Crouch

Member for Terrigal, Mr Adam Crouch has written an opinion piece to build community support for the regional performing arts centre to be located on...

Malcolm Brooks challenges Adam Crouch over PAC

Former mayor and Liberal member for Gosford, Mr Malcolm Brooks has issued a challenge to the current Liberal member for Terrigal, Mr Adam Crouch.

Build the PAC on Poppy Park or lose the funding - Crouch

The proposed regional performing arts centre (PAC) for Gosford must be built on the Gosford City Park site (Poppy Park) if Gosford Council wants to

Cultural Hub location was set years ago

Member for Terrigal, Mr Adam Crouch MP has circulated a fact sheet about the proposed performing arts centre to dispel misinformation he said he believed Gosford ...

Privately owned development could be council's choice for PAC

A regional performing arts centre integrated into the privately owned Waterside Development on the corner of Mann St and Georgiana Terrace is currently Gosford Council's

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Rehabilitation centre forced to turn away hundreds of women

Wadalba based women's drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre, Kamira, is continuing a seven year battle for increased funding to better meet the demand for its services.

Another motor registry closed

The Entrance Motor Registry closed its doors for the last time on Thursday, April 21.

Three parcels of council land approved for sale

Three parcels of council land have been approved for sale by Wyong Council as part of Stage Four of its property portfolio review project update.

Transparency statements ruled out of order

The 2016 national general assembly of local government in Canberra will be attended by representatives of Wyong Council following a vote at its April 13 general meeting.

Additional poultry shed with 42,000 chickens approved

A new poultry shed with the potential to house 42,000 chickens will be built at an existing poultry farm at Springs Rd, Kulnura after Wyong Council approved the development application on April 13.

Flood mitigation work in Wyong now complete

Five stages of major works through Wyong's central business district have just reached completion, setting the stage for the revitalisation of the town centre

Parchem fined over toxic chemical spill

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has issued a \$15,000 fine to Parchem Construction Supplies Pty Ltd after a chemical spill at the company's premises in Wyong.

Bateau Bay park saved from being sold

Wyong's three Labor councillors, Cr Lisa Matthews, Cr Ken Greenwald and Cr Doug Vincent, and the independent Cr Bob Graham, voted successfully to stop the sale of a local park in Bateau Bay at the April 13 council meeting.

McNamara claims two campaigns running against her

Member for Dobell, Ms Karen McNamara MP has issued a media statement about "union damage to private property".

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Our trains sacrificed for Sydney late-running statistics

I want to bring attention to an issue currently impacting all Central Coast train commuters.

I live in Woy Woy and have commuted to Sydney for the last seven years, as has my wife.

Over the last 12 months there has been an increasing number of instances where an express train such as the 7:47am departing Woy Woy to Wynyard via North Shore line, being held up to allow an all stations train to go in front.

This results in the express train being delayed by up to 15 minutes by the time it arrives in the city.

This often happens when the Coast train arrives at Berowra.

There will be an all stations train sitting on another platform and although our train is clearly ready to depart and on time, the all stations train is instructed to proceed before us.

The Coast train then has to crawl along behind the all stations train.

Over the last six months this has become frequent and happens to Coast trains travelling down the north shore line in the morning two or three times a week.

I wrote a complaint to Sydney Rail.

I was contacted by customer

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service who politely thanked me for my feedback and gave me the generic response that the control room has to take many trains and the entire network into consideration when making decisions around train priority.

The frequency has continued to increase in the last three months.

Last week as our morning train approached the Hornsby platform the driver announced that he was being forced to stop and wait while the all stations train overtook us.

This made absolutely no sense. If it had been a case of our train running late I would understand.

This was not the case and we actually stopped and waited for three or four minutes for the all

stations train to reach Hornsby and overtake us.

We then proceeded to crawl down the north shore line following the all stations train and arrived at Wynyard 15 minutes late again.

Shortly after the all stations train was put in front of us I contacted the driver and asked him what possible logic the control room would have to stop our train and let an all stations train in front of us.

The response shocked me. He advised me he was equally frustrated.

He said that Sydney Rail late train reporting did not apply to inter-city trains.

Apparently the arrival times of Central Coast trains and commuters is of no concern to Sydney trains and the Transport Minister.

In their eyes, we are clearly second class citizen of low or no importance.

I find this situation absolutely appalling, especially given the high number and heavy reliance of Central Coast commuters on the train system.

We need someone to stand up on our behalf and right this wrong.

Email, 10 Apr 2016
Alex Fraser, Woy Woy

Underpass is matter of road safety

Woy Woy Rd is the main artery to the Peninsula.

With the railway underpass now closed for weeks and with no work started to the "urgent repair", Bulls Hill is and has always been a traffic problem.

There were two accidents on the hill on Saturday, April 23, a car rolled at the bottom and a collision at the top.

Drainage at the top of Woy Woy Rd is poor and water flows freely over the road in several places, mostly on the bend.

Last night (April 26) a tree fell on a car travelling down the hill with three children aboard. Amazingly no one was injured but a few seconds here or there and they would have been killed.

The road was closed for several hours but the information available to travellers was lacking.

They had to go to the Bays area from Woy Woy via West Gosford.

In 2007, when the hill road

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collapsed due to poor drainage, we waited four months for repair work that should then have included all the tree canopies and old stumps to be removed.

