

Committee structure to give community a voice

The Peninsula will have a voice on the Central Coast Council during the next 16 months through a committee structure, according to council administrator Mr Ian Reynolds.

Mr Reynolds said all the committees of the former Gosford Council no longer existed and he had asked for a report from CEO Mr Rob Noble by June 8 to determine what the new council's committee structure will be.

Wyong Council's committees have also been dissolved, Mr Reynolds said.

"There were stacks and stacks of committees across the north and the south of the new LGA," Mr Reynolds said.

According to a register of the committees of the former Gosford Council, the council had 29 committees.

Wyong Council had a different structure with 12 committees, five groups, two working parties and 12 external bodies or groups.

The register of Gosford Council committees lists the names of community representatives, who appear to have been included on the vast majority of the former council's committee.

The database of Wyong Council committees lists community representatives on only one committee, the Tuggerah Lakes estuary.

It is uncertain which, if any, of the committees of the former Gosford Council will be kept.

"We need data first," Mr Noble said.

"Ian will get the list of committees and review it with senior staff but right now we don't know what it is



From left: Central Coast Council administrator Mr Ian Reynolds and chief executive officer Mr Rob Noble discuss their plans for the new local government area with media

going to look like," he said.

Mr Noble's recommendation to the first Central Coast Council's meeting stated: "There is a need to urgently review those committees and other groups, and to identify opportunities for improved engagement with the community of the Central Coast."

"That review must carefully consider the current legal status of those committees and bodies, the potential legal consequences of any alteration to the constitution or membership of those committees

and other bodies, and ensure that future committees of the Council are directed to addressing the needs of the whole community of the Central Coast."

"We are now the Central Coast, we are all part of a big new thing," Mr Reynolds said.

"Part of my role is to make sure the council reaches out to the whole Central Coast," he said.

In addition to getting committees up and running, Mr Reynolds said he had already changed the NSW Government's decision to have all

Central Coast Council meetings held in the former Wyong Council chambers.

"The government proclamation meant all meetings would be held in Wyong and I think that is inappropriate so I changed the rules so we can meet in Gosford and Wyong," Mr Reynolds said.

"I don't expect people to come from Patonga to Wyong, for instance, unless they want to come to speak and I would encourage that," he said.

All Central Coast Council

meetings will be audio recorded and the public will be able to access those recordings using the Government Information Public Access Act (GIPA).

Mr Reynolds is also moving ahead with the creation of a Local Representation Committee that will be made up of former councillors from Wyong and Gosford as another way of ensuring all communities within the new LGA have a voice.

"I have already spoken with all the councillors bar one," Mr Reynolds said.

"The best way to keep them involved is to give them a seat at the table," he said.

Mr Noble said the NSW Government had provided the administrator with a template terms of reference for the establishment of the Local Representation Committee and that Mr Reynolds was expected to make a decision at the next council meeting about the terms for the committee.

All former councillors have been given written notice that they will be invited to express interest in being part of the committee.

However, Mr Reynolds would not comment on the number of positions available.

"Yes, we are a new council, but there are issues north and south that have a history with them and the former councillors will still have their contacts within the community," Mr Reynolds said.

"The purpose of the committee is to get feedback," he said.

Interviews, 26 May 2016
Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council
Rob Noble, Central Coast Council
Central Coast Council agenda item 3.5, 25 May 2016
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

Underpass open by September, says dept.

The Woy Woy rail underpass will be open to traffic by the end of August, according to the latest update from Transport for NSW.

Previously, it had stated the work could take up to six months

to complete.

The department still has not confirmed the cost of the repairs to the underpass:

"We will confirm the costs within the next few weeks, following further planning," the department

said in a statement issued on May 13.

"This cost will be for the new bridge protection, which 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," the statement said.

"The underpass will be open to traffic by the end of August.

