

Peninsula comes under Central Coast Council

The Peninsula is now under the new Central Coast Council.

Gosford Council no longer exists.

The change took place on Thursday, May 12, with a proclamation by NSW Governor General David Hurley.

The new council will be run under administration by Mr Ian Reynolds.

The interim general manager is Mr Rob Noble, acting CEO of Wyong Council.

Gosford Council chief Mr Paul Anderson has been named his deputy.

The Peninsula will become part of the Gosford West Ward which will remain unrepresented until elections in September next year.

The Gosford West Ward covers the area from the northern side of the Hawkesbury River in the south to Bucketty in the north-west.

It includes communities as diverse as Mangrove Mountain, Gunderman, Peats Ridge and the Gosford CBD.

The three councillors who will eventually represent the Gosford West Ward will be required to live in the Ward.

Areas to the north of the Rip Bridge will be included in the Gosford East Ward as the southern shore of Brisbane Water is the boundary for Gosford West.

The Gosford West Ward is, geographically, the largest of the five wards that will make up the new Central Coast Council.

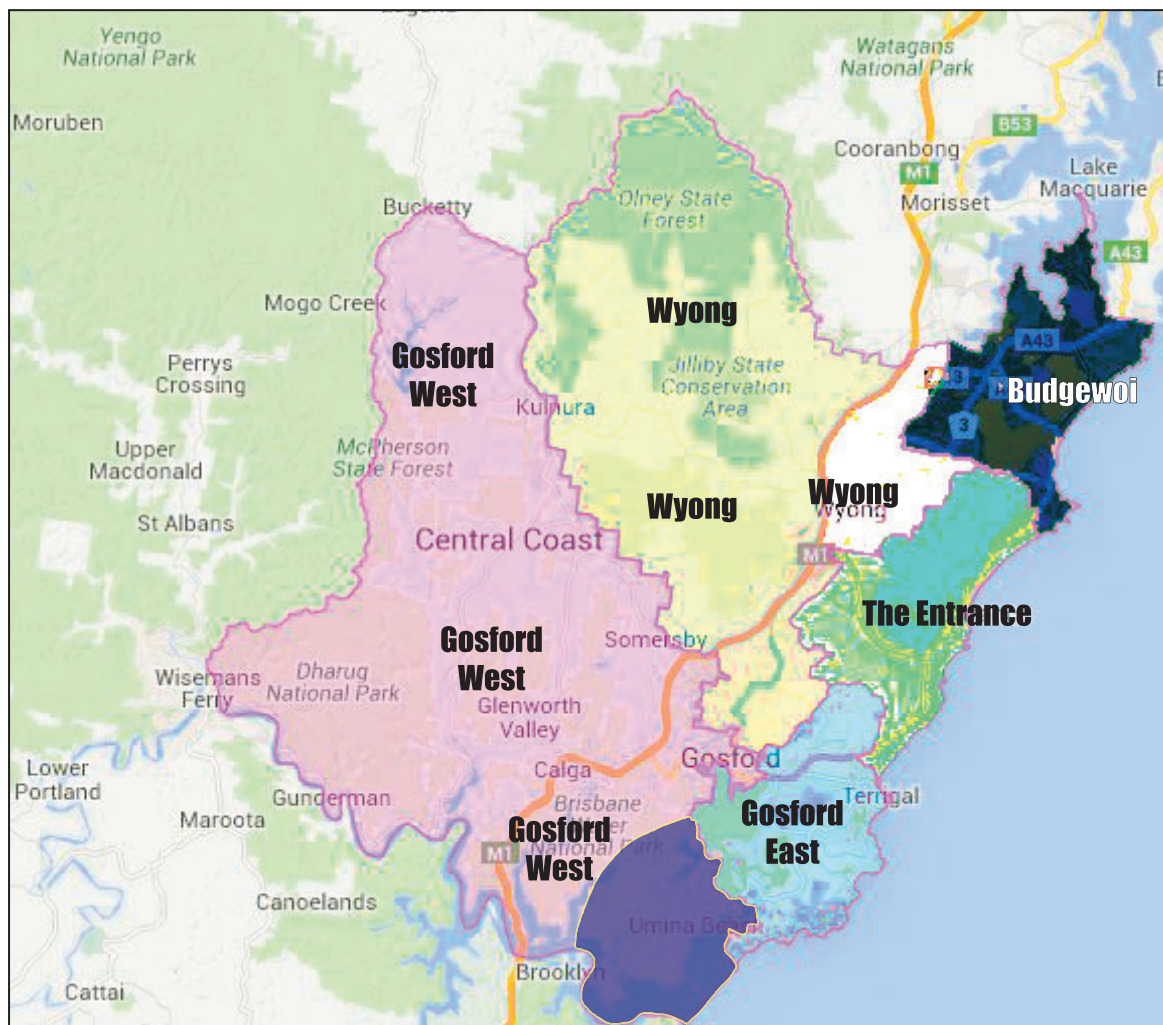
Under the Local Government (Council Amalgamations) Proclamation 2016, Gosford City Council ceased to exist and Gosford with Wyong Shire Council areas were amalgamated to form the Central Coast Council.

Elected councillors reported different interpretations of whether they had been stood aside or sacked.

Former Gosford deputy mayor, Mr Craig Doyle, said he believed all councillors, including the former Gosford mayor, Mr Lawrie McKinna, had been sacked.

"I can't even say I received a bluey in the mail," Mr Doyle said.

"The information we have received from the Minister and the



The Peninsula (dark purple) is now part of the Gosford West Ward of the new Central Coast Council. The Gosford West Ward boundaries are shown in purple, the Peninsula marked in dark purple

government has been scant," he said.

"I received an email from the mayor," he said.

The proclamation said that it didn't apply to rates in the 2016-17 rating year but it did not specify a three-year rate freeze, as promised by the NSW Government prior to Gosford councillors making their decision about whether to vote in favour of, or against, amalgamation.

Mr Doyle said he was part of a joint delegation that met with NSW Premier Mr Mike Baird and Local Government Minister Mr Paul Toole late last year.

"It wasn't until I eyeballed the Minister face-to-face and received a couple of assurances that I voted for amalgamation," he said.

"One of those assurances was a three-year rates freeze and when

I went to school 2017-18 wasn't three years away from 2016," he said.

"Rate equalisation is going to be a very provocative thing when it happens," he said.

The proclamation said the rating structure is to be reviewed within the first term of the new council following the first election of the council.

Mr Ian Reynolds has been appointed as the administrator of the newly-formed Central Coast Council.

Mr Reynolds is a local government consultant based in Castle Hill.

He established Ian Reynolds and Associates in 2012 after working in the government sector for 30 years.

Since 1994 he has held a range of senior executive roles in

local and state government with responsibility for urban planning, public infrastructure and financing, public policy development, rezonings and land development processes.

The new council will be run under administration until September 2017, when the first local government election for the new local government area will be held.

The number of councillors to be elected at that time will be 15 and the first mayor will be elected by councillors.

The code of meeting practice to be adopted by the new Central Coast Council is to be the Wyong Shire Council code "until it is amended or replaced in accordance with the Local Government Act".

The proclamation gives the NSW

Minister for Local Government discretion to determine "any matter or thing requiring determination" referred by the administrator.

In turn, a wide range of matters can be referred to the NSW Office of Local Government for determination, according to the proclamation.

After the initial period the new council will, in accordance with the Local Government Act, be able to make changes to matters such as how the new mayor is elected, changes to wards or changes to councillor numbers.

Joint Regional Planning Panel appointments have been scrapped.

The proclamation gives the Local Government Minister power to hire and fire administrators up until the September 2017 election.

In turn, it gives the administrator has the power to hire and fire the general manager and deputy general manager, should the need arise and within the terms of their employment contracts.

Staff members transferred from Gosford Council to the Central Coast Council were transferred under the same employment contract of employment.

There will be no onus on the first elected Central Coast Council to stick with the staff organisational structure set out in the proclamation.

Anything commenced but not completed by Gosford Council may or may not be completed by the new council.

The codes, plans, strategies and policies of the new council are to be, as far as practicable, a composite of the corresponding codes, plans, strategies and policies of each of the former councils.

The code of conduct for a new council is to be the model code in the Act (within the meaning of section 440 of the Act) until a code of conduct is adopted by the council in accordance with the Act.

Local Government (Council Amalgamations) Proclamation 2016, 12 May 2016
Interview, 12 May 2016
Craig Doyle, Gosford Council Reporter: Jackie Pearson

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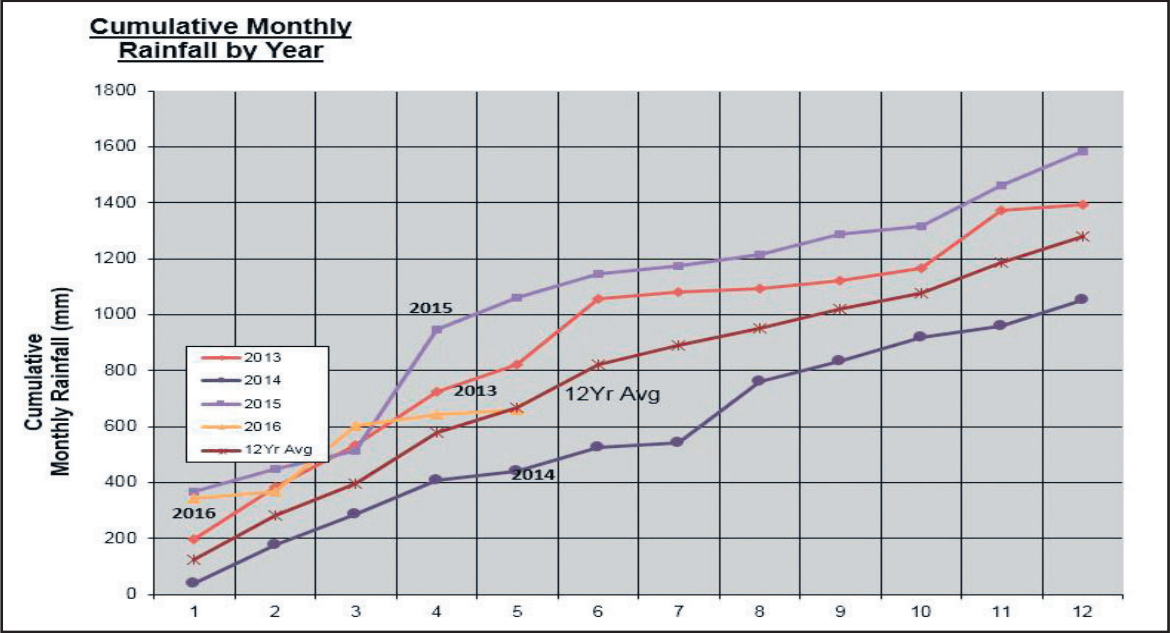
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Dry start recorded for May

At mid-May, less than 15 per cent of the month's average rainfall has been recorded on the Peninsula.

A total of 13.2mm has been recorded for the month, compared to the annual monthly average of 90mm, according to Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

After a wet start to the year but dry months since, the cumulative total for the year is starting to decline to around average for this time of year.

Another 10mm before the end of the month will see the cumulative total reach the end-of-May average of 667mm.

Spreadsheet, 13 May 2016
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

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Peninsula News and the National Trust would like to offer 10 lucky readers the opportunity to win a double pass to see the remarkable Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries Costume Exhibition Series 3.

The exhibition is being hosted at the stunning World Heritage Listed Old Government House in Parramatta.

The exhibition has close to 50 stunning costumes from the third series of the hit ABC TV show Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries.

The National Trust says there has already been a phenomenal response to the launch of this new exhibition.

Robert Goodge from the National Trust says visitors are already walking away staggered at the level of detail in the exhibition.

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Entries close at 5:00pm on Thursday, May 26.

The winners of the Melinda Schneider Great Women of Country double passes were: Nick Honor or Terrigal; Sandra O'Casey of Woy Woy; Heather Plant from Empire Bay; and Barry Turner from East Gosford.