Gosford Council and the RMS have a duty of care.

Does someone have to die for them to realise this is a major black spot?

The State Government has shut the door on funding to complete the closure of the railway crossing and straighten these roads to avoid cars rolling over the edges that have no barriers.

Lucy Wicks and Gosford Council take note.

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Email, 27 Apr 2016

Lindy Simmons, The Bays

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The Chamber will not be silent on key issues

I refer to comments made by Gosford Councillor, Ms Gabbie Bowles, in relation to the cost blow out for the Woy Woy Rail underpass (Peninsula News, 17 Apr 2016).

Cr Bowles is quick to criticise the Chamber for "having a go again" over this issue but she seems to fail to understand the implications of the spiralling costs and the delays in the project.

Nobody denies that the removal of the Woy Woy level crossing is an important and necessary infrastructure project.

The Chamber supported the announcement in 2011 during the State election campaign but on the proviso that it was properly costed and approved.

This project was neither of

these.

For Cr Bowles to say that it is not unusual for there to be "back and forth" between different levels of Government when a project is between major steps is an understatement.

Liaison between the State Government and Gosford Council is to be expected but it is entirely unexpected to be deliberating over a doubling in cost and a shortfall of \$53 million.

This situation has only arisen because the project was costed without any approved design, without any quantities and without any clear understanding of how the underpass was to be implemented.

In her defence of the bungled project, Cr Bowles has called the Chamber's criticisms unhelpful and accused us of neglecting the needs of Woy Woy's business

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owners.

Quite to the contrary, the Chamber will not be silent on key issues such as the Woy Woy underpass when it has direct implications for the wider business community not just Woy Woy.

If poor decisions are being made, then part of the Chamber's role is to highlight those issues and ensure that the best result is salvaged.

The Chamber has always been an active advocate for the Woy Woy town centre from planning reform, town centre upgrades and support for infrastructure and traffic management.

The Chamber is there to lobby for these issues unlike Cr Bowles who is elected by the community to get on with the job of implementing these projects.

So rather than criticise the Chamber for supposedly ignoring Woy Woy, the Council should be ensuring that it directs more ratepayer funds to the Peninsula and fix our town centres, kerb and gutter our streets and provide stormwater drainage that actually

works.

Cr Bowles is right when she says that the Woy Woy underpass process and costing has not been perfect.

She's also right when she says it should be further down the track (jokes aside).

But don't shoot the messenger.

It wasn't the Chamber who proposed the project.

It wasn't the Chamber who costed the project out.

It wasn't the Chamber who caused the delays.

It wasn't even Gosford City Council's project.

It was always the project of the former State Member for Gosford, Mr Chris Holstein, and now we are paying the hefty price.

Email, 27 Apr 2016

Matthew Wales, Peninsula
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Flooding problem is widespread

Last month I wrote into the paper with several pictures and a statement about flooding issues occurring in

Woy Woy.

I would like to revise and retract the statement I made concerning granny flats where I commented that I believed that the construction of granny flats seemed to be unregulated.

Shortly after writing this information, I learned that there are regulations regarding granny flats.

Granny flats must have a water tank to collect rain water from the gutters and are only allowed to be a certain percentage of the size of the main building.

They cannot be more than 60 metres squared and have to have land and yard area of at least 24 metres squared.

Furthermore, on the topic of

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flooding, this problem seems to be quite widespread across the Woy Woy Peninsula.

There is a Facebook group, Woy Woy Peninsula Floods, which you can join to receive regular updates and share information and pictures with the community.

I have formed a working and action group with residents in the area.

Those interested in joining and receiving updates or working with the group can send their email and contact details to peninsulafloods@yahoo.com.

Email, 18 Apr 2016

Tony Maddern, Umina Beach

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Add to this an ever growing baby and there is a lot of postural strain and a change in mum's centre of gravity.

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supportive seat whilst breast feeding and maintaining good posture will help to minimise these effects.

Carrying the baby on one hip, getting them in and out of car seats, prams, baths and cots all contribute to extra strain placed on your body.

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The secret to long life may be found at Woy Woy

For those searching for the secret to long life, an aged care facility in Woy Woy may be a good place to start.

The Blue Wave Living aged care facility is home to the exclusive "500 club", with five women who have all lived to the age of 100.

The oldest of the group is 103-year-old Ms Mollie Bonamy, who was born January 2, 1913, in Summer Hill, NSW.

Ms Bonamy moved to Umina at the age of 90 to be closer to her daughter and grandson.

The self-professed baby of the group is 100-year-old Ms Millie Platt, who is a former ballerina and could do the splits until she was 80 years old.

Ms Platt was born in England and left school at the age of 15 to become a machinist sewing uniforms for World War II.

She immigrated to Australia in 1967 and has two daughters, five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Ms Platt said her secret to a long life was staying fit, as she still exercised every morning.

Another member of the "500 club" was 102-year-old former bookkeeper Ms Dorothy Lucas, who settled in Umina with her husband on retirement.

Ms Lucas said giving time and kindness were her secret to long life and they did not cost a thing.

Just one day younger than Ms Lucas is 102-year-old Ms Gladys Boughton who was born in Bathurst.

Ms Boughton has seven children but said she had lost count of all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ms Boughton left school at 13 to work in a clothing factory as a seamstress, and was still knitting for Gosford Hospital at 100 years old.