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

Media statement, 13 May 2016
Scott Gillespie, Transport for NSW

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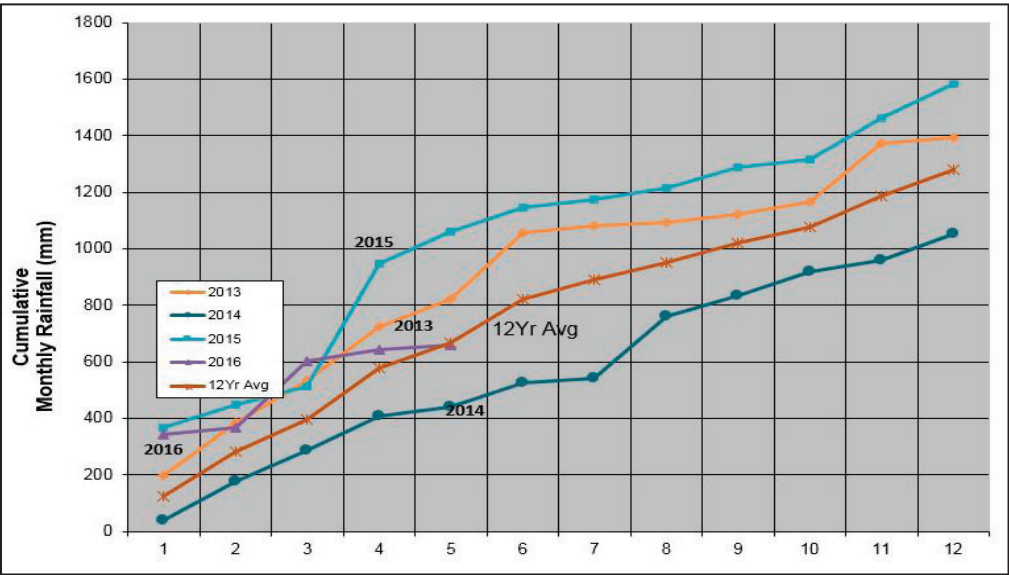
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Lowest rainfall in eight years?

The Peninsula looks set to record its lowest May rainfall in eight years, with just 14.7mm of rain falling so far this month.

This is one sixth of the average May rainfall of 90mm.

The previous lowest May rainfall was 6.7mm in 2008, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

The highest rainfall recorded in May was 178.3mm in 2009.

The cumulative total rainfall for the year stood at 658.3mm at 9am on May 27. This is 8.7mm (1.3 per cent) less than the average cumulative total of 667mm at the end of May.

Up to 10mm of rain is forecast for May 31.

Without further rain before the end of the month, this will be the first time since December 2014 that the cumulative total has fallen below average.

Spreadsheet, 27 May 2016
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

Peninsula News and Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club would like to offer four lucky readers double passes to see the Eurogliders on Saturday, June 18.

Eurogliders took the charts by storm in the 1980s.

Grace Knight and Bernie Lynch, along with their talented band, have reunited to once again captivate audiences with their sophisticated and high-energy brand of pop.

Their hits included Heaven City of Soul, We Will Together and Can't Wait to See You.

To win one of the four double passes write your name, address and a daytime telephone number on the back of an envelope and mail it to Peninsula News Eurogliders Competition, PO Box 1056 Gosford NSW 2250.

Entries close 5pm on Thursday, June 9.

The winners of the Peninsula News Miss Fishers Murder Mysteries Competition were: Patricia Taylor of Woy Woy, Mary Melehan of Umina, Sue Webster of Ettalong, Lucy Boulos of Ettalong, Colleen Calder of Woy Woy, Gail Langston of Ettalong, Annette Hunt of Umina and Ms M Carr of Woy Woy.

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New bike shed opened at station

The first Opal activated bike shed in NSW has been unveiled near Woy Woy Station.

The shed provides an extra 50 free spaces for cyclists.

"I'm pleased that from today customers will be able to cycle to Woy Woy Station and leave their bicycle inside an Opal access bike shed while they catch a train," parliamentary secretary for the Central Coast Mr Scot MacDonald said.

"People in Woy Woy have been calling for more secure bike parking so these 50 extra free, covered spaces will be welcome news to many.

"Bike sheds are free for the community to enjoy so no money will be deducted from your card for using one of these sheds.

"These new bike sheds are different to bike lockers, they're free and available on a first-in first-served basis, like commuter car parks," Mr MacDonald said.

"More bike sheds mean fewer customers have to lug around their bikes on crowded peak hour trains and reduced demand for car parking spaces at stations".