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Ettalong Diggers starts tourism information centre

The Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club will supply a staff member to run the tourism information centre five days a week for six months.

The centre will operate from Wednesdays to Sundays.

Ettalong Diggers CEO, Mr Bill Jackson said: "I am part of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce tourism sub-committee and as part of that the Ettalong Diggers board decided we really needed to push tourism on the Peninsula and Central Coast.

"We have devoted one employee to it for a six month trial but it will be one year before we really see some results," he said.

Mr Jackson said the visitor information centre was building up a database of local businesses and organisations that want to be promoted to tourists and would be happy to hear from anyone with

tourism attractions to promote.

"We are pushing mainly Peninsula and Central Coast things but also state-wide attractions.

"We are also taking all the information from the other approved visitor information centres around the state including our mothership, Central Coast Tourism," he said.

However, Mr Jackson said the Peninsula's visitor information centre was not part of Central Coast Tourism.

"It comes under the banner of Ettalong Diggers Tourist Information," he said.

"We are getting down to finalising a name for our website and a cue line that we can put through all our website, facebook, print, radio and any type of media outlet we can find," he said.

Interview, 11 May 2016
Bill Jackson, Ettalong Diggers
Reporter: Jackie Pearson



Rod Radford has been a Rotarian on the Peninsula for 64 years

Surprise celebration for Rod Radford

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach held a surprise celebration for member Mr Rod Radford to recognise his long community service record as a Rotarian and community member on Saturday, May 14.

Mr Radford has been a Rotarian and has lived and worked around the Peninsula for more than 70 years.

The event included a number of speeches and memories.

Mr Radford opened his Ettalong Pharmacy in 1945 with his wife Ms Pat Radford.

For 20 years in a row, Mr and Ms Radford attended the pharmacy from Monday to Saturday.

Once Mr Radford closed his pharmacy, he began delivering urgent medicines in a row boat.

Mr Radford joined Rotary in 1951 and spent years trying to import a motor vehicle that would go on land and water.

Mr Radford became president of his Rotary Club in 1965 and received his first amphicar from Germany.

The car, with propellers, allowed Mr Radford to drive down his boat ramp and motor to Ettalong.

Once he took Ms Radford

home, Mr Radford would make deliveries of urgent medicines to Wagstaffe, Pretty Beach, Killcare and Empire Bay.

Mr Radford conducted this service for 10 years and wore out two amphicars.

At the age of 96, Mr Radford is an active member of the Rotary Club of Umina Beach.

He is currently the club's Bulletin editor and produces a 16 page booklet each week.

The celebration was held at the Lance Webb Reserve.

Media release, 29 Apr 2016
Geoff Melville, Rotary
Club of Umina Beach

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No news on start to underpass repairs

Member for Gosford Ms Kathy Smith has claimed that the NSW Government is refusing to say when work will start on repair on the rail underpass closed after a recent truck accident.

However, Sydney Trains has confirmed that it will take six months for the repair "to allow for tailored design, fabrication and construction".

"A Sydney Trains engineering team has inspected the clearance frame, which is damaged beyond repair and will need to be replaced," according to a statement issued by Sydney Trains.

"New bridge protection is required and will include clearance frames on both road approaches to the bridge, designed to act as early warnings to high vehicles, as well as crash beams on either side of the bridge, designed to protect the bridge from potential vehicle collision.

"At this stage a replacement will take up to six months to allow for tailored design, fabrication and construction.

"The bridge is not damaged and train services continue to run as normal.

"The safety of our customers and people is our number one priority.

"We are working with Council to ensure signage directs drivers to the Rawson Road level crossing."

Ms Smith said the NSW Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Andrew Constance, had refused to answer questions about when works will begin and when the underpass will be reopened.

"Despite a road accident causing the closure of the underpass over a month ago, the NSW Government has refused to answer questions on when the underpass will reopen," Ms Smith said.

"Commuters, who are experiencing daily chaos as a result of the closure, are infuriated by unconfirmed reports which suggest works, to make the underpass usable again, will take another six months," she said.

"The inconvenience the road closure is causing is creating anger in the community and the lack of answers forthcoming from the Baird Government is appalling," Ms Smith said.

"A six month timeframe is simply unacceptable.

"It's time the Minister understood the needs of local residents and fixed this issue immediately.

"This is just another kick in the guts for local residents.

"First it was the closure of the local RMS Office, then the debacle with the Rawson Rd level crossing and now complete silence from the Minister about when this project will be completed," she said.

Shadow Minister for the Central Coast Mr David Harris said: "Residents trying to get to and from home and work are being inconvenienced unnecessarily.

"It is time the Minister fronted up and told local residents exactly when this vital work will be completed," he said.

"The Baird Government must provide the residents of the Peninsula with answers.

"Kathy Smith has been a vocal advocate on this issue for her local community and it is imperative the Minister provides her with adequate answers."

**Media release, 11 May 2016
David Harris, Shadow Minister for the Central Coast
Media statement, 29 Apr 2016
Scott Gillespie, Sydney Trains**

Woy Woy GP pleads not guilty to mother's murder

A 61-year-old Woy Woy general practitioner has been arrested at his Woy Woy practice and extradited to Tasmania for the alleged murder of his mother

Dr Stephen Edwards was arrested in April and extradited to face the murder charge over the death of his 88-year-old mother Ms Nelda Edwards.

He has pleaded not guilty in a Hobart court.

Police allege Dr Edward's mother died after being administered medication at her Sandy Bay home in March.

After entering the plea of not guilty on May 2, Dr Edwards was remanded in custody to face the

Hobart Supreme Court in July this year.

Brisbane Water LAC's Superintendent Danny Sullivan has confirmed that the Brisbane Water LAC made the arrest of Dr Edwards upon receiving a warrant from Tasmanian Police.

According to the Woy Woy General Practice website, Dr Edwards had a keen interest in developing alternative models of aged care and had dedicated his time to the study of geriatrics, dementia and palliative care.

**Interview, 11 May 2016
Danny Sullivan, Brisbane Water LAC Superintendent
Website, 12 May 2016
www.ipn.com.au/gp/nsw-woy-woy-general-practice
Reporter, Dillon Luke**

Ettalong man dies in crash

An Ettalong man has died and a woman was injured after a four-vehicle crash near Newcastle on May 10.

The crash happened on the New England Highway at Beresfield when a truck, a utility and two four-wheel drives were involved in a collision at about 8.45am.

The driver of the utility, a 30-year-old man from Ettalong, sustained multiple injuries and died at the scene.

A 55-year-old woman from Thornton, was trapped within the wreckage of her vehicle before being released and taken to John Hunter Hospital in Newcastle with suspected back injuries.

Two other drivers were uninjured.

Traffic on the New England Highway was disrupted for more than six hours.

**Media release, 10 May 2016
NSW Police Media**

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Woy Woy resident Mel Beasley standing in flood water



Members of the Woy Woy Peninsula Flood Action Group

Resident starts flood action group

A Woy Woy resident fed up with Gosford Council's flood management efforts in the Peninsula has started a new community action group.

Mr Tony Maddern, who also started the Woy Woy Floods Facebook page, has convened the Woy Woy Peninsula Flood Action Group to pressure council to take ongoing flood management issues in the region out of the 'too hard basket'.

According to Mr Maddern the overall aim of the new Action Group is to get flooding issues on the Woy Woy Peninsula fixed, and more than 70 residents already joining the Action Group that Mr Maddern formed at the start of May.

"In the short term, we are

working to get our storm water drains and ditches cleared out and we're working to get our main drainage canals which lead into the sea, such as the Everglades Main Drain cleared out to their original state or better, so they can work effectively," Mr Maddern said.

"I formed the group because the flooding was ridiculous and council was doing next to nothing," Mr Maddern continued.

"Residents had been writing to and council for years about the issue and still nothing was done.

"So I formed the Group to give the community one united voice," he said.

According to Mr Maddern the flooding in the Woy Woy Peninsula alone has become unmanageable with flood water remaining at peak heights after the initial rain.

Mr Maddern also said the flood waters were a constant nuisance to residents causing excessive damage to vehicles and becoming a breeding ground for mosquitos and other pests.

"These are just issues plaguing the Woy Woy Peninsula," Mr Maddern said

"Since starting the Action Group I've received emails from residents across the Peninsula region as a whole fed up with the state of the regions flood management," he added.

Since forming the Group Mr Maddern has met with Gosford Council representatives on two separate occasions to outline the issues surrounding the Woy Woy Peninsula flood zones and to discuss action plans.

Council's Director of Operations

and Construction, Mr Stan Antczak met with Mr Maddern and the Action Group on May 6, in the Park at Vernon Rd, an area with a notorious drainage issue, to discuss the Everglades Main Drain and other areas on the Peninsula that needed work.

Mr Maddern said Mr Antczak asked the Action Group to work closely with Council to continue to identify areas of priority

The Action Group also met with council's Mr Jay Spare who confirmed council would start working on the Everglades Drain in August of this year weather permitting.

Mr Maddern said work on this drain would greatly improve the section of Vernon Rd that suffered from consistent flooding and would tie in with the Groups long term

goals.

"In the long term, we are working to have our storm water drainage infrastructure upgraded completely to accommodate for the new housing, granny flats, multi-residence housing which is currently putting an enormous strain on the drainage in periods of heavy rain, causing flooding to many streets such as Lovell Rd, Veron Rd, Mackenzie Ave, Norma Crescent, North Burge Rd and even some sections of Ocean Beach Rd," he concluded.

The Woy Woy Peninsula Flood Action Group's next meeting will be at the Everglades Country Club on May 17, at 7pm.

Interview, 12 May 2016
Tony Maddern, Woy Woy
Reporter, Dillon Luke

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Councillors condemn rail project uncertainty

Gosford councillors have condemned the cost blow out and uncertainty surrounding the Rawson Rd Level Crossing Replacement Project.

Gosford's deputy mayor Cr Craig Doyle moved a motion calling for urgent clarification from the minister for roads, maritime and freight on the funding and status of the project.

"We have been very patient and I want to make it clear that this has never been a local government project," Cr Doyle said.

"If you go back in history in terms of funding, it has gotten bigger than Ben Hur," he said.

"We had a promise and commitment that we would get more than \$50 million to get this done."

Speaking at what became the last meeting of Gosford Council on May 10, Cr Doyle said there appeared to be other infrastructure projects across NSW in similar circumstances.

Gosford Council was dissolved and Central Coast Council was created by proclamation of the NSW Governor on May 12.

Cr Doyle told the meeting: "The NSW Government has changed the scope of the project and we don't know why."

"We haven't been provided with a report to explain why the cost has gone to \$115 million and I suspect they will duck and weave until the

next election.

"Is that good enough? No.

"Is it acceptable? No.

"Have we been patient? Absolutely.

"I think we need to get some urgent clarification about when they are going to get started.

"We want it done and completed as soon as possible and that goes for both the Rawson Rd level crossing and the closed underpass."

Cr Doyle also called for the Member for Gosford, Ms Kathy Smith, to get involved and make representations to the Minister.

Cr Jeff Strickson said he supported the motion.

"This is more than a long time coming. It is a vital part of the infrastructure of the Gosford local government area and sorely needed," he said.

Cr Strickson noted the "traffic chaos" that ensued when diversions to Woy Woy Rd were in place during work on a major intersection in West Gosford.

"Preliminary work has been undertaken and it has come to a screaming halt so what do we do: waste the money that has already gone into the preliminary work?"

He called for council to make a request for the project costings "so we can see where the blowout has been incurred.

"Let's see their costings and have them analysed," he said.

Cr Doyle said: "I would like to know and at least get it into

community circulation how it managed to explode.

"I believe we should ask the minister for roads, maritime and freight because it is his asset even though the bridge will become part of the Roads and Maritime Services infrastructure," Cr Doyle said.

Gosford Council CEO, Mr Paul Anderson said it was an RMS project and the Minister for Roads was responsible.