She said her secret to a long life was walking and eating fresh fruit and vegetables, though she said there was never a choice as you ate what was given to you or went hungry.

Completing the "500 club" is

101-year-old Ms Phyllis Jacobson from Clyde.

Ms Jacobson worked at David Jones as a bridal dressmaker, and she can still be found behind a sewing machine at Blue Wave Living.

Her secret to long life is just to be happy and keep busy.

These five women have lived through World War I, World War II and the Great Depression.

Some of them walked across the Sydney Harbour Bridge on the day it was opened.

They lived during a time when everything you ate came from your own backyard, your clothes were either hand-me down or homemade and owning a toy doll was a luxury.

Interview, 20 Apr 2016

Mollie Bonamy, Dorothy Lucas, Gladys Boughton, Phyllis Jacobson and Millie Platt, Blue Wave Living residents
Reporter: Jasmine Gearie



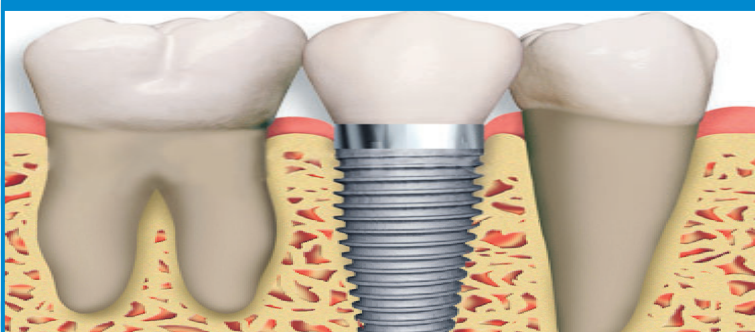
From left standing Millie Platt, Phyllis Jacobson, Gladys Boughton, wheelchair Molly Bonamy, chair Dorothy Lucas

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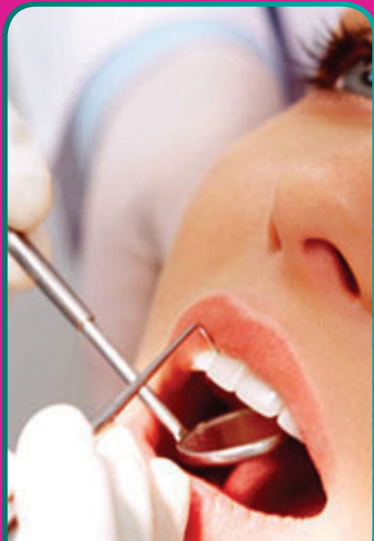
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Woy Woy resident starts alternative high school

Woy Woy resident Ms Gab McIntosh has started a new alternative high school for students who struggle with mainstream schooling.

Catering for students in Years 8 to 12, the school will offer a more relaxed approach to learning, she said.

There would be no exams or homework in school, Eagle Arts and Vocational College, with more focus put on sport and art.

Ms McIntosh, who is school principal, said it would suit students with anxiety issues or who have experienced bullying.

The college is based at the Kincumber Youth Centre with a free pick up service for Peninsula students.

"We are currently looking for students.

"We are very small, having only 20 students when full.

"Interested parents or guardians should express interest as soon as possible," Ms McIntosh said.

The school will be free and will operate eight days a fortnight.

**Email, 18 Apr 2016
Gab McIntosh, Eagle Arts and Vocational College**



Students in attendance at the Pearl Beach March photo courtesy of Umina Beach Public School.

School attends Anzac march

Umina Beach Public School attended the Anzac Day march at Pearl Beach.

Students were out in force

to commemorate the 101st anniversary of the Anzacs' storming Gallipoli.

Many students had relatives or loved ones in the March.

The school also hosted its own Anzac Day service on April 27.

**Newsletter, 26 Apr 2016
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School**

Teacher runs Sahara marathon

A teacher from Ettalong Public School spent the school holidays trekking through the Sahara Desert in the fabled Marathon De Sables.

Ms Bronwyn Hull battled through the marathon, known as the toughest footrace on earth, enduring six days and 257 kilometres in the Sahara with 1000 other runners.

More than 10 per cent of runners in the 2016 event dropped out, unable to cope with the intense conditions.

Relieving principal Ms Lynn Balfour said that, after enduring the marathon, extra playground duty should be a piece of cake for Kindergarten's "bionic woman".

**Newsletter, 27 Apr 2016
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School**

Awarded for dedication to Scouting

Ms Kylie-Ann Scott has received her 2016 community service award from the Rotary Club of Umina Beach for her dedication to Scouting.

"Umina Rotarians are well aware of her abilities, as we have had several previous successful contacts with her and her Sea Scouts," said club community services awards coordinator, Mr Glen Scorer at the awards dinner.

"We already know that several years back she and her family came to Woy Woy and in searching for youth activities found a vacant looking Sea Scout hall.

"So sleeves up and starting at bottom, Kylie-Ann trained and kept training to gain qualifications in various positions of Scouting," he said.

"She ruffled some current committee members feathers to some extent, banished old

equipment and got new and extra sponsors.

"Scouting numbers increased and the age groups grew to four and there is now a waiting list of recruits.

"The variety and quality of the boating at Woy Woy Sea Scouts

has also improved.