Media release, 13 May 2016
Mitchell Cutting, Office of
Scot MacDonald MLC

Wicks promises \$2.7 million for road repairs



From left: Mr Matthew Wales from the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Mr Paul Fletcher Minister for Major Projects and Member for Robertson, Lucy Wicks looking at a pothole on Ryans Road

said Peninsula Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"Ryans Rd is a particularly bad stretch of collector road which was desperately in need of reconstruction especially as it is a major bus route and serves an extensive residential catchment.

"Both Davis St and Murray St have been a constant source of concern to local residents with

both roads serving a high-density neighbourhood which lacks proper drainage and decent road pavement.

"This commitment shows that they are listening to local residents and the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce when we say that we have an enormous backlog of local roads that need fixing.

"The Chamber will be making

further representations to the new Central Coast Council to ensure that we get our fair share of roads and infrastructure funding to fix the backlog," said Mr Wales.

Media releases, 26 May 2016
Tim Sowden, Office of Lucy Wicks
Matthew Wales, Peninsula
Chamber of Commerce
Reporter: Jasmine Gearie

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Council targets speed in Bourke Rd

Drivers speeding on Bourke Rd in Umina were targeted by Gosford Council during May, in response to the deaths of three people, and injuries to a further 75 in car crashes over the last five years.

The council was joined in the exercise by NSW Police Force and Roads and Maritime Services.

"Unfortunately, speed is a contributing factor in all recorded crashes on Bourke Rd," said Council's director of construction

and operations, Mr Stan Antczak.

"Through education and enforcement, our aim is to reduce the number of speeding drivers in this area and stop them from possibly being involved in a fatal crash," he said.

"The initiative follows on from a similar campaign in September 2015 where drivers were educated about the high risk of speed related crashes on the Peninsula, particularly along Trafalgar Ave between Woy Woy and Umina.

"All drivers need to take road

safety seriously given speed is a contributing factor in almost 30 per cent of crashes across the local region," Mr Antczak said.

Council is also again supporting Fatality Free Friday on May 27.

"If all drivers take the time to think about road safety and safe driving on Fatality Free Friday, we're certain that over time they will change their behaviour completely," Mr Antczak added.

Media release, 5 May 2016
Stan Antczak, Gosford Council

Trivia lunch sends four Ethiopian girls to school

A fund raising trivia lunch held in Umina Beach has raised enough money to send four girls in Ethiopia to school for a year, according to event organiser Ms Amy Cardino of Ettalong.

The ChildFund's Big Ask Trivia Lunch was held at Margarita Daze restaurant on May 14.

Money raised at the event was combined with online donations was also used to purchase a bike for a child in Laos for a safer and faster journey to and from school and to purchase study and reading

kits for children in Vietnam and Cambodia.

Ms Cardino said everyone in the trivia event had fun and the money collected was more than double her goal.

"We want every child to be able to say I am safe, I am educated, I am heard, I can make a difference, I have a future," Ms Cardino said.

Ms Cardino said she believed no child should be left behind irrespective of their disadvantaged circumstances.

Email, 16 May 2016
Amy Cardino, Ettalong



Community Environment Network

Central Coast Council's first meeting - off to a bad start.

The first meeting appears to be a bad sign for the environment of the Central Coast.

One of the items on the agenda at the very first meeting of the new Council was land at Kangy Angy. The proposal was to transfer 7 lots of land to Transport NSW for a new stabling and maintenance facility for the intercity fleet.

Local residents have been campaigning against this proposal. The land is mostly zoned E2 - the highest environmental zoning outside National Parks - is flood prone and identified as Coastal Protection lands. It has threatened species and an endangered ecological community on the site.

The recommendation in the Council agenda was to approve the transfer of the land to Transport NSW - and to keep the details of the sale of this public land confidential. Two community members spoke opposing this recommendation - however to no avail. The new Administrator, Mr. Ian Reynolds, took almost no time in approving the transfer of the land. There was no evidence that he considered, or cared for, the views of the community or the significant environmental values of the land.

With many environmental and community issues looming - this is a reason to be concerned.

We invite all community members who care about our Central Coast environment and the community's voice - to come along to our Annual Forum on Sun, 19 June.