Transport for NSW and their subsidiary, Sydney Trains, were sub-contracted to design the rail bridge part of the project.

Mr Anderson suggested council ask the Minister to provide the most current and up to date estimates and costs of the Rawson Rd Underpass Replacement Project.

Cr Bob Ward said: "I am disgusted by this whole saga.

"Work hasn't been undertaken since last August and council has been sheeting the blame when it is clearly not council's fault; it is the NSW Government's fault and I don't understand the secrecy.

"We are shareholders in this process we should be kept informed of the cost estimates and why the process has stalled," he said.

Council resolved to write to the NSW Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight and State Member for Gosford seeking urgent clarification on the status of the Rawson Road Level Crossing Replacement Project and its funding.

The NSW Government committed \$52 million to the project.

Stage two includes the construction of a new rail underpass bridge for vehicles at the base of Bulls Hill that connects Woy Woy Rd to Nagari Rd.

Due to the significant impacts on the main rail line, in mid-2015 Transport for NSW took over the design and delivery of the new rail underpass bridge.

An alternate tunnel structure has now been developed by Transport for NSW, which can be constructed without any rail outages.

The Minister for Roads had advised that based on Transport for NSW's amended design the entire project's estimated cost was now up to \$115 million.

Given council could not contribute to this cost increase, and the entire project is beyond its financial resources, work on stage two had been placed on hold until further advice is received from the Minister.

To date, \$15.9 million worth of work has been completed as part of the project including the stage one pedestrian underpass.

The delivery of the project is being managed by Council staff in association with a project control group which includes local RMS staff and civil engineering consultant Cardno.

Initially, planning identified three stages for the project to be delivered.

Stage one included the detailed design and approvals of the overall project, construction of the Pedestrian Underpass near Rawson Rd, preliminary works for the Rail Bridge Underpass at the bottom of Bulls Hill as well as all associated works including service adjustments.

Stage two included the construction of the Rail Underpass Bridge, Woy Woy Creek Bridge, construction of Nagari Rd and connection through to Woy Woy Rd at the base of Bulls Hill.

Stage three consists of the realignment of Woy Woy Rd North, from the proposed Woy Woy Creek Bridge to Banyo Close at Horsfield Bay.

Council resolved to not proceed with any land acquisitions on December 9.

Transport for NSW subsequently carried out a review of the bridge design and determined that the construction methodology could not be delivered under the amended rail corridor restrictions.

An alternative tunnel structure was developed by Transport for NSW that could be constructed without a rail outage.

This alternate design had been costed and provided to RMS by Transport for NSW.

Council was in the position of awaiting advice on the status of the project from the Minister.

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CON.8, 10 May 2016
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Community land could become memorial to battle

Four parcels of land in Pozieres Avenue, Umina, could be dedicated as a memorial site to the Battle of Pozieres during World War One following a suggestion by Cr Hillary Morris.

The idea of dedicating the land, which is on a list of community reserves being considered for reclassification and sale by the former Gosford Council, came out of a community request and was put forward as a notice of motion by Cr Hillary Morris.

As a result of an amendment made to the notice of motion at the May 10 Gosford Council meeting, the request, along with the history of how the land was acquired by council, will form part of council's review of the land parcels' classifications.

The decision about the future of the land will remain subject to the outcomes of the new Central Coast Council's land sale strategy, if it continues with Gosford Council's plans, irrespective of the proposal that it be dedicated as a memorial.

Cr Morris said the blocks were currently classified as community land and that local residents would like to see them stay in council's custody.

The parcels of land on Pozieres Ave were part of a subdivision which was originally called Our Boys Estate, with all the streets having reference to the First World War.

"There are many in the Umina



A view of the Umina community reserve that could be made a memorial

community who hold this reserve in special regard because of the association with the First World War and would like to see it stay with council," Cr Morris said.

She gave examples of residents fighting to keep the Pozieres Ave land in community hands.

For example, Mr Ron Read from Umina wrote to Gosford Council regarding the ongoing maintenance of this site and was assured by the then mayor, Chris Holstein on April 27, 1999, that: "The area of land is classified as community land so it will not be redeveloped for any other use than for some community facility, such as a park".

"Whilst I am more than aware that there is currently a process being conducted regarding council's land sale strategy, it would be a wonderful tribute to dedicate this land as a memorial park for the those

Australians who died in France 100 years ago," Cr Morris said.

"It may be that the land came into council hands as a result of unpaid rates but it has become part of the urban landscape."

Cr Chris Burke and Cr Bob Ward both spoke to commended the motion.

Cr Burke said: "There should be more monuments about our city so we can remember our war heroes; the more monuments we can get the better."

Cr Gabby Bowles said she supported Cr Morris' sentiment but had concerns about how the motion was worded.

Cr Bowles suggested inserting the words "subject to the outcomes of the land sale strategy" in the motion, an amendment that was rejected by Cr Morris.

As a result, Cr Bowles put

the amendment forward as an alternative motion, which was, after debate, carried by the council.

Cr Craig Doyle said he agreed with Cr Bowles: "I did have a real issue with starting off with the dedication of the parcels of land whilst in the middle of a process."

"A number of parcels of land have come back a number of times because we didn't go through this process," he said.

Cr Doyle also questioned whether the RSL had been consulted about the idea of a Pozieres memorial.

"Is this the right location for the Peninsula, simply because a street has the name of a battle in a faraway land, doesn't mean it is the best location for a memorial."

"Let's do it properly, whilst well-meaning I think we need to be very careful and very specific," he said.

Cr Morris said she had

letters from the local association representing Vietnam Veterans and the RSL supporting the concept of a memorial.

Cr Vicky Scott spoke against the motion: "I don't really see why dedicating this beautiful site necessarily takes it out of the process; we can do both."

"We have very few cultural sites because we are a new area so we should celebrate and remember the reasons why the community are putting this site up."

Cr Deanna Bocking asked CEO, Mr Paul Anderson, for clarification of whether earmarking the land as a potential memorial did, in fact, take it out of the land sale strategy process.

Mr Anderson said it probably did fly in the face of the land sale strategy: "Once you dedicate it as a park, it is potentially going to be named after something around that battle... does that then preclude process?" he said.

"It doesn't make much sense to dedicate the land and keep in in the process, but if you pull it out, away you go."

He said his preference was to allow the land sale process to happen then come back and consider the memorial proposal.

The alternative motion was carried as a result of Gosford mayor, Cr Lawrie McKinna using his casting vote.

**Gosford Council agenda
NM.10, 10 May 2016
Reporter: Jackie Pearson**

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Chamber welcomes council proclamation

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales has declared the 12 May proclamation dissolving Gosford Council and creating the new Central Coast Council a great one for the Peninsula.

"I think firstly it has been a bit of a surprise with the proclamation coming out...it wasn't expected for a few weeks yet but from our perspective that is a good thing because it provides now some clear certainty for this greater council moving forward," Mr Wales said.

"We are particularly pleased about the appointment of Mr Ian Reynolds as the administrator because he has a comprehensive planning and management background.

"Mr Reynolds has extensive experience right across a number of local government areas, and that will be particularly important as this new council emerges because he has the particular expertise to sort out the management and planning implications."

Mr Wales said the Chamber was also pleased that the Central Coast Council would have five wards.

"That is good for the Peninsula because it means we will get a greater opportunity to get fairer representation.

"In the past the Peninsula has been totally unrepresented or inadequately represented.

"The fact is that we now have the opportunity to have three councillors for the Peninsula and the wider population area included in the Gosford West Ward.

"At the moment we have no representation so a ward system ensures we get that representation consistently over subsequent local government elections.

"It has been a constant source of aggravation over the years that this area has been unrepresented.

"The other encouraging factor of this proclamation is that the next local government election has been pushed out to September 2017.

"It will give the administrator and the interim general manager

adequate time to pull this organisation together rather than it being a rushed job that we previously expected to be done in under 12 months.

"It also brings it in line with the September elections that we are all used to.

"From the business community's point of view it is vitally important that the administrator and his team make sure that this organisation is lean and efficient because we are all expecting big things out of the amalgamation.

"What the business community will want to do fairly quickly is put our own projects forward that we want the new organisation to consider and ratchet up their priority list because it has been a long held belief that that old Gosford Council, which doesn't exist any longer, has always put the Peninsula at the bottom of the list.

"If you talk to any Peninsula-ite, they all hold that view."

**Interview, 12 May 2016
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Reporter: Jackie Pearson**

No stopping signs for commuter overflow carpark

New No Stopping provisions will be introduced to parts of the overflow commuter Car Park in Chambers Place, Woy Woy.

Gosford councillors adopted recommendations from the local traffic committee to provide 12 metres of No Stopping restriction along the southern boundary of the car park between its entrance in Chambers Place and new 90 degree angle parking spaces that have been included since the completion of the Woy Woy Oval.

Another 125 metres of No Stopping restriction will be applied along the southern boundary of the car park, easterly, from the eastern end of the 90 degree angle parking area.

The implementation of the new No Stopping restrictions will be monitored and reviewed in six months.

In 2015 the local traffic committee considered temporary parking amendments in the Chambers Place commuter carpark due to the oval redevelopment.

A number of long-term parking spaces were signposted to short-term.

Long-term spaces lost as a result of the redevelopment of

the oval have been off-set by the construction of additional long-term parking at the eastern end.

At the western end, 62 short-term parking spaces, including the newly-constructed 90 degree angle, are in existence.

"Parking restrictions are required for the car park to operate in a safe manner," the committee report said.

"It would be appropriate to implement a section of No Stopping adjacent to the entry to the car park and to provide No Parking adjacent to the kerb on the southern side of the car park to allow two-way traffic movements."

The Committee discussed the loss of some spaces with the implementation of a No Parking zone.

It was acknowledged that additional parking had been created at the eastern end of the car park.

RMS requested the No Parking restriction be revised to No Stopping restriction.

The committee agreed to approve the recommendation and review the parking situation in six months.

**Gosford Council agenda
TR.16.16, 10 May 2016**

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Council proceeds with Railway St refuge

Gosford Council has adopted signage and line marking plan for a pedestrian refuge in Railway St, Woy Woy, north of Rawson Rd, in spite of resident opposition to the refuge.

However the meeting was told that the RMS had claimed that the submitted plan of works did not appear to meet Australian Standards and that work had started before the matter had been properly considered.

A report to the council showed that the issue stretched back to March 2007, when the council resolved to provide a pedestrian crossing facility on Railway St north of Rawson Rd, together with a footpath link from Rawson Rd to the proposed pedestrian refuge, following a recommendation from the local traffic committee in February 2007.

The need for the Railway St pedestrian crossing was first identified as part of the Rawson Road Level Crossing Removal Project, with the refuge being

located adjacent to the egress point of the pedestrian underpass on the Railway St side.

Residents have been advised of the proposal.

Residents directly adjacent to the refuge opposed the installation based on: loss of parking at the front of their premises; difficulties in accessing their premises; no demand for the refuge; and reduced safety in the process of accessing their premises.

The refuge was shortened to allow access from both the north and south in response to the residents' concerns.

A response was prepared and signed by the CEO acknowledging residents' concerns while stating that the refuge was to improve the safety of all pedestrians and would not result in an increased risk to residents entering their properties.

Investigations have also been undertaken to identify alternate sites however no other suitable sites were found.

Gosford Council agenda TR.16.14, 10 May 2016

Land sale campaign receives eco-garden support

The campaign to save five parcels of community land on the Peninsula from reclassification and potential sell-off will receive a helping hand from Kariong Eco Garden.

The community garden at Kariong and Arts Barn, will be holding an event on Saturday, May 21 in support of Save Central Coast Reserves, one of the community groups that has been formed to campaign against Gosford Council's proposed land sale strategy.

The event will have activities for the whole family including an art and photography exhibition called Hands Off Our Community Reserves.

There will also be a camp fire, barbecue, wildlife spotting with torches, a film, a talk by Wildlife Arc and music.