"Capable volunteer helpers are still in demand," he said, calling Ms Scott a worthy recipient of her community service award.

**Email, 18 Apr 2016
Rod Radford, Umina Beach Rotary Club**

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Art on show

Residents of Woy Woy will have an opportunity to meet some of the Peninsula's artists in an art show, at the Bays Community Hall on

July 23-24. Artists whose work will be on display include: Bronwyn Van Der Graft, Karen Bloomfield, Russell Austin, Helen Mortimer, Graeme

Balchin and Max Streeter. The show is being organised by the Bays Community Group and entry is by a gold coin donation. Email, 26 Apr 2016 Jim Doe, Bays Community Group



Graham Balchin will exhibit at The Bays



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Fourth exhibition at Killcare gallery

A Killcare art gallery has just commenced its fourth exhibition including a number of local artists to its line up.

There are now over 100 works on display at the Horizons at Killcare Gallery of Art, which will hold a special Meet the Artist afternoon from 1pm to 3pm on Saturday, May 7.

“At that time many of our

outstanding talents will be at the gallery to chat and offer advice and insights into their works,” said gallery manager Mr Brendon Weston.

The gallery is located on the upper level of Killcare Surf Club.

The gallery will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 3pm.

Media release, 28 Apr 2016
Brendon Weston, Horizons at Killcare Gallery of Art



Bays locals appreciating the artwork in the bus shelter

Wine, cheese and art

The annual Bays wine, cheese and art event will open on Friday, July 22.

This year's featured artists are Graham Balchin, Helen Mortimer, Max Streeter, Bronwyn Van Der Graft, Russell Austin and Karen

Bloomfield.

The exhibition will run until July 24 and tickets will be available for purchase soon.

Newsletter, Apr 26, 2016
Bob Puffett, The Bays Community Group

Creative artwork on bus shelter

The Phegans Bay bus shelter has been refurbished to include creative work.

The Bays Community Group president Mr Bob Puffett said: “The artwork, scenes and children’s

creative work is stunning.

“Our bus shelters are quite unique and add to the sense of community here in The Bays,” he said.

“A big thank you to Mr Jim Doe,

Mr Steve Lavis and all those who came and helped tidy up the site.”

Newsletter, 18 Apr 2016
Bob Puffett, The Bays Community Association

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Marie Byles

Biography of Marie Byles launched on May 1

Bouddi residents will have the opportunity to learn about one of the area's most prominent historical figures, Ms Marie Byles, in a book launch at the Maitland Bay Centre on May 1, 2016.

Hosted by Killcare Wagstaffe Trust, author Ms Anne McLeod will be on hand at the launch to sign autographed copies of the biography of Ms Byles life.

Ms Byles, who lived from 1900 to 1979, was a "heretic of the orthodox" who put tremendous effort into the campaign that secured the original section of land that grew into Bouddi National

Park, according to Ms McLeod.

She said Ms Byles was the first female solicitor to practice in NSW in 1924 and was a dynamic presence on the Coast, often seen hiking through the fern gully into Maitland Bay.

For many years after the plot of land was secured Ms Byles was a trustee of the Bouddi Trust and organised many activities such as working bees and walking tracks to generate interest in the area.

Ms Byles also has a commemorative lookout on The Scenic Rd in Killcare Heights.

Email, 24 Apr, 2016
Peta Colebatch, WTKCA

Active volunteer receives community service award

Mary Mac's Place volunteer Ms Robyn Carr has received a community service award from the Rotary Club of Umina Beach.

According to Mr Glen Scorer, who coordinated the Umina Rotary Club's 2016 community service awards, Ms Carr was married with two children and employed in the NSW Police Force.

He said she spent her extra time

volunteering for Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy, church fund raising, working in school and sporting canteens, state and federal work with Crime Stoppers and 45 years with the Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

"As well as that, every 12 months, time is spent organising an annual golf day with sponsors, entries, prizes, meals, to raise funds for the sports club," Mr

Scorer said.

Ms Carr also helped surf life savers with their Bronze Medallions, attended many carnivals with their early starts and late finishes, and participated in business and committee meetings and coaching and instruction groups.

Email, 18 Apr 2016
Rod Radford, Rotary Club of Umina Beach Inc



Robyn Carr (second from front on left) with her supporters at the Umina Rotary Club annual community service awards dinner

Man charged with threatening passengers

A man has been charged after allegedly threatening passengers on a train south of Woy Woy on Sunday, April 17.

The 32-year-old man boarded a northbound train at Hornsby at about 9:50am and made numerous

threats, causing distress to some passengers.

The man exited the train at Woy Woy railway station and was arrested a short distance away by police from Brisbane Water Local Area Command.

The man was taken to Gosford Police Station where he

was charged with giving false information, person/property in danger and interfere with comfort or safety of others.

He was refused bail and appeared at Gosford Local Court on Monday, April 18.

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Morning tea in church hall

The Uniting Church is supporting cancer research by having a **Biggest Morning Tea in Ettalong Church Hall on Sunday, May 15.**

In addition to the morning tea, items for sale will include plants, craft and cooking.

The Biggest Morning Tea will commence at 10:30am and the

hall is located on Picnic Parade, Ettalong.

A fashion parade will also be held on the Ettalong Church Hall on Wednesday, June 8.