Jane Smith, CEO



Approximate location of land at Kangy Angy

Mangrove Mountain Landfill - help to close it down and clean it up!

Mountain Districts Association (MDA) and CEN are joining together to call for the immediate closure and remediation of the Mangrove Mountain Waste Landfill to protect the drinking water catchment of the 330,000 residents of the Central Coast.

This huge dump poses a major threat to the health of present and future generations of residents. The MDA has submitted a 163-page document to Premier Baird detailing major irregularities in the licensing, operation and management of Mangrove Mountain Landfill over a period of 18 years.

Together we are calling for a Commission of Inquiry to investigate the facts behind Gosford City Council (GCC) and NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA)'s handling of their statutory responsibilities. So far, the NSW government have rejected these calls.

To sign our petition - go to www.cen.org.au



Picture: Some of the dump spoil in our drinking water catchment

PUBLIC MEETING - Mangrove Mountain Landfill
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NSW Government is trying to get rid of laws that protect our biodiversity

After months of speculation, the Baird government released draft laws on 4 May that will scrap protections for our unique wildlife and bushland.

Premier Baird's plan is a disaster and will allow the trashing of wildlife habitat across NSW.

The draft Biodiversity Conservation Bill is supposed to be the main legal protection for trees and wildlife in this state. It should help to save vulnerable species for generations to come.

However, If the plan the government released becomes law, it will result in the death of thousands of animals every year, and take NSW down the same dangerous path of broad-scale land clearing.

Some of the changes the government wants to make are:

- Scrapping the Native Vegetation Act 2003 and the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995;
- Lowering the threshold for tree clearing by ditching the requirement to 'maintain or improve biodiversity'; and
- Increasing the use of flawed biodiversity offsets.

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Executive structure adopted by Central Coast Council

An interim executive structure has been adopted at the first meeting of the Central Coast Council on May 25.

The new structure changed the name of Mr Noble's position from interim general manager to chief executive officer.

The interim structure does not include the position of interim deputy general manager which was the position to which the former chief executive officer of Gosford Council, Mr Paul Anderson, was appointed when the new LGA was proclaimed.

Mr Noble and Mr Reynolds confirmed that Mr Anderson, who is currently on leave, would need to apply for one of the new executive roles, if he chose to continue with the new council.

"Not only is there no deputy general manager in the new structure but no position in the new structure is exactly the same as any of the existing positions," Mr Noble said.

"We will populate that from inside the organisation initially and then underneath that once we have identified the subsidiary structures and there will be other people competing for those positions," he said.

"Paul is a highly intelligent and very competent senior executive.

"He was interested in the

interim general manager's position so you would have to imagine that he was disappointed and upset but questions about what he intends to do really should be directed to Paul."

Mr Anderson was not available for comment.

The new senior executive structure abolishes the positions of the seven director that existed across both former councils and replaces them with a chief financial officer and three group leaders.

The three group leaders will head up customer and community relationships; assets, infrastructure and business; and environment and planning.

"We have a process, of necessity we must, and we want to, consult with staff about which functions will be reporting up to those senior roles and there is a recruitment process associated with that," Mr Noble said.

"We intend to have the top end appointed by June 17 using an internal recruitment process so potential aspirants will be competing if they wish and employees will be participating in the conversation to help determine the best fit," he said.

Interviews, 26 May 2016
Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council
Rob Noble, Central Coast Council
Proposed interim organisational structure, 25 May 2016
Reporter: Jackie Pearson



Mr Bill Shorten with Labor candidate for Robertson, Ms Anne Charlton at Everglades

Shorten addresses 400 at Country Club

Labor Leader Mr Bill Shorten visited the Everglades Country Club on May 20 and addressed a crowd of 400.

Mr Shorten fielded questions for 90 minutes, according to Labor candidate for Robertson, Ms Anne Charlton.

He laid out Labor's plan to protect Medicare, restore fairness to the tax system, address housing affordability, and reverse the Liberal's funding cuts to hospitals and schools, she said.

"It's not class war to choose to fund our schools before giving a tax cut to billion dollar businesses," Mr Shorten said.

Mr Shorten promised \$1.1 million to upgrade the Woy Woy Rd intersection with Langford Dr at Kariong.