The art and photography exhibition will highlight Save Central Coast Reserve's community campaign to protect 25 local reserves, parks and green spaces, including the five located on the Peninsula.

Entry is free but donations of \$5 or more will get a ticket into a door prize on the night and proceeds will go to the further programs of



The Peninsula Environment Group's stall at 2016 Ecoburbia promoting the Save Central Coast Reserves campaign

the Eco Garden.

"We hope that local artists and photographers will consider putting in some pieces that have a theme of the community and environmental benefits of urban reserves," said Ms Sue Chidgey, organiser of Save Central Coast

Reserves.

The Kariong Eco Garden is at Dandaloo St, Kariong, and the event will take place from 5pm to 8pm.

Email, 9 May 2016
Sue Chidgey, Save Central Coast Reserves

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News

Traffic flow at Ettalong intersection to be studied

Further research will be undertaken into the current traffic flow at the intersection of Bourke Rd and Memorial Ave, Ettalong, following a recent meeting of Gosford Council's local traffic committee.

The issue of the traffic priority at the intersection was raised by concerned local residents.

The committee was told that Bourke Rd and Memorial Ave are both single lane two-way local roads.

The T-intersection of the two roads is currently treated with concrete blisters, painted islands and associated signage and line marking to provide priority for traffic to flow from Memorial Ave south into Bourke Rd.

There have been two injury crashes recorded in the last five year period from 2011 to 2015.

Council officers reviewed the intersection treatment and proposed to provide Stop and Give Way controls giving traffic priority on Bourke Rd.

However, following extensive discussions within the local traffic

committee, it was resolved to defer the proposal until more information was gathered.

The proposed works, if they were to go ahead, aimed to improve the safety of the intersection and included installing a Give Way sign on north bound traffic and a Stop sign on south bound traffic of Memorial Ave.

Other proposals were to install 20m of BB lines on both the north and south Memorial Ave approach to Bourke Rd.

Council officers also recommended the installation of No stopping zones on all approaches to the intersection with associated signs and line markets.

They also proposed relocating existing 2P parking on the eastern side of Memorial Ave by 17 metres south of Bourke Rd.

The existing concrete blisters, painted island and advisory intersection warning signs were to be removed.

The proposed signage and line marking would be advertised for public comment before implementation.

The local traffic committee

discussed, at length, the implementation of the Stop and Give Way sign at the intersection and the confusion that may arise for motorists with these changes.

The history of the current conditions at this intersection were also raised.

It was agreed that traffic counts be undertaken at this intersection to determine if the crash statistics warrant the sign changes.

The cost of advertising can be accommodated in a recurrent budget.

If implemented the cost for the installation of required signage and line marking can be accommodated in existing recurrent budgets.

The traffic committee resolved and Gosford Council subsequently endorsed that the council officers' suggested changes to the intersection be deferred to allow research to be undertaken to identify the reasons for the existing intersection arrangements and to undertake traffic counts.

A further review of the proposal was to be brought back to the traffic committee.

Gosford Council agenda
TR16.13, 10 May 2016

Cuts to incentive payments 'hit hard', says candidate

Labor candidate for Robertson, Ms Anne Charlton said the cuts to incentive payments for pathology and diagnostic imaging services will hit the Peninsula hard, after the Federal Government announced it will cut bulk billing for pathology service providers by \$650 million by July 1.

She said that Peninsula resident, Ms Leonie Hitchenor wouldn't be alive but for ready and free access to pathology and scans for her chronic health issues.

Her nest egg would have been spent on medical bills.

Ms Charlton said that, under the Turnbull Government's decision to slash payments for pathology and diagnostic imaging, she will be forced to pay for potentially lifesaving scans and tests after July 1.

"The past two years have been very difficult for me, and as it is I have had to use my savings for a lot of the procedures I've had," said the 51-year-old Umina

resident, who has beaten cervical cancer, cholecystitis, a hernia and is having another abdominal condition investigated.

"I've had two colonoscopies in the past two weeks, I wouldn't have been able to pay for them if the bulk billing was removed from these procedures," she continued.

"Once this money is cut, it is beyond doubt that the service providers who provide pathology services to about 12 million Australians every year will have to introduce a co-payment," Ms Charlton said.

"Over 1200 locals have already signed Pathology Australia's petition to voice their opposition.

"However, the Federal Government is determined to push these disastrous changes through.

"If these costs are passed to patients, it will not just be the incentive payment that patients are expected to pay upfront but the full cost of each test," Ms Charlton said.

Media release, May 11, 2016
Anne Charlton, Labor
Candidate for Robertson

Surf club receives money for beautification

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club will receive more than \$13,000 in funding for the beautification of its grounds, to include picnic tables and seating.

Federal Member for Robertson,

Ms Lucy Wicks said the club would receive the money through the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Program.

"Projects were selected by a community consultation committee that assisted with identifying

potential projects for consideration by the Government.

"This will provide an important boost for the Peninsula."

Media release, 11 May 2016
Tim Sowden, Office of
Lucy Wicks MP

Expensive yacht rescued from grounding

Marine Rescue NSW Central Coast vessel 22 was dispatched to assist a yacht stranded on the sand bank at Lobster Beach on Sunday, May 8.

Mr Alan Howes, who was recently presented with a National Medal for 15-years of service to the community with Marine Rescue Central Coast, was tasked, with crew to assist the yacht.

When the crew arrived about 2:15pm they found the \$450,000.00

13 metre Hanse yacht grounded and laying on its side on a falling tide.

Water depth was limited, so a passing "tinny" was enlisted to take a towline to the yacht.

The rescue crew were then able to ease the yacht off the sand bank and into navigable water, much to the relief of the three people on board.

Media release, 9 May 2016
Ron Cole, Marine Rescue
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Parking restrictions near Empire Bay cafe

New parking restrictions will be implemented in Poole Close, Empire Bay, following complaints that it was being heavily used for parking for a nearby cafe and nursery.

In 2009, Council liaised with the proprietor of the nursery and cafe to advise their customers to keep the access way clear.

The installation of No Stopping signs on the west side of the access way was also considered.

However, it was preferred to place two "No On-Street Parking Beyond This Point" signs at the southern boundary of 9 Poole Close instead.

According to the Gosford Council local traffic committee report to the May 10 council meeting: "No Stopping restrictions in the street are the most effective way to facilitate enforcement.

"It is recommended that parking restrictions be formalised on the western side of the access road so emergency access can be

maintained at all times.

"This area is in a bushfire prone area and requires the need to maintain access to Council's water tank," the traffic committee report said.

Council has consulted with the cafe owner and with owners of affected properties.

As a result, the traffic committee recommended, and council adopted a two-hour angle parking restriction on the eastern side of the laneway on the paved area outside of the nursery, which is currently being used for parking.

A council by-law sign will also be provided with wording No Vehicles Beyond This Point, Residents and Authorized Vehicles Excepted, Penalties Apply.

A No Stopping restriction will be provided on the western side of the laneway between the council by-law sign and Poole Close to eliminate any parallel parking in the laneway.

Gosford Council agenda TR.16.22, 10 May 2016



Children from Gumnuts Playgroup were introduced to different species of fish at Woy Woy's Fisherman's Wharf on a recent excursion

Playgroup visits Woy Woy waterfront

The Woy Woy waterfront was the location for an excursion by Gosford Gumnuts Playgroup recently.

When walking around to the fish co-op, they were able to see Gosford Council workmen in action, from a distance, using a digger and moving soil to prepare for electricity to be put in.

Gumnuts then visited Fisherman's Wharf where Sam the manager showed the children all different types of fish, big and small, live and those not so live.

For many, it was their first time to see a large tuna up close, live crayfish and then a lobster, and small fish with a long snout.

The children were in awe.

Sam then organised for the children to see the pelicans being fed.

Usually this takes place on the wharf at 3pm, but 16 pelicans also arrived at 10:45am to be fed, and it was spectacular.

Sitting on the bank near the children's park made it very easy to view the pelican's performance.

"We were very appreciative to all involved from Fisherman's Wharf and shared many laughs and giggles," said Ms Roxanne Young from the playgroup, which is an outreach program of the Gosford Uniting Church.

"In the playground, where we

then had morning tea, the mounted police arrived for the children to view," Ms Young said.

"Seeing large horses with very friendly policeman and policewomen on their backs was very exciting.

"They stopped to chat for quite a length of time before continuing their work.

"The Gumnuts children had an action-packed day for their excursion and it will be one remembered for a long time thanks to our community," Ms Young said.

**Email, 15 Apr 2016
Roxanne Young,
Gumnuts Playgroup**

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Bernie Koen (front left) with staff from his Family Butchery



Bernie Koen

‘Bernie the Butcher’ Koen dies

“Bernie the Butcher” Koen has died at the age of 70

“Bernie moved to the Central Coast in 1984 after spending two years with the Australian Meat Board in Tehran and 10 years in Lae, Papua New Guinea, teaching his butchering skills to the locals in both countries,” according to his wife of 42 years, Mrs Mary Koen.

“He brought our young family to the Peninsula when purchasing his first business in West St, Umina, where ‘Bernie’s Family Butchery’ was born,” she said.

She said Bernie would be remembered and loved by the community for his warm and fun loving personality, his ability to crack the right joke at the right moment, and his catchphrase:

Pleased to meet you with meat to please you.

“Bernie advertised himself as the Sausage King, proud of all the new flavours he created, unheard of in those days.

“Many locals still remember the free slice of Devon or cocktail frankfurt Bernie would offer when they were shopping with their mum,” Mrs Koen said.

Over the years, Bernie’s Family Butchery sponsored many charitable organisations, local school and sporting teams, through cash donations and by supplying meat trays for their many raffles.

After 10 years in the butcher’s shop, the Koen’s bought into a home-based, spit roast mobile

catering franchise which they operated for six years.

“This new enterprise expanded Bernie’s love of life and service to most of the Central Coast,” Mrs Koen said.

“So many will remember and think, ‘Bernie did my party’,” she said.

The Koen’s continued to grow in their catering career, opening their own company, Camelot Catering, which continued to service families, businesses, and private events across the Central Coast and beyond for over 10 more years.

In 2004, aged 59, Mr Koen began looking for a retirement job, and according to Mrs Koen, that’s when Bernie the Butcher’s life

took an unexpected, but welcome change.

Mr Koen applied to be the bus driver for the then brand new Hammond Care Facility in Woy Woy, but Mrs Koen said Bernie’s magnetic personality won the Hammond Care staff over.

“After his interview for the bus driver position, he was contacted and encouraged to be trained as a Special Dementia Carer,” Mrs Koen said.

“They saw his potential, and Bernie soon qualified as a Cert III Nurse in Dementia and Aged Care.

“He loved his job.

“He was the longest serving staff member at Hammond Care, Woy Woy and his aim was always

to just keep his residents happy in the moment.

“He loved it so much he kept postponing his retirement,” Mrs Koen said.

Mr Koen passed away peacefully in his sleep aged 70 on March 29.

He is survived by his five children, Sarah, Rachel, Damien, Teresa and Gerard, his 10 grandchildren and his wife Mary.

Donations can be made in memory of Bernie Koen at Alzheimer’s Australia’s website www.fightdementia.org.au with the description: Celebrating Bernie.

Email, 3 May 2016
Mary Koen, Woy Woy
Reporter, Dilon Luke



Bernie Koen the Sausage King at Bernie’s Family Butchery



Bernie Koen with the Koen’s family catering van

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News

No parking in turning bay

No Parking signs will be installed in the turning bay adjoining 60 Albert St, Wagstaffe.

Gosford Council has also decided to provide a standard sign on the opposite side of the street indicating the turning bay.

The residents reported to Gosford Council that cars had been parking in the turning bay so that it was not functional.

Albert St, south of Mullhall St, is a dead end which adjoins Bouddi National Park at its southern end.

It caters for about 23 properties as the only access road.

The council was told the road was narrow and unsealed.