The parade will feature winter clothes from Sarongs in Ettalong with afternoon tea to follow.

Email, 27 Apr 2016
Annette Strong, Uniting Church



From right Umina Rotary president Shane, Julie Aitchison and Glen Scorer

Rotary presents award for history project

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach Inc has presented Ms Julie Aitchison with a **Community Service Award for her project on the first 50 years of Umina.**

As reported in the last edition of Peninsula News, Ms Aitchison was one of three community service award recipients from the Umina Rotary Club for 2016.

Club community service coordinator Mr Glen Scorer said the club had been impressed by the film resulting from Ms Aitchison's project that was "A result of hours spent over five years researching."

Ms Aitchison said she believed the project had been made easier as a result of a \$4000 grant from the Royal Australian Historical

Society.

She also generated another \$4000 by designing and selling calendars.

Mr Scorer referred to highlights from Ms Aitchison's research including the fact that a local developer Mr Charles Staples had wanted the area to be named Ocean Beach but its first official name was Umina.

"From sandhill squatters in 1914, official surveys were made by several and various city estate agents to sell residential blocks," Mr Scorer said.

"From such humble beginnings

Umina became the most densely populated area in the Gosford Local Government Area," he said.

"The resultant film of 77 minutes, shown at Cinema Paradiso during the 2015 Oyster Festival, was the work of Skip Films.

"It came from Julie's three-months, three days a week effort, examining many still photos and getting them in sequence to tell the story of Umina, a story valuable and interesting to thousands of residents," he said.

Email, 18 Apr 2016
Rod Radford, Umina Beach Rotary Club

Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Mr Scot MacDonald has reminded residents to have their say on the Hawkesbury Shelf marine bioregion assessment.

"The NSW Government has extended the consultation period by two weeks, in order to provide coastal communities extra time to have their say," Mr MacDonald said.

"Following the establishment of the Marine Estate Management Authority and the Marine Estate Expert Knowledge Panel, the Authority is undertaking a comprehensive assessment of the Hawkesbury bioregion," Mr

MacDonald said.

The assessment and discussion paper are now on public display until May 8, an extension of two weeks.

"I encourage the community to provide feedback on these initiatives," Mr MacDonald said.

Submissions close on Sunday, May 8, and can be made online at www.marine.nsw.gov.au, via email at contact.us@marine.nsw.gov.au or by post to Submission Hawkesbury Shelf Marine Bioregion Initiative, NSW DPI, Locked Bag 1, Nelson Bay, NSW 2315.

Media release, 28 Apr 2016
Mitchell Cutting, Office of Scot MacDonald

Bushcare group meets on Saturday

The Pretty Beach Bushcare group will be holding a **Saturday morning weed busting morning on May 14.**

The group usually meets each Monday afternoon at the boat ramp end of the Pretty Beach Dog

Track but the Saturday morning is scheduled for those who cannot commit to weekday activities.

The group caters for all levels of fitness.

The Saturday morning weeding will run from 8:30am to 10:30am

and will give participants an opportunity to learn about native plants and how to rid the site and their own gardens of weeds.

Newsletter, 12 Apr 2016
Robyn Warburton, Pretty Beach Bushcare

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ROAD RUNNER Leisure Tours

Directory - Not for profit Community Organisations

Art
Ettalong Beach Art & Crafts Centre
Adult classes in Pottery Watercolours, Oils, Acrylics, Pastels, Silvercraft, Patchwork & Quilting Children's Art & Pottery Mon – Sat 10am – 3pm 4341 8344 madogis@hotmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

Community Groups ABC "The Friends"
Support group for Public Broadcaster. Aims: Safeguard ABC's independence, adequate funding, high standards. Meetings through the year + social afternoons Well-known guest speakers www.fabnsw.org.au 4341 5170

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

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

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

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

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

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

Seniors Computer Club Central Coast
Classes held Monday to Friday for everyone over 50 Basics: Mon , Tues and Thurs 10am to 12noon Different programs every day, 10am to 12noon or 1pm to 3pm Apple-Mac: Mon, Tues, Wed All at our club rooms, Kincumber Neighbourhood Centre Bookings or inquiries 02 4369 5692

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

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

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

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

Environment Peninsula

Environment Group
Environmental projects, (incl. Woytopia), Woy Woy community garden, social events, workshops, organic food buying group www.peg.org.au

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ParaQuad
Specialist healthcare products home delivered for all continence, wound care, respiratory and nutrition requirements - Professional Clinic Support avail. 1300 886 601

www.brightsky.com.au
Peninsula Village Wellness Centre
Offering holistic and complementary therapies including aromatherapy, massage and music therapy 4344 9199

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marine Central Coast Rescue Unit
Marine Education Courses. Radio Licenses, Boat Safety & Boat License & PWC License Tests, Navigation, Seamanship and Meteorology. 4325 7929 www.vmrnc.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
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

Politics in the Pub Central Coast
Discussion of important political, social, economic, education, land philosophy issues in a non partisan manner - The Grange Hotel 4th Thur every month besides Dec

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
International service club improves lives of communities in Aust. & o/ seas. Fun-filled activities, fellowship and friendship.
Rotary Club of Kariong
Phillip House, 21 Old Mount Penang Rd, Fri 7.15am 4340 4529 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
Running classes, workshops, demonstrations, exhibitions and social events - Annual exhibitions in May and December info@ccpotters.org 4324 5343

Central Coast Soaring Club Inc
Gliding Club, Learn to fly, Instruction FREE to members Come and have an Air Experience Flight All Welcome 14 and up for Training

Flying at Bloodtree Road Mangrove Mountain Thur, Sat, Sun (weather permitting) 0412 164 082 0414 635 047 www.ccsoaring.com.au
Sport

Woy Woy Judo Club
3 Classes every Tue & Fri 5.00pm 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 F(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 0414 576 366 - 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.ccowhc.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.