This would make good on Liberal MP Ms Lucy Wick's broken promise at the 2013 election to fix the black spot, said Ms Charlton.

Mr Shorten supported the push to move the waterfront location of

the proposed Gosford ATO office to the heart of Gosford's CBD.

"The CBD is where the new ATO office can best help support our local businesses and create new jobs," Ms Charlton told the audience.

"I will leave no stone unturned in examining what the local Liberals have already stitched up and what can be done to deliver this precinct for our community," she said.

Media release, 22 May 2016
Anne Charlton, Labor
Candidate for Robertson



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Police seize commercial quantity of prohibited drugs

Police have seized prohibited drugs with an estimated street value of \$1.5 million in raids on the Peninsula.

Search warrants across the Peninsula as part of Strike Force Bamberry have resulted in the arrest of three Umina men and a Woy Woy woman, as well as the drug seizure.

Strike Force Bamberry, comprising officers from Brisbane Water Local Area Command, was established in December 2015 to investigate the manufacture and distribution of prohibited drugs on the Central Coast.

After ongoing investigations, Strike Force detectives arrested two 20-year-old men on Wednesday afternoon, May 25.

One of the men, from Umina, was charged with eight offences including supply large commercial quantity of prohibited drug and participating in a criminal group.

The second 20-year-old man, also from Umina, was charged with a total of 19 offences including supply large commercial quantity of prohibited drug, supply indictable quantity of a prohibited drug and knowingly participate in a criminal group.

The two with a third man from Sydney's St Clair who was arrested at Kariong, were all refused bail to appear before Gosford Local Court on Thursday, May 26.

Following the arrests, police



From left: female from Woy Woy arrested and male from Umina

executed 11 search warrants for properties at Umina, Woy Woy, Horsfield Bay and Ettalong as well as a number of Sydney properties.

The operation involved Brisbane Water Police with assistance from the Tactical Operations Unit, Public Order and Riot Squad, Operations Support Group, Dog Unit and PolAir.

While executing the warrants, police located and seized amounts of MDMA, MDA, GHB, cocaine, cannabis, methylamphetamine ('ice') and steroids with a combined estimated potential street value of more than \$1.5 million.

A number of further items

were seized from the properties, including two vehicles and an extendable baton, which will undergo forensic examination, as well as \$125,000 in cash, believed to be the proceeds of crime.

Strike Force detectives also identified a storage unit in Waterloo during the operation where they executed another search warrant and uncovered more than 1.5 tons of precursor chemicals believed to be used in the large-scale manufacture of prohibited drugs.

A fourth man, and a woman, were arrested during the operation.

A 21-year-old Umina man was charged with a total of 18 offences

including supply commercial quantity of prohibited drug, supply large commercial quantity of prohibited drug, supply indictable quantity of prohibited drug, and knowingly participate in a criminal group.

He was refused bail and faced Hornsby Local Court on Thursday, May 26.

The 34-year-old woman, of Woy Woy, was charged with five offences of supplying an indictable quantity of prohibited drug.

She was granted conditional bail to appear before Gosford Local Court on Tuesday, June 21.

Brisbane Water Local Area Commander, Superintendent Danny Sullivan, said the operation was the culmination of several months of investigations.

"Strike Force Bamberry detectives have been working incredibly hard for six months, all of which has culminated in yesterday's search warrants and numerous arrests," Supt Sullivan said.

"It's clear that those arrested during the operation were members of an elaborate syndicate that had been operating across the Peninsula for some time.

"I can assure the community that we will continue to hunt down those who seek to manufacture and distribute these substances within our neighbourhoods," Supt Sullivan said.

"These drugs can destroy lives – they're not only illegal – but they can also be very harmful to your health, if not fatal.

"I'd also like to remind members of the public they should never underestimate the immensely positive impact one anonymous call to Crime Stoppers can make," Supt Sullivan said.

"If you see something you're concerned about, I urge you to come forward, only then can police take action to make it stop."

Strike Force detectives are continuing their investigations.

Media release, 26 May 2016
Danny Sullivan, NSW Police

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No big planning decisions, says chief executive

Central Coast Council chief Mr Rob Noble has said that the council will not make "too many big decisions in relation to land use and planning" while under administration.