A proposal to use the intersection of Pretty Beach Rd (road reserve) and Albert St to construct a public turning bay was discussed between local residents and council's project engineer over 10 years ago, but it was not constructed due to insufficient funding and priority consideration.

The owner of 60 Albert St at the time committed to fund a turning bay for public use and for his own convenience.

Development Consent (DA39425/2010) for a new dwelling at 60 Albert St was approved under delegated authority on November 10, 2010.

The consent was approved subject to conditions and included the need for a separate application for a vehicular access crossing.

An application for a residential vehicle crossing was approved by council's engineering staff.

The plans submitted as part of the vehicle crossing application included a turning area.

The turning area is not intended to be used for vehicle parking.

Maintenance of the structure is the responsibility of the property owner.

The turning area has been approved under the Roads Act and there are no plans to remove the structure.

The home at 60 Albert St has changed ownership and the property is currently used as a holiday rental property.

The nature of current tenancy at the property requires that the purpose of the turning area be clearly signposted, according to Gosford Council's traffic committee.

"In order to maintain the function of this turning bay it would be appropriate that the turning bay be restricted No Parking," a traffic committee report to council stated.

"It is further considered appropriate to install a guide sign on the opposite side of the street with wording "Public Turning Bay" and an arrow pointing to the turning bay.

The cost for the installation of required signage will be accommodated in existing council budgets.

Gosford Council agenda TR.16.24, 10 May 2016

Bridge building finished

Volunteers of Pearl Beach Crommelin Native Arboretum have finished rebuilding a bridge that had rotted in sections.

The bridge, completed on Monday, May 9, now has wheelchair access.

The arboretum was quoted \$20,000 for the bridge to be rebuilt but, with volunteer labour, the cost was just over \$4000.

The bridge will be officially

opened on the arboretum's 40th anniversary on Sunday, August 21, and will be named by former Gosford mayor Mr Robert Bell.

Honorary secretary Ms Ann Parsons said Mr Bell had been a strong support in the establishment of the arboretum.

The official opening will commence at 11am and will be followed by a barbecue lunch.

**Media release, 11 May 2016
Ann Parsons, Crommelin Native Arboretum**

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Save Central Coast Reserves welcomed Gosford Council's agreement to provide basic information on its website about parcels of community land it is considering ...

Seven storey development at Point Frederick approved

A \$6.2 million 20-unit flat building in Lynn Ave Point Frederick has been given development consent by Gosford Council, even though several councillors...

Retirement village residents not receiving rebates available elsewhere

Thousands of retirement village residents have signed a petition calling on Gosford and Wyong councils to give water and sewerage rebates for Central Coast pensioners

Petitions lodged over lack of land sale strategy

Four petitions, with over 1,800 signatures, were lodged with Gosford Council in relation to its land sale strategy.

Public invited to learn more about second building on former school site

The NSW Government is holding community drop-in sessions to provide information about its plans to build a six-storey mixed use development on ...

Council underspends by \$20 million

Gosford Council is now forecasting an estimated surplus of \$20 million for the 2015-16 financial year.

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Government to review Airport Restrictions Act

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment's review of the Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act 1996 has been welcomed by Wyong Council.

Strategic endorsement to a regional airport has not been given

The NSW Government has not given strategic endorsement to a regional airport incorporating passenger services at the Warnervale site or any other site on the Central Coast.

\$200 million proposal from aviation manufacturer received

The main objective for expanding Warnervale Airport was not as a major passenger terminal, but for general aviation, according to Wyong mayor, Cr Doug Eaton OAM.

Residents want Airport Restrictions Act to remain

The Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) (WAR) Act 1996 is the only thing protecting the communities surrounding the airport from the noise, decreased land values, water and environmental degradation that...

Confusion reigns over council election date

Confusion continues over the date of the next local government election on the Central Coast due to the proposed merger of Wyong and Gosford Councils.

Mayoral Minute calls for submission for light rail project

A \$1 billion light rail between Gosford and The Entrance could be a reality within 10 years according to Wyong mayor, Cr Doug Eaton OAM.

Mayor's tealeaves predict July 8 as merger proclamation date

A proclamation to dissolve Gosford and Wyong Councils and create a new Central Coast Council will most likely be made on Friday, July 8, according to Wyong's mayor, Cr Doug Eaton.

Conference attendance by councillors a hot issue

Councillors from Wyong will not be attending the 2016 National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra in June.

Unions protest outside McNamara's office

A protest was held outside the office of the member for Dobell, Ms Karen McNamara on Wednesday, April 27.

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Is underpass going to be worthwhile?

The rail underpass at Bulls Hill has been on the agenda for some time.

Is it going to be worthwhile with the amount of monies being spent on this project?

It seems that parliamentarians need to work together with the community on the Peninsula so that people can provide feedback

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on how it will be managed.

Questions may be asked as to whether or not building the underpass will provide faster rail services for the Central Coast.

The pedestrian bridge along the Woy Woy inlet was built when Marie Andrews was Member for

Gosford.

The money on that project could have been much better spent on employment, hospitals, schools and other needed projects so that the community on the Peninsula could benefit from the resources instead of them being wasted.

Letter, 18 Apr 2016
Linda Grindley, Woy Woy

We don't need another makeshift exercise

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Disappointed with Anzac Day service

I would just like to say how disappointed I was with the Anzac Day service at Woy Woy.

There were ex-service men and women everywhere and yet not one got up to speak on their experiences.

Why they were not asked to speak, I don't know.

All we got was hymns and psalms when we should have heard stories and insights.

My father, like a lot of Australian men and women who served in the Second World War in New Guinea,

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survived because of courage, luck, a sense of humour and great mateship.

Not because of any religion.

The best part of the whole service was the speech by the young man from Brisbane Water Secondary College who spoke with respect and decency about the landing at Gallipoli.

My 12 year old son asked: "Why didn't God help the Germans, the Japanese and the Turks?"

I have no doubt religion played

some part in peoples' lives in these eras but for young kids, listening to hymns and prayers on battlefields and in the hospitals at places like Long Tan, The Kokoda Trail and Gallipoli, wasn't relevant.

We will be looking for somewhere else next year to attend a service that honours the most important people on Anzac Day, the ex-service men and women of Australia and New Zealand.

Email, 3 May 2016
Wayne Lynch, St Huberts Island

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Sea level rise to differ?

Gosford City Council is aware of recent policy decisions of Eurobodalla and Shoalhaven Councils that have adopted sea level rise scenarios.

These are different to Gosford Council's, as well as Wyong Council, which have adopted a zero sea level rising scenario for future planning.

Letter, 25 Apr 2016
Norman Harris, Umina

Ms Lindy Simmons pointed out in "underpass is matter of road safety", as I have in the past, that the late 19th century engineering of Woy Woy Rd, including Bulls Hill, is an immediate and present danger.

It needs to be corrected before traffic build-up brings access to the Peninsula to a crisis point.

However, the problem goes further than that.

Even is the phantasmagorical underpass is built, this will bring little relief because the Council seems to have no grasp of the future traffic management requirements of the Peninsula itself and appears to be relying on its usual 'hoping for the best' strategy to see it through, as with the Peninsula drainage.

As anybody who tries to make a right-hand turn onto Ocean Bay Rd will attest, the days of relying on gap theory to manage Peninsula traffic volumes are rapidly drawing to a close.

But there is no indication that the Council has any conception of the steps that will be necessary to maintain the traffic movements, enhance the bus services and expand commuter parking, to mention only three obvious issues for the Peninsula's growing population.

When are we going to see a co-ordinated traffic management plan for the Peninsula to supplement the Central Coast Regional Plan now in preparation?

We don't need to wait for the new City Council to take office; this matter should have been on the agenda years ago.

If Council could remove its gaze from idiotic projects such as

the Rawson Rd underpass, the unnecessary widening of Bourke Rd and the provision of parking pads in Trafalgar Ave, and focus on long term priorities, we might start to get somewhere.

However, I confidently predict that the Council's vision won't go much further than debating whether we need traffic lights at the Ocean Beach Rd and Rawson Rd intersection, a band aid solution that alone will make no contribution to overall traffic efficiency.

We don't need another makeshift exercise, like diverting Blackwall and Gosford traffic along Victoria St and Charlton St to Railway St through three roundabouts and two sets of traffic lights because nobody thought ahead of time about how the piecemeal development of Woy Woy would limit traffic options.

Why don't councillors put aside the Performing Arts Centre fiasco and concentrate on some lifestyle issues that affect many constituents on a day to day basis now and are going to get rapidly worse in the near future?

Email, 3 May 2016
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

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Thanks to those who work for peaceful democracy

Mr Ken Davy made the point that war is a barbarity (PN, 2 May 2016, Forum) but he doesn't explore man's savagery and violent nature.

High energy, charismatic leaders lusting for power, exploit this part of human nature.

Though most generals believe war is a veritable hell and very wasteful, others, such as General Patton, confess: "God help me George, I love it".

The great peace makers of history and of today try to stem the hate and fanaticism that leads to war.

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Sometimes they are successful. For example, the Pope in Italy and a Nun in Paris who both succeeded in persuading respective Huns and Goths to retire from their cities.

However it's a very uneven struggle between peace and ambition and the love of power.

One is thankful for those many people that have worked and struggled to develop our peaceful and beneficial democracy.

Email, 7 May 2016

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

In regard to Peninsula News (April 18), Mr Bruce Hyland is quite correct when he states that Queen Elizabeth is our sovereign head of state.

He also stated that the Governor-General is the Queen's representative appointed by her majesty upon the advice of the Prime Minister.

However, it is quite wrong to suggest that the Governor-General has "no role as a head of state representing Australians," as he put it.

The Governor-General is our acting head of state, as was demonstrated in 1975 when the Governor-General dismissed the Labor government with its failed Prime Minister and appointed the then Leader of the Opposition to call for a people's election.

The Queen, who is not involved

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in the government affairs of other Commonwealth nations outside of the United Kingdom, played no part in those proceedings.

So for the republicans to constantly plea for the need for us to have an Australian head of state is a futile absurdity, as this is what

we already have.

Mr Hylands' comments continue to insult the intelligence of the Prince of Wales, in my personal opinion.

Then the Australian flag cops a serve.

Contrary to the opinion of those republican minorities, our flag is very popular among the people of Australia, as it is shown during Australia Day celebrations and the Anzac Day parades.

New Zealand put this issue before the people to vote on and their flag, with its union jack in the corner, was decisively endorsed by the electorate there.

Instead of insisting on change for the sake of change, wouldn't it be better for us to cooperate for the betterment of this great nation?

Letter, 27 Apr 2016

Don Parkes, Woy Woy

Will marina mitigation measures be upheld?

Thanks for the marina update.

I doubt I will have the time to understand it fully.

The diagram in the Peninsula News (31 Aug 2015) was misleading.

For me, this "major project" has sailed into uncharted waters.

For comparison, Woy Woy wharf has two levels.

The upper level is three metres wide. The lower, which is available for local ferries, is 2.4 metres wide.

To approve a jetty 1.5 metres wide for access to a 50 berth marina was unbelievable.

It has been increased to two metres but it is still small compared to the minor Woy Woy wharf.

Car parking is an issue across the Local Government Area.

Increasing the existing car park by 15 spaces is questionable and again seems inadequate.

The policy of approving "major projects" on the main road between Gosford and the Peninsula will add to transport woes.

The redevelopment of business sites on Ocean Beach Rd have yet to commence and when completed they will add to the road network issues familiar to Peninsula residents.

In the short time I was at Koolewong visualising the finished major project, four ambulances passed heading for the Peninsula.

Fortunately, Brisbane Water Dr had only light traffic at the time.

In 2001, when the proposed new

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jetty was discussed by Gosford councillors (Agenda DE.120, 7 Aug 2001), the applicant Gemsted Pty Ltd advised the council that waterways aquatic buoys were to be positioned a minimum of two metres from any seagrass and were to incorporate the bungee cord type mooring lines to ensure the seagrass beds were in no way effected by "dragging" chain attachments.