War is a barbarity that mangles both sides

Thinking about Anzac Day, my stepfather Captain TD Rennie MC, King's Regiment, British Army, was awarded the Military Cross for heroism and leadership exhibited while lying mangled in the crater of the landmine that had just blown off his left leg, a chunk of his right leg, and his testicle amongst other wounds.

He never spoke of the inevitability of war.

He did not fight for war's glory.

He was fighting the Nazis because they were racist, undemocratic, anti-worker, anti-everything-that-is-decent.

He regarded war as a barbarity that our infantile civilisation had yet to learn how to avoid.

I still share this view, although I have additionally learned that the US economy disproportionately relies on its military-industrial complex and that military-oriented multinationals are disproportionately influential in the US Congress; and that this complex, duplicated in some other countries, disproportionately profits from wars.

War is profit, wealth, privilege and power.

Forum

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Peninsula News

PO Box 1056, Gosford 2250 or
editorial@centralcoastnews.net

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Where, for example, does ISIS get its guns, rockets and ammunition?

My mother was always an activist in the peace movement.

At the time that our craven Government was tugging its forelock and declaring "All the way with LBJ" and forcing young Australians into the armed forces to enforce a series of French and US betrayals of solemn undertakings given to the Vietnamese people, she (and I by now) were protesting, along with hundreds of thousands of others, against conscription and the Vietnam War.

Key to our protest was our persistent attempts to have the government stop sending

Australian combat troops because we knew some would die in this rotten war, many would be wounded, and many more would return damaged mentally and emotionally from experiences no man or woman should be subjected to.

When I visit Anzac Cove and the northern battlefields of France, I reassemble the battles in my mind and try to imagine what formed the raw courage and tensile mateship that saw these amazingly courageous troops take on the enemy and the relentless hardships and diseases.

But, it is also true, that I spend as much time thinking through the economic-political-imperialistic war-mongering and profiteering that generates war in the first place.

The most obvious, because Bush was a fritter-brain, was our invasion of Iraq.

You will remember the often told lie, relentlessly spun by Murdoch's expansive media, that Iraq was stuffed full of "weapons of mass destruction" and this legitimised our mass killing and destruction of Iraq; and as we have now learned, spawned a series of extremist organisations that want us sent to hell.

Iraq and Vietnam are not the only wars based on lies.

Most, if not all, are based on the self-interest of the powerful, especially that section of the powerful who already have untold riches and simply want more.

Pure greed.

So on most Anzac Days, despite my atheism, I attend the Dawn Service and endure the constant glorification of God and the erroneous lesson that we "grew up" as a nation in our efforts at Gallipoli.

I think of the armed personnel who did us so proud, and defended our hard-fought liberties.

And I think of the barbarity that is war, and the people who generate wars.

I think of the peaceful egalitarianism where women and

men, all races and religions and atheists, are provided with the necessary opportunities to learn and grow.

I think of opportunities for them to participate in a political economy that cares for common good and community as much as it cares for individuality.

I think of a future being shaped by a deliberative democracy in which the people express their views of a preferred future and the government's job is to see that that future is delivered.

War is a barbarity that mangles both sides, while making the perpetrators fantastically wealthy and politically powerful.

Email, 25 Apr, 2016
Van Davy, Pearl Beach

Where is the scoreboard and clock?

I was awoken at 3am on Sunday morning, April 24, by a tremendous storm which I thought might put a dampener on the first League games to be played at our new oval.

But no, the good Lord decided to shine on us and, although at times it was overcast, sunny periods made for a most wonderful day.

Forum

The new grandstand has a few short-comings, but for \$8.5 million what can you expect?

I think the biggest drawback, and one which was promised by Lucy Wicks only a fortnight ago, is the lack of a scoreboard.

One would think that the score is one of the major factors in any

sport.

Also, it could incorporate a clock so we know how long until half or full time.

Perhaps Mr Anderson could put the his and hers puppy palms and some of the monstrous blocks of sandstone on eBay and get one built.

Email, 27 Apr 2016
Fred Charles, Woy Woy

"A man who stops advertising to save money is like a man who stops a clock to save time."

- Henry Ford

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

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Each additional cm is only an additional \$4 + GST, colour is \$6 + GST and a photograph or logo is an additional \$6 + GST.

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Private advertisements only cost \$33.

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Artwork is free and advertisers are encouraged to change their advertisements frequently.

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A premium VIP online business advertisement on GosfordClassifieds.com.au only costs \$299 + GST for 3 months, \$399 + GST for 6 months and, \$499 + GST for 12 months.

It costs a similar amount to go on any one of the other nine Sydney based websites as well, or only \$1699 + GST for all sites for 12 months.