"But it is a little bit problematic in some ways because it is going to hold up developments," he said.

Mr Noble said it could take years to rationalise the land use policies of the two former councils.

Meanwhile, he and administrator Mr Ian Reynolds said they had their hands full with "so many internal challenges at the moment".

"We have had a fabulous transition team working on the merger since November, so we are way ahead of others.

"Some have gone into a loveless marriage or a shotgun wedding," Mr Noble said of other forced council mergers across the state.

"I don't know if you could call ours a loving marriage but it has been cooperative.

"The challenges range from the completely different finance systems, IT systems,



Central Coast Council's newly-appointed chief executive officer Mr Rob Noble

salary systems, organisational development and payroll," Mr Noble said.

Both councils had different processes for dealing with development applications, building applications and their regulatory functions, he said.

"So gradually all these things are being looked at with a view to

ultimately a cooperative approach," he said.

By the time the community gets to vote for new councillors in September 2017, Mr Reynolds said he hoped to be able to hand over a cohesive and efficient organisation.

The merger of Wyong and Gosford Councils will not result in substantial changes to the planning or development assessment framework at this time, Mr Reynolds and Mr Noble said.

The principal local planning instruments remain in place, and applications for development and planning proposals will continue to be assessed in line with the existing relevant controls and legislation.

The community will still get to have a say through the public exhibition process as they have done in the past.

The Department of Planning and Environment released a document titled Guidance for Merged Councils on Planning Functions.

Council will operate within these guidelines while working on

strategic projects which promote housing, transport and economic growth.

"There will be open and transparent decision making in this new Central Coast Council," Mr Reynolds said.

It will be left up to the elected representatives to do the serious work of coming up with new development control plans, local environment plans and all the other instruments of local government needed to deal with land use.

Meanwhile, the public has been told to keep interacting with council as it always had.

There's a temporary Central Coast Council website but it currently redirects to either the Gosford or Wyong Council site.

Phone numbers and services remain the same.

The next Central Coast Council meeting will be held at the Gosford chamber on Wednesday, June 8 at 5pm.

Interviews, 26 May 2016

Rob Noble, Central Coast Council
Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council

Media release, 25 May 2016
Alison Ayres, Central Coast Council

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Reynolds comes out of semi-retirement

Mr Ian Reynolds, the administrator of the Central Coast Council until September 2017, has come out of semi-retirement to take on the challenge of building the new council out of the remains of the former Gosford and Wyong Councils.

Mr Reynolds said he is from Sydney but is currently looking for rental accommodation on the Central Coast.

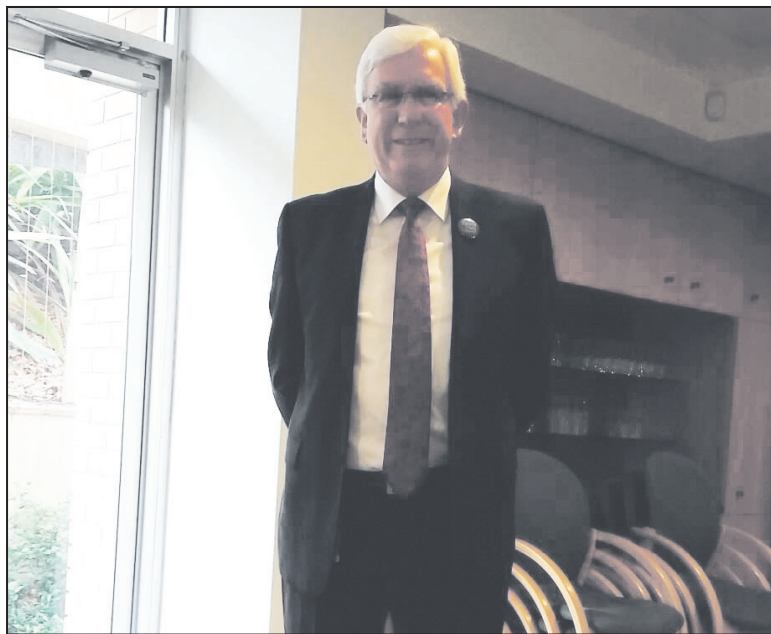
"I have spent just about every night up here since the proclamation on May 12," he said.