NSW Fisheries had concerns as to the ongoing maintenance of both the floating jetty buoys and the aqua channel buoys.

The aqua channel buoys have not been seen for about 10 years.

Who will ensure environmental mitigation measures are upheld?

Letter, 20 Apr 2016

Norman Harris, Umina

Thank you for the coverage

Thank you for the coverage you gave Rotary in Peninsula News.

One of our members was at his doctor's surgery on Tuesday morning and the paper was on the chair next to him.

He phoned me to say: "Wow."

The results the College's Agriculture Farm achieved at The Sydney Royal were fabulous.

This and the other stories are so local.

Our club met at Everglades

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Country Club last night.

Copies of the edition were in the foyer and several people made comments about the awards we had given.

I don't know if people ever tell you, but when you give a copy of Peninsula News to someone, as I do when I deliver copies to the local businesses in Empire Bay, they say "Thank you, I love reading this."

Also the feedback I get, as a Rotarian, is always good, whether it is our Club or Woy Woy Rotary Club featured in a story.

People seem to skip through the other paper but they read your stories.

It comes up in conversation and, by what they say, you know where they read it.

Please be proud of what you all do so well.

Keep up the good work.

Email, 27 Apr 2016

Geoff Melville, Umina



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Morning tea held to thank volunteer

A morning tea was held to thank volunteer Ms Heather Huntington for her contribution to the Yaringaa Centre in Woy Woy.

Delphis Australia held the morning tea to thank Ms Huntington for her care and support to staff and clients at the Yaringaa Centre because she is retiring at age 88.

The centre provides support to clients from the Peninsula area who are living with dementia.

The morning tea was held on Wednesday, May 4, at the Woy Woy Social Support Centre, McMahers Rd, Woy Woy.

Delphis used the occasion of Volunteers' Week as an opportunity to acknowledge and thank Ms

Huntington.

"Heather has volunteered for over seven years and at the age of 88 she is retiring from volunteering," said Ms Kerry Garth, team leader dementia services and volunteering.

Ms Garth thanked Heather for the many happy memories and friendships forged over the years.

"Delphis Australia would like to pay tribute to Heather's dedication, and commitment to our Woy Woy Social Club.

"We count ourselves most fortunate for having Heather with us over the past six years.

"Heather has been an inspiration and role model to younger volunteers and she has

worked tirelessly to support our clients with memory loss," said Ms Garth

Ms Huntington said she believed that adopting the philosophy embodied in the theme of Volunteers' Week 2016 had enabled her to continue in her volunteering role for as long as she had, sharing her time with others has made her feel good and kept her busy.

Delphis Australia has a variety of different volunteering opportunities.

If you would like to know more about volunteering with Delphis Australia, contact Kerry Garth on 4324 4244.

Media release, 5 May 2016
Ambah Wilkinson, Delphis Australia

Aged care facility receives generator funding

A generator will be delivered to an aged care facility in Woy Woy to help keep older residents safe during storms.

Blue Wave Living will receive the generator is a result of funding from the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Program.

Federal Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks said: "I am thrilled to be able to announce up to \$15,000 in funding to Blue Wave under this government's Stronger Communities Program.

"The grant will mean that Blue Wave Living can purchase a generator for disaster management, absolutely essential, particularly given the experiences of so many across the Central Coast during the April 2015 storms," Ms Wicks said.

"This means residents and staff will have confidence in knowing that the centre will be able to continue operating in the events of blackouts or during emergencies," she said.

Blue Wave Living CEO Ms Jennifer Eddy said the 2015

storms highlighted the facility's dependence on electricity to care for residents.

"With advances in technology, there is increased use of computer-operated and power-driven equipment," Ms Eddy said.

"Blue Wave Living was without power for two days and although we managed and resident care was not compromised, it was difficult for staff who did an amazing job under the circumstances.

"We are delighted with this news," she said.

Ms Wicks also said: "Every facility and retirement village that I have visited as part of my 'village visits' over the past several weeks has been incredibly uplifting.

"The stories that I share with local residents and the stories that they share with me give me a great sense of honour at being able to represent their concerns to the Turnbull Government down in Canberra," she said.

"I look forward to meeting with many more."

Media release, 2 May 2016
Tom Sowden, Office of Lucy Wicks

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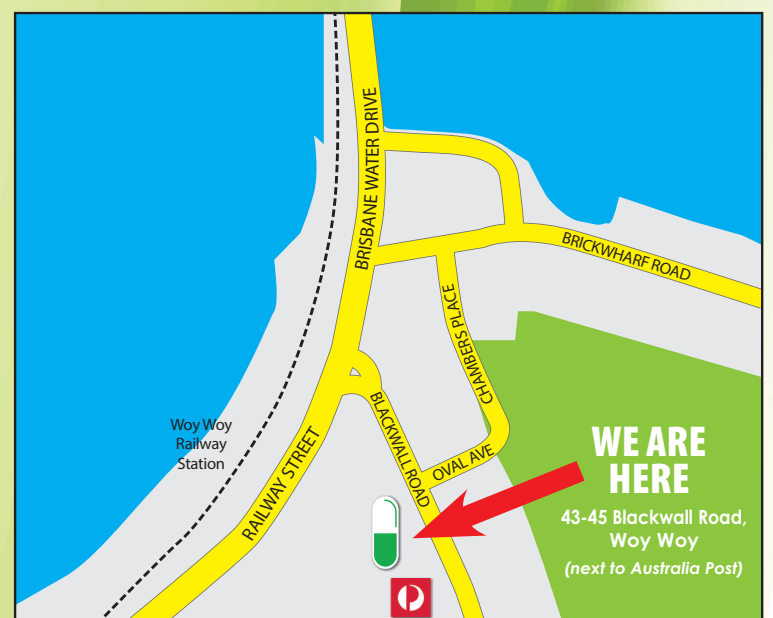
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Women explore their boundaries

Women of the Peninsula will have an opportunity to explore the effect of their own boundaries on their relationships in a new group workshop run by the Peninsula Women's Health Centre.

The Boundaries Group will start on May 26, and run each Thursday morning between 10am-12pm before finishing on June 30.

The six-week course aims to support women and improve their relationships with themselves and others by encouraging the development of healthy boundaries and improving communication and assertiveness in participants.

The Boundaries Group is a free initiative put on by the Peninsula Women's Health Centre.

However, the Centre does appreciate a donation of \$5 by participants who can afford it.

Bookings are essential.

Email, 2 May 2016
Kate Bradfield, Peninsula Women's Health Centre

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'Mama' turns 100

A resident at a dementia care home in Woy Woy has turned 100.

Long-time Central Coast resident Ms Dorothy Wheatley was born on May 4, 1916.

Friends and family were on hand at HammondCare to celebrate Ms Wheatley's special day.

Ms Wheatley has been with HammondCare since 2014 and is fondly referred to as "mama" by staff and other residents at the facility who she calls her "kids".

Email, 28 Apr 2016
Peter Hallet, HammondCare Woy Woy

Ettalong Public School held a Stewart House day on Friday, May 6.

Students were asked to wear something blue and bring a gold coin donation.

Stewart House Donation Drive envelopes were also given to the office.

Students could be put into the draw to win a family holiday worth \$4000.

Newsletter, 3 May 2016
Amy Forster, Ettalong Public School

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Drug and alcohol seminars to be held at Club

One-day drug and alcohol seminars will soon be made available to the parents and care givers at the Ettalong Digger's Club.

"We started the community drug and alcohol initiative back in around July 2015 and it was just a casual talk between myself and Lucy Wicks and it has grown from that," said Ettalong Diggers CEO Mr Bill Jackson.

"I have made sure we have got all the clubs and licensed venues, the hotels, in the Gosford LGA to be part of it, or as many as we possibly can, and then Ms Wicks made sure the various government departments were aware of it and were invited as well," he said.

"I see a lot of the younger people in the area, through my association with the football clubs, and the netballs clubs in the area, and I do have five grandchildren of my own, and I just cannot bear the thought of them growing up in a society where ice, which can be manufactured in a cardboard box is freely available.

"My idea wasn't so that we wouldn't just say OK we are going to target drugs.

"It had to be drug and alcohol on the Central Coast.

"The reason it has to be drugs and alcohol is that they would be the main items, along with mental illness, that cause domestic violence.

"You try to separate them out but you can't and we need to make sure that our current patrons, and future patrons, are kept safe from it," he said.

The group has had several meetings during the past 12 months and, according to Mr Jackson, its major achievements to date included agreeing to an action plan that will result in a community education program.

"It will see parents, interested adults and teachers take part in one-day seminars which will give them the ability to recognise people with problems, and it also gives them information about what they need to do to help that person," Mr Jackson said.

"The seminars are just about to be started and we are looking at having a couple on the Peninsula and a couple at Gosford," he said.

"We haven't got any dates or times yet but the venues look like being here at Diggers in the 700 seat function room and in the Central Coast Leagues Club.

"The information will be coming from experts in the field and it will be doctors, councillors and those people that are in the situation of having to deal with drug and alcohol problems every day.

"They will be able to explain to parents, grandparents and relations how to recognise a problem if there is one and how to

overcome that problem," he said.

Mr Jackson said he was also grateful for the assistance of the Brisbane Water Liquor Accord and by the hoteliers and the Australian Hotels Association.

"Historically the AHA and clubs don't really see eye to eye but on this one everybody can see eye to eye and everyone is behind us."

Mr Jackson said the initiatives other major achievement to date had been to make changes to the Brisbane Water Liquor Accord.

"It used to be that the barred from one barred from all licensed venues rule was for alcohol related items only but now it is for alcohol and drug related items," he said.

Interview, 11 May 2016
Bill Jackson, Ettalong Diggers
Reporter: Jackie Pearson



From left, Elaine Fleming, Bron Carroll, Megan Napier, John Wood, Bill Jackson, Anthea Johnson, Luke Parsons and Mel Saunders from Ettalong Diggers

Registered club wins health award

A local registered club has received a highly commended award in the health category at the 2016 Clubs and Community Awards.

Ettalong Diggers was recognised for "their impressive initiative to educate the community about the dangers of illicit drug use".

As part of its campaign, Ettalong Diggers partnered with community groups and leaders to host youth forums, and extend the "barred from one, barred from all" program administered by the Brisbane Water Liquor Accord.

Clubs NSW chief executive officer, Mr Anthony Ball, congratulated Ettalong Diggers for their win at the Clubs and

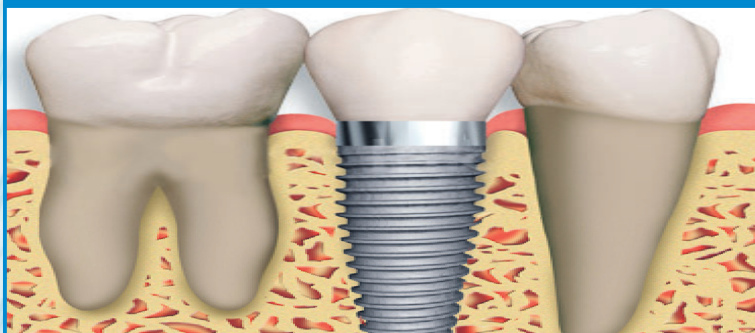
Community Awards.

"The education and support that Ettalong Diggers has provided to people and families in the local area through its award-winning program is inspiring, and we are proud of the way in which they have dedicated both their time and resources to keeping the community safe."

Media release, 9 May 2016
Caterina Polistina, Clubs NSW



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Umina wins Woy Woy Cup

Umina Beach Public School's Under 10's Rugby League team won the Woy Woy Cup on April 28.

The Under 10's were undefeated in the competition and toppled St Johns in the Grand Final to secure the Cup.

The cup is proudly on display in the school office.

Newsletter, 3 May 2016
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School

Children's author to visit Umina

Students from Umina Beach Public School will have the opportunity to discuss reading, writing and action adventures with a leading Australian children's author, Mr Felice Arena, when he visits the school on May 26.