The other sites cover Bondi, Manly, Newtown, Cronulla, South Sydney, St George, West Sydney, North Sydney, Wollongong and suburbs surrounding those areas.

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To be in all three newspapers as well as online costs \$795 + GST for 3 months, \$1395 + GST for 6 months and \$1899 + GST for 12 months.

See page 2 for contact details.

All newspaper advertisements have a minimum of two weeks' shelf life.

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for online Central Coast
classified advertisements

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Antenna & Digital Installations & Tuning
New home specialist
Credit cards OK
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All areas
Gosford 4323 6367
Woy Woy 4344 4414
Warnervale 1800 244 456
0412 685 555

Hawkins T.V. Service
Antenna sales and installations
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4341 8860 - 4341 7332
0473 468272
23 Wallaby Street, BLACKWALL

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0458 130 829
4341 1346
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Maryanne
0403 505 812

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Experience Folk Music at its best at
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Progress Hall @ 7.30pm
Henry Parry Drive
MAY 14
Bush Dance
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www.ccbdma.org for more information
Enq: 4344 6484

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Sport



Lions in second place in championships

After four rounds of the Central Coast 2016 Rugby Union competition, Woy Woy Lions are in second place in the club championships, their best start in many years

Vice president John Kenney said: "I can go back 18 years and this is far and away the best position we have been in at this stage.

"This is most exciting as the championship points reflect the performances of all three grades and the Under 19s.

"It's great this has coincided with the opening of the new facilities at Woy Woy Oval which are helping us attract new players to the code.

"It is the first time in several

seasons we have fielded a full Under 19 squad."

In a memorable day for the club, playing at the new oval for the first time in front of a large crowd on April 16, the Lions won all three grades against Kariong.

Apart from spectators' new amenities, the club was delighted with the playing surface which showed no signs of wear from scrummaging and dressing rooms which would be the envy of most Sydney clubs.

Junior club president Sarah Doake-Stride was equally as enthusiastic.

"It was a buzz seeing all three sides win but watching the seven-year-olds walk out hand in hand with the firsts then seeing

them playing at half time was the highlight of the day for me," she said.

The Lions followed up wins in first grade and reserve grade against the much improved Lakes club on April 23.

All three grades have now won three of their four games.

Man of the match awards in both first grade fixtures were won by local juniors, flanker Lapana Vitale and centre Wade Hannell.

With back-rowers Feleti Atiola and Chris Paseka slowly getting to full fitness the match with leaders Terrigal was expected to provide a pointer to the play offs in August.

**Media release, 28 Apr 2016
Peter Fenton, Woy Woy Rugby Union Club**



Anzac Day success at bowling club

Anzac Day commemorations at Woy Woy Bowling Club were a resounding success with the club raising \$300 for its favourite charity, Central Coast Kids in Need.

The celebrations kicked off with bowls in the morning followed by a memorial service, a barbecue lunch and two-up in the afternoon. Bowls Presidents Mr Jim

Cassidy and Ms Di Elsom laid wreaths as part of the service and Mr Greg Jay looked after the flag ceremony.

Mr Felix Seady, at 98 years of age, was the master of ceremonies while a poignant poem entitled Mates was recited after the Last Post.

Email, 25 Apr, 2016

Ken Dixon, Woy Woy Bowling Club



Women's masters bring home bronze

Killcare's Masters Women's Boaties have won a bronze medal at the 2016 Aussies championship.

The team consisted of Sarah Doake-Stride, Megan Sheppard, Judy Smith, Lisa Mount and Mel Smith.

Nine teams clashed during the event all keen to take home the

medal, with the Boaties dominating in the first and second heats.

The Boaties made it all the way to the finals and in a tight race between Killcare and Avalon, came out a nose behind taking third place and the bronze.

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Email, 22 Apr 2016

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Umina FC on the attack



Southern Ettalong fighting for the ball



Umina taking possession

Crowd attends Peninsula derby

A crowd of between 600 and 700 attended the traditional Anzac Day Peninsula derby between the Southern-Ettalong and Umina soccer clubs at James Browne Oval, Woy Woy.

Prior to the match, the two clubs combined for an impressive and dignified Anzac tribute.

Both teams were sitting in the bottom half of the table with one win apiece.

The eventual two-all draw would

not have satisfied either.

It was a fast-paced match that was closely contested throughout.

The two teams traded goals around the 20-minute mark with the opening goal from Umina's Chris Powell quickly cancelled out by SEU's Keith Gumbs who celebrated with typical Caribbean flair.

Umina received a double blow early in the second half with an injury forcing Hugo Vidal-Membrado off the field followed by the dismissal of captain Nathan

Moseley for a second yellow card offence in the 65th minute.

Defender Matt Mitchell capitalised on the advantage with a precise strike in the 75th minute that looked to have clinched the win.

A number of great saves, the Umina goalkeeper kept his side in the match before a brilliant 30-metre drive from Hayden Mole grabbed a late point for the Sea Eagles.

Website, 25 Apr 2016
Central Coast Football

Bowlers raise \$1700

Bowlers at Woy Woy have raised over \$1700 in April for Central Coast Kids in Need.

This brings the amount raised for 2016 over \$5400 with 86 bowlers attending the Sporties at Woy Woy fundraiser on Sunday, April 17.