Mr Arena will present an author talk to children and teach them some of the do's and don'ts of writing.

Mr Arena has penned some of Australia's most successful children's book series, including the Andy Roid and Sporty Kids series.

Students also have the opportunity to order some of Mr Arena's books prior to his visit.

Forms will be sent home with students for pre-orders.

Newsletter, 10 May 2016
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School

Scouts and Guides donate war stories

Broken Bay Scout Group and Point Clare District Girl Guides have donated books in remembrance of Anzac Day to Woy Woy South Public School.

Woy Woy South Public School teacher and librarian Ms Ruza Santos said: "Every year we are

given some of the most poignant stories and recollections of the war years that have been currently published.

"They are a timely reminder of the selfless sacrifices made by our Anzac and war heroes," she said.

Newsletter, 3 May 2016
Ruza Santos, Woy Woy South Public School

Naplan testing starts

Woy Woy South Public School Years 3 and 5 students started Naplan testing on the week of Monday, May 9.

Students completed a language conventions and a writing test on Tuesday, May 10.

Students also completed a reading test on Wednesday, May 11, and a numeracy test on Thursday, May 12, with Friday, May 13, left for students to catch up on any tests missed.

Newsletter, 10 May 2016
Kim Whealey, Woy Woy South Public School

Kindergarten and Year 1 students at Woy Woy South Public School are being taught literacy using the state-wide program, L3.

Staff members Ms Jenn Parker and Ms Michelle Reid said kindergarten teachers were very pleased with the progress their students are making in daily guided reading and writing.

"This success is reflected in our school's data in comparison with other schools across the Central Coast," they said.

Teachers will now send books home with students to read as well as individualised words to learn.

Newsletter, 10 May 2016
Jenn Parker, Michelle Reid, Woy Woy South Public School

Literacy taught using State program

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Build connections between schools and conservatorium

Mr Patrick Brennan from the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music was guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Umina Beach.

Club member Dr John Irvine introduced Mr Brennan and spoke of their common interest in working with children in schools to develop the children's interest in music and arts through bands and choirs.

Mr Brennan told of his crowded activities in early life including teaching and his unusual soprano singing ability.

He had contact with many choirs and trained at the Sydney Conservatorium where he eventually held positions and started to conduct choirs and bands.

In 2012, Mr Brennan acquired property at Phegans Bay and became a resident when he took up the position of CEO at the Central Coast Conservatorium.

He told the meeting he was using government funding to build stronger connections between local schools and the Central Coast Conservatorium.

Mr Brennan's ambition was for the relationship between the conservatorium and schools to grow to the extent that the children would be part of concerts and operatic works, improving their mental and overall health.

Government funding now covered 30 areas of musical training, Mr Brennan said.

However, families still had large fees to pay for their training.

He was looking forward to having local sponsorship to provide scholarships for promising students.

He said he was aiming for around 20 scholarships of up to \$800 each.

**Newsletter, 9 May 2016
Rod Radford, Rotary Club
of Umina Beach**



Stage 2 dancers

Dance groups at eisteddfod

Stage 2 and 3 dance groups from Umina Beach Public School performed in an eisteddfod for the Gosford City Performing Arts Challenge, at Gosford High School on April 29.

The Stage 3 dancers performed

their dance Don't Speak for the first time in front of an audience and took out first place.

The school has now won the Primary School Section of the Arts Challenge three years running.

The Stage 2 dancers also performed their dance Smooth

Jackson and achieved a highly commended.

Both groups will represent the school in the Central Coast Dance Festival in June.

**Newsletter, 3 May 2016
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach
Public School**



Stage 3 dancers



From left Mr Patrick Brennan CEO of the Central Coast Conservatorium with Glen Scorer from the Umina Rotary Club



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Education



Woy Woy South Public School, along with most other schools on the Peninsula, contributed to this year's Anzac poppy display

School contributes to poppy display

Woy Woy South Public School students contributed to the poppy display at the Skillion, Terrigal and 12 students participated in the Woy Woy Anzac Day parade.

Principal Ms Kim Whealey said that "12 students and a group of our teachers proudly joined the march at Deepwater Plaza and marched through to the waterfront".

"It was a moving event and we were very pleased to be represented so well in our broader community."

This is also the second year that the school has contributed to the poppy project.

**Newsletter, 3 May 2016
Kim Whealey, Woy Woy
South Public School**

Local teacher starts tutoring service

A Woy Woy high school teacher, who has taught high school English and HSIE subjects for more than 16 years, has started a tutoring service in Woy Woy.

Ms Karen Cormie has started Cycles in Tuition as a mobile service providing face-to-face tuition.

She said that tutoring was often required when children had developed anti-school attitudes.

"Online tuition is not the best way to help children overcome anti-school attitudes," she said.

"A certain subject, a particular teacher or simply 'the rules' can cause anti-school attitudes to fester in children.

"It's hard for many students to have respect for authority figures and rules when they themselves live outside the social norm," Ms Cormie said.

"Students can hold these anti-school attitudes for myriad reasons: a dysfunctional home life; genetic inheritance; social awkwardness; or minority group characteristics.

"Whatever the reason, some students define themselves as outsiders to the school system.

"Many of these students come from broken homes and many still live with household disruption and tension, so they can feel quite isolated and alienated from formal education.

"Just look at the prevalence of

divorce in our society.

"Often it takes years of fighting at home before a couple decide to split and all that turmoil is bound to have an effect on the individual student.

"Coupled with that are the individual's own characteristics.

"For many who identify as belonging to certain minorities, then often face the ridicule of others at a time when peer acceptance is so crucial."

According to Ms Cormie, such reasons, often then create a defensiveness which is expressed predominately at school but is also expressed generally in society.

"In the classroom it is usually expressed either as passive resistance or even malicious obedience (doing the bare minimum of work to scrape by) or via overt challenges to the teacher.

"This resistance is not only ultimately destructive for the student and disruptive in the classroom, but is unnecessary since it fails to achieve what any student really wants: acceptance and achievement."

Tutoring provided an environment where the student was not exposed to anyone other than the tutor, she said.

"There is no audience of peers to show off to or to be embarrassed in-front of, and learning difficulties and resistance can be overcome much more effectively and quickly. "Every student tutored has a voice which obviously supports an enhanced self-esteem as it develops student skills and knowledge.

"The difficulty with online tutoring programs is that they have standard formats and the student's verbal contributions go unheard, so no tutor-student rapport is established.

"The most successful users of online tutoring programs will be students who already possess a pro-education attitude."

The problem is that many students who are in most need of tutoring don't have such attitudes.

"Whether they simply can't get certain subject content or resent the entire schooling process, they

are often unable to benefit from online tuition.

"For these students, the subject content needs to become personally accessible and relevant to them and their future life."

Ms Cormie said a positive student-tutor relationship was extremely beneficial for greater skills and knowledge, which led to improved performance and enthusiasm.

"Students subjected to standardised online tutoring programs, often perceive them as remedial and punitive.

"This only reinforces any negative messages the students already hold about themselves which can then undermine confidence in other areas.

"Online resources can be a great way of bolstering academic performance, however, reliance upon them solely is often unwise."

So what's the alternative to online educational products?

Often parents resort to alternative schools with their greater focus on person-centred education, private or home schooling.

Yet for the overwhelming majority, these are not economically viable propositions, Ms Cormie said.

Ms Cormie said that independent research had shown that private tutoring with qualified teachers both increased individuals' confidence and gave parents a greater sense of control.

She said: "At the moment, I am looking for more tutors in academic subject areas because of the positive response to the business on the Peninsula.

"They have to be fully qualified secondary school teachers preferably with additional credentials in marking and adult learning areas.

"I am also getting a lot of requests for English as a Second Language tutoring as I am qualified in ESL and as a marker for Naplan."

**Emails, 8 and 12 May 2016
Karen Cormie, Cycles In Tuition**

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Concerts to be held at Pearl Beach

The Showcase Concert and The Pearl Beach Music Scholarship and Irvine Family Piano Scholarship Concert will be held at Pearl Beach on Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29.

Junior students of the Central Coast Conservatorium will perform at the Showcase Concert.

Dr John Irvine, whose family sponsors the Irvine Piano Scholarship and supports young students, said: "Music is not only good for the soul and important for relaxation in the busy world kids live in, but recent research is showing the importance in cognitive development and memory skills."

Artistic director of the Central Coast Conservatorium, Mr Patrick Brennan, said: "The showcase concert embraces the concept of pure performance rather than competitive performance and allows our younger musicians to perform with focus, passion and conviction."

Entry to the showcase concert is free, but a donation is appreciated.

The Pearl Beach Music Scholarship and Irvine Family Piano Scholarship Concert offers a performance opportunity to students who have excelled in their chosen field.

Ms Lilli Naulu will act as accompanist for students competing for the Pearl Beach Progress Association Scholarship.

Ms Naulu has performed regularly as repetiteur and pianist for a number of musical organisations on the Central Coast and is currently working under the direction of Australian conductor

and composer Professor Christopher Bowen.

Mr Brennan said: "This prestigious event is an excellent opportunity for Conservatorium students to perform for their local community and deliver truly breath taking performances."

"The Central Coast Conservatorium is most grateful for the financial award that is given by the Pearl Beach Progress Association and the Irvine Family to the winners of this important event," he said.

"The prize money will help them further their musical studies at the Central Coast Conservatorium."

Pearl Beach Progress Association spokesperson Ms Lynne Lillico said: "As a new initiative last year, The Peoples' Choice Award was highly successful with the enthusiastic audience voting for their favourite performer."

"The award is valued at \$250 jointly sponsored by the Irvine Family and the Progress Association," she said.

"The Irvine Family and Pearl Beach Progress Association are proud to be able to support these incredible young students who demonstrate such energy and commitment to their music."

Entry to The Pearl Beach Music Scholarship and Irvine Family Piano Scholarship Concert is \$10 with children under 15 free.

Both concerts will be held at 2pm at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

Media release, 10 May 2016
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association



Performers from the 2015 concerts at Pearl Beach



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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.

Classical symphonies at Pearl Beach on long weekend

Pearl Beach residents will have the opportunity to listen to some classic symphonies over the June long weekend when the Pearl Beach Progress Association presents the Long Weekend Music Festival.

Held at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall from June 11-12, the Festival will offer two days of music in an intimate setting.

Opening the Festival on Saturday afternoon will be

Estivo Trio, three talented young musicians of talent and passion, who will play pieces by Mozart, Rachmaninov and Mendelssohn.

Australian concert pianist and chamber musician Tamara-Anna Cislowska will perform on the Saturday evening with pieces by Bach, Haydn, Chopin, Liszt, Debussy, and Rachmaninov.

Sunday afternoon will see the The Song Company, an acapella ensemble of six who will perform vocal chamber music from Monteverdi, Gombert and Mundy.

The finale concert on Sunday evening features Classical to Coltrane, a string quartet featuring the talents of Peter Garrity, Ziva Altman, Leo Kram and Francis Yoon, and jazz trio Rodric White, John Conley and Raphael Strazz.

The concert opens with Haydn's Sunrise string quartet, followed by some Mancini-like arrangements including well known movie themes, Bach's adagio Arioso and Albinoni's Adagio.

Media release, 11 May 2016
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

Exhibition to raise funds for literacy

An art exhibition to raise funds for literacy in third world countries will take place at the Patonga Progress Hall on May 29.

The exhibition entitled, Body Parts, will be a collaboration of four artists, with mosaic, photographic, sculpture and textile art works.

It will raise funds for Room to Read, a not for profit organisation whose mission is to campaign for global literacy and education.

Money raised from the Body Parts exhibition will go towards building libraries and schools, running scholarship programs and printing children's books in low-income countries.

Event organiser Mr Kel Butler said the exhibition would be a fun community day that would support local artists and disadvantaged children.