The Speedykeys Spider Glass

was won on the day by Mr John Hughes and the lucky rink draw was won by Ms Lorraine Hurley.

Mr Bill Shanahan won the Wednesday Morning Bowlers Hamper while meat trays were won by Mr John Cardwell and Ms Iris Bates.

The next charity day will be held on Sunday, May 15.

Central Coast Kids in Need raises money to assist families who have seriously ill children with prolonged illness.

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Media release, 17 Apr 2016
Ken Dixon, Sporties at Woy Woy

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Masters bring home 13 lifesaving medals

The Ocean Beach Masters have brought home 13 medals during the Surf Lifesaving 2016 Australian Titles at Maroochydore, giving Ocean Beach the highest master's medal tally during the week-long event from April 16-24.

Individual gold medals were won by Marcus Kain for the 40-44 beach sprint and three gold medals for the beach flags went to Allison Tucker, Philip Tubby and Warren Peters.

Silver medals were awarded to Philip Tubby, Richelle Ingram and Lee-Anne Grosvenor for the beach sprint, with Grosvenor also receiving the silver for the 2km beach sprint.

Ingram also won a gold at the NSW State titles and a silver in the Australian titles.

Jason Tucker won a bronze medal in the 2km beach sprint.

All three of the men's relay teams received bronze medals: 140 men's relay team, Michael Dixon, Matt Smithers, Philip Tubby

and Kyle Williams; 170 men's relay team, Andrew Fortis, Shane Oakes, Jason Tucker and James White; and the 200 men's relay team, Marcus Kain, Warren Peters, Darren Peters and Peter Quick.

A team of Ocean Beach Masters will travel to Holland later this year to compete in the World Surf Lifesaving Titles.

In the Champion Lifesaver event Ocean Beach achieved an Australian final fourth and sixth placing.

Rising star Braydn Todhunter competed in the U15 2km Beach Run coming seventh in Australia after placing first in the recent Ocean Beach/Umina State Surf Lifesaving Championship.

The Gold medal was won by the Ocean Beach Open's First Aid team of Katie Dixon and Jordan Smith with the U17 and U19 teams both placing fourth.

The Ocean Beach Surf Boat racing teams U23 men's team made the semi-final and the U23 girls' team made the quarter finals.

Media release, 25 Apr, 2016
Louise Lambeth, Ocean Beach
Surf Lifesaving Club

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Woy Woy wins 31-16 in rugby

The Woy Woy rugby union side has recorded a 31 point to 16 win over The Lakes at Slade Park.

This match was much tighter than scores indicate and it was in the first half where Woy Woy got the lead and maintained it for the remainder of the match.

Woy Woy played good rugby in the first half and went to the midpoint break leading by a handy 28 points to 13.

That effort was enough to win the match.

The second half was a real arm wrestle.

It was a totally even struggle with both sides only able to kick a

penalty goal each in that final 40 minutes.

Woy Woy had scored three tries to one in the match and that was a fair indication of the overall flow of the game.

Best players for Woy Woy were centre Wade Hannell, flanker Lapana Vitale, and hooker Nick Garnett.

The Lakes gave it their all, and tried to get back in the match in the second half but it was not to be.

Best players for the home side were prop Glen Stone and back Brendan Quigg.

Sports report, 24 Apr 2016
Larry Thomson, Central Coast Rugby Union



Josh McDonnell congratulates Bailey Meti on winning the Central Coast Under 18 Singles Championship title

Under-18 bowls grand slam goes to Ettalong 12-year-old

Twelve-year-old Bailey Meti from Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club has capped off an outstanding week of lawn bowls by winning the "blue ribbon" under-18 singles championship.

The championship was played at Bateau Bay Bowling Club on Thursday, April 14.

He defeated Halekulani's Josh McDonnell in a cliffhanger of a game 31 to 29, having trailed at one stage 18 to 8.

Earlier in the week, Bailey skipped the fours team of Daniel O'Meara from Halekulani, Jarred

Crane from Gwandalan and The Entrance's Hayley McDonnell to victory over Zach Henley from Halekulani, James Burton from Terrigal and Jacob Burns from Halekulani skipped by Bateau Bay's Caileb Peck.

Bailey teamed up with Hayley McDonnell in the Pairs and scored three and four shots on the last two ends to defeat Jacob Burns and Caileb Peck 16 to 15 who had led all the game.

In winning the three events, Bailey had the officials searching the record books as it was potentially the first time anyone had captured the "Grand Slam" by

winning all three titles in the one year.

The Bowls Central Coast U 18 manager Russell Johnston congratulated the players on the manner in which all the games were played and thanked The Greens The Entrance for being the official host club and Mingara for sponsoring the prize money for the winners and runners-up.

For Bailey Meti, his dreams had come true and he was to be congratulated on an outstanding effort and a result for someone so young.

Media release, 15 Apr 2016
Kevin Dring, Bowls Central Coast

End of season events

Killcare Surf Lifesaving Club has organised a number of events for the end of season.

The Nippers end of season party and presentation will be held on Sunday, May 1, from 11am.

The day will include a jumping castle, bungee, barbeque and presentations.

The senior presentation night

will be held on Saturday, May 28, in the auditorium.

The night will include a band and dinner.

The club's annual meeting will be held on Saturday, July 2, in the auditorium.

All members have been encouraged to attend.

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