Email, May 12, 2016
Kel Butler, Body Parts exhibition organiser

The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Monday, May 16

The Being a Dad program will run at The Senior's Room, Peninsula Community Centre May 16 and 23, 11:30am to 2:30pm

Friday, May 20

Winter Sale at Mingaletta, men's women's and children's winter clothing, coats and more, until May 22, from 8am

Dinkum Assorted showing at Woy Woy Little Theatre's. Friday and Saturday nights until June 4 from 8pm

Saturday, May 21

Hands Off Our Community Reserves Event at Kariong Eco Garden, 5pm to 8pm

Samson and Delilah film showing at Mingaletta run by Amnesty International, from 4pm to 8pm, 6 Sydney Rd Umina

Akmal Saleh, I'm a celebrity get me into Ettalong Diggers, doors open 8pm

Rewbies, Empire bay Tavern featuring Margaret Rew, 8:30pm

Sunday, May 22

Cancer Council will be holding Biggest Morning Tea at 26 Bena Rd, Umina Beach from 10am to 4pm

Tuesday, May 24

Good Morning Ettalong show, Ettalong Diggers, doors open 10am

Wednesday, May 25

The Roving Rubies Red Hatters of the Central would like to invite any lady over 50 to join us for fun and friendship at Rubies Book Café.

Thursday, May 26

How can I help my child to be a better speller" Woy Woy Library, 10am to 11am

The Peninsula Women's Heath Centre is holding a Boundaries group, 10am to 12pm

Rewind, Ettalong Bowling Club, 6pm

Friday, May 27

The Olive Branch Gallery Exhibition at 5 Onthonna Terrace, Umina to May 31

Melinda Schneider, Ettalong Diggers, doors open 8pm

Saturday, May 28

Recycling Denim workshop, Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre

Songs about water concert, Troubadour Folk Club, CWA Hall, Woy Woy from 7:00pm

Showcase Concert and Pearl Beach Music Scholarship and Irvine Family Piano Scholarship, Pearl Beach Community Hall, 2pm Sat and Sun

Sunday, May 29

Body Parts mosaic art exhibition by Mary Butler, Patonga Progress Hall fundraiser

for Room to Read's World Change Challenge, 10am to 4pm

Saturday, Jun 4

Recycling Denim workshop, Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre

Thursday, Jun 9

Toni Jordan author event, Umina Library, 6pm to 7:45pm

Friday, Jun 10

Australian Songwriters Conference, Ettalong Beach Tourist Park until June 13

Saturday, Jun 11

Pearl Beach June Long Weekend Classical Music Festival

Sunday, Jun 12

Pretty Beach Markets, Pretty beach Public School

Saturday, Jun 18

Crochet for beginners with Sabine Parge, Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre

Sunday, Jun 19

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

Friday, Jul 1

Woy Woy Little Theatre Company annual flash festival, Peninsula Theatre

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Peninsula Community

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Sport



The stage two rugby union team from Woy Woy South Public School

Great effort at rugby cup

The stage two and three Woy Woy South Public School rugby league teams competed in the annual Woy Woy Cup on Thursday,

April 28. The open team won its pool and made it to the semi-final but was beaten by one try. Coach Mr Mark McKinnon said: "All players were great

representatives of our school and showed great skill and outstanding sportsmanship."

Newsletter, 3 May 2016
Mark McKinnon, Woy Woy South Public School



The Woy Woy South Public School stage three rugby union side



Women's major singles

Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club held its 2016 Major Singles on Friday, April 29.

The Major Singles was held between Ms Pat Neal and Ms Yvonne Austin.

Ms Neal made sure at least one of her bowls was in the lead.

Ms Austin chased but fell short when a number of her wicks went

in the wrong direction or were knocked out of shot by Ms Neal.

Publicity officer Ms Eve Phillips said: "The spectators held their breath on a number of occasions throughout the game."

Ms Neal won the Major Single for the second time in four years.

Email, 10 May 2016
Eve Phillips, Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club

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The Umina team was ultimately knocked out of the competition, losing their first round to Brisbania Public School with a 12-10 final score.

However, the team rallied in their second round match against Ettalong Public School, showing fine form and ending the match with a 31-8 point victory.

Event organiser, Ms Dufficy said the Umina boys displayed excellent sportsmanship and teamwork.

Newsletter, 10 May 2016
Umina Beach Public School

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School for Seniors visits the trots

Members of the Peninsula School for Seniors at Woy Woy were recent guests of the Newcastle Trotting Club.

"We were very excited to have a race named in our honour and as a gesture of appreciation the school donated an inscribed cup to the winner of the Woy Woy School for Seniors Pace," said coordinator, Ms Diana Johnston.

"The evening bought back many happy memories for members who regularly attended the trots in their younger years," she said.

"Denis Dun, a volunteer at the Peninsula Community Centre, drove the bus and the members enjoyed a sing-along on the trip to and from Newcastle."

Letter, 30 Apr 2016

Diana Johnston, Peninsula School for Seniors



Jemma Smith

Named female competitor of the carnival

Umina Surf Life Saving Club athlete Jemma Smith has been named the female competitor of the carnival by Surf Life Saving NSW at the 2016 Surf Life Saving Championships, Open Championship held on Queensland's Sunshine Coast from April 16-24 this year.

Smith and her team mates Jazmyn Rodwell, Mimi Henderson and Rachel Wood, were all in fine form for the Open Championship with Smith bringing home a

gold, silver and bronze medal in individual events and four gold and one silver medals in the team events during the eight day competition.

Smith won gold in the categories of: Australian Open Champion Lifesaver; Under-17 Female Taplin (team event); Under-19 Female Rescue Tube Rescue (team event); Open Female Rescue Tube Rescue (team event); and the Under-17 Female Board Relay (team event).

Silver medals were picked up in the Under-17 Female Board and the Under-17 Female Surf Team

(team event), and Smith's bronze medal was picked up in the Open Iron Women category.

The Australian Surf Life Saving Championships, known as The Aussies dates back to 1915 when it was first held on Bondi Beach.

In the years since, The Aussies has become a major event on the Australian sporting landscape, in the magnitude of the Commonwealth Games, and consists of a two week festival of surf lifesaving sport action.

Email, 12 May 2016

Interview, 12 May 2016

Christine Lavers, Umina SLSC Reporter, Dillon Luke

Bowling club monthly carnival

Umina Beach Bowling Club held its monthly carnival on Wednesday, April 27.

Twenty two teams attended the event which included three games of 12 events for both men and women bowlers.

Mr John Aldersley, Mr Mick Maycock and Mr Jim Cook placed first, Mr Phil Westcott, Mr Alex

Lewin and Mr Peter Coombes placed second and Mr Frank Powter, Mr John Burns and Mr Terry Murphy placed third.

The next carnival will be held on Wednesday, May 25.

Registration will be accepted before Monday, May 23.

Media release, 2 May 2016

Ian Jarratt, Umina Beach Bowling Club

Major singles

The final of the Major Singles was held on Sunday, April 24 at Umina Beach Bowling Club.

The final was held between Mr Lee Patterson and Mr Jarred

Bates.

Mr Bates won eight of the first 10 ends.

Mr Patterson won the next six out of eight ends resulting in Mr Bates leading by one point.

Mr Patterson, with experience,

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Media release, 2 May 2016

Ian Jarratt, Umina Beach Bowling Club

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Sport



Junior players with their mentors at the opening of Woy Woy Oval

Photos Nick Friend



The Lions are enjoying growing success with their junior sides



Kane Burns



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Tide Chart

FORT DENISON

LAT 33° 51' S - LONG 151° 14' E - TIME ZONE - 1000

Times and Heights(m) of high and low waters

Time - Height(m)

Add one hour to the times below when Daylight Saving is in force

16 MON	0412 1.47 1038 0.59 1703 1.47 2307 0.73	17 TUE	0503 1.46 1119 0.57 1746 1.54 2358 0.67	18 WED	0549 1.46 1158 0.56 1825 1.61
19 THU	0043 0.61 0632 1.46 1232 0.55 1900 1.68	20 FRI	0122 0.55 0713 1.46 1306 0.54 1934 1.73	21 SAT	0200 0.51 0751 1.46 1340 0.54 2008 1.77
22 SUN	0237 0.48 0830 1.44 1414 0.56 2043 1.80	23 MON	0315 0.46 0910 1.43 1449 0.57 2118 1.81	24 TUE	0354 0.46 0951 1.40 1527 0.60 2156 1.80
25 WED	0435 0.47 1034 1.38 1608 0.63 2236 1.77	26 THU	0519 0.49 1120 1.36 1652 0.67 2320 1.73	27 FRI	0607 0.51 1211 1.35 1743 0.71
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APPROX. TIME LAG AFTER FORT DENISON
Ettalong 40 min, Rip Bridge 2hrs - Wisemans Ferry 2 hrs 30 min, Koolewong 2 hrs 10 min
In view of the variations caused by local conditions and meteorological effects, these times are approximate and must be considered as a guide only. They are not to be relied on for critical depth calculations for safe navigation.
Actual times of High and Low Water may occur before or after the times indicated

Young Lions strut their stuff

Each Saturday no fewer than 160 young Woy Woy Lions strut their stuff in the Central Coast Junior Rugby Union competition.

Ages range from under sevens to under 17s.

Woy Woy has three under-seven sides and one each in all but one of the other grades, making the club one of the strongest in the competition.

Home games, played at the picturesque Ettalong Oval, below Blackwall Mountain, begin at 8am but the ground is a hive of activity from three hours before.

Volunteers erect the official tent along with seats and benches, surround the ground with 400 metres of rope to separate onlookers from the playing area, organise the canteen and barbecue while arranging team

sheets, first aid kits and socks and shorts for newcomers.

In the middle of all this is junior president, Ms Sarah Doake-Stride who runs a very busy restaurant, rows surf boats at Killcare and has three boys playing.

(If you want a job done find a busy person).

"I've got a wonderful committee and helpers and just to see the little blokes run around in their kit is worth the effort," Ms Doake-Stride said.

"It's also rewarding that we are very inclusive with kids from private and public schools and indigenous and Polynesian boys as well," she said.

The improvement of players, year by year, is very evident.

The warriors, the thinkers and the sprinters soon emerge.

Each year a number of senior

players help coach the various age groups and are greatly appreciated by the youngsters.

This year's under 11s are coached by Feleti Atiola who captained the first grade premiers in 2014.

The club's system is obviously working.

The under 17s were premiers in 2014, the under 16s premiers in 2015 and the 2016 under 17s have no fewer than 10 players in the Central Coast squad.

Ms Doake-Stride summed it up when she said: "There is nothing more exciting than to see a little kid who still needs mum to tie his laces come down to learn, then watch him go through the grades and become a first grader."

Email, 12 May 2016
Peter Fenton, Woy Woy Rugby Union

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Third in round three of junior speedway

A 12-year-old Umina resident, Harrison Ryan, took out third place in round three of the Junior Speedway Winter Series, held at Allen Park Raceway, Somersby, on May 7.

A field of young 125cc junior riders from all over NSW competed over five highly contested rounds with the top four point scorers qualifying for the A Final, won by Jack Miles from Kurri Kurri.

Maurice Brown from Cowra was

second and Harrison Ryan third.

Lex Tracey from Sydney, took out fourth.

"This was a truly exciting meeting and a perfect showcase for the many spectators who came along to see junior speedway for the first time," said club spokesman, Mr Terry Starbuck.

The next junior speedway meeting at Somersby will be Round Seven of the Winter Series on July 30.

Media release, 9 May 2016

Terry Starbuck, Central Coast Junior Motorcycle Club



Jack Miles leads Harrison Ryan

Photo David Lamont

Fishing club hosts fundraiser

Sporties at Woy Woy has held a fundraiser for an impoverished school and village in Cambodia.

The Pelicans Fishing Club hosted the day on Sunday, May 1, with 40 bowlers attending.

The day included bowls, a lunch, raffles with gifts from members and

local businesses on the Peninsula, and live music.

A total of \$1760 was raised on the day and member Mr John Orme will travel to Cambodia in late May to present the money.

Email, 3 May 2016

John Orme, Sporties at Woy Woy

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