He said he was "really pleased with the reception" he had received at the first meeting of the new Central Coast Council, which was held in the former Wyong Council chamber on May 25.

"From my point of view as the administrator, I want to be as open as possible...I want to be known as a person and not a bureaucrat," he said.

When asked what he wanted to achieve during the administration period, Mr Reynolds said: "In detail I don't know what I have inherited".

He said CEO Rob Noble's time as acting CEO of Wyong Council meant that they had much more of an understanding of the northern area of the new local government



Central Coast Council administrator Mr Ian Reynolds

area than they did the southern area or former Gosford Council.

Mr Reynolds said he had worked for the former Gosford Council in a planning role for a period of time during 2015 but still needed more information.

He has already called for status reports on major projects but none from the Peninsula has been named at this stage.

"If I am going to be called upon to make those decisions I need to know about them, I have asked for reports so I am aware of where we

are up to," he said.

In terms of how he would be determining development applications on major and controversial projects, Mr Reynolds said: "I am not here to do the government's bidding; I am here to serve the council."

"Business goes on and we have to deal with business as usual."

Interviews, 26 May 2016

Rob Noble, Central Coast Council
Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council

Media release, 25 May 2016

Alison Ayres, Central Coast Council
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

Administrator visits Woy Woy depot

Employees at the Woy Woy depot of the new Central Coast Council have received a visit from their new chief executive officer Mr Rob Noble, and the new council's administrator, Mr Ian Reynolds.

"We spent three days last week out at the depots talking to staff," Mr Reynolds said at a media conference on Thursday, May 26.

"They are the face of the council and I got a good reception."

"They are all on board with the new council," Mr Reynolds said.

The new Central Coast Council, according to Mr Reynolds, is the largest local government area in NSW and one of the largest businesses in Australia.

Apart from around 12 senior executive positions, the NSW Government has said all council jobs would be safe for at least the next three years.

Mr Noble said he had already provided staff with an opportunity to register to apply for a job in an alternate geographic location.

"About a quarter of our staff live

in the alternate location," Mr Noble said.

In other words, he wanted to give employees of the former Wyong Council who live in the southern areas of the new LGA, such as the Peninsula, the opportunity to move to a position closer to their home and vice versa.

Mr Noble said the two former councils were "dramatically different, wildly different, how they worked out everything was done on a different basis."

"The customer side of it is absolutely critical and my background is very much working on the relationship side and internal relationships are fundamental to achieving an organisational culture that can serve the needs of our growing community," Mr Noble said.

Mr Reynolds and Mr Noble said they wanted to develop a more customer-focused culture across the new Central Coast Council.

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Mounted police on patrol at Umina Beach recently

Mounted police visit the beach

A mounted police unit paid a visit to Umina Beach on Tuesday, May 17. The visit to the beach was part of a local policing operation in the area.

Troop horses Navajo and Peter patrolled the beach as part of the operation. The horses and members of the Brisbane Water Local Area Command, senior constables

Novak and Lovett, also visited the Umina CBD. They also visited the skate park. Facebook, 24 May 2016 Brisbane Water LAC, NSW Police



Mounted police visiting Umina town centre

Funding granted for office extension

The Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association at Ettalong Beach will receive funding of \$10,290 to extend and refurbish its Ettalong office. Federal Member for Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks, said the project will enable much needed space for the Welfare Co-ordinator and Pension Officer to work with veterans and their families. "This project will provide an

important boost for the local community, delivering improved facilities such as a new kitchen, new toilet facilities and the upgrade of their disability ramp," Ms Wicks said. "The Association also run a convenient 'Drop In Centre' for veterans, and the kitchen area and the back veranda are very much a part of this activity. Media release, 23 May 2016 Tim Sowden, Office of Lucy Wicks MP

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News

War medals are still missing

Police are still looking for World War II medals stolen in a home invasion in Umina, prior to Anzac Day.

Police say an unknown person gained entry to a home on Neptune St, Umina, before ransacking the premises, some time between 4:30am on Monday, April 18, and 7:15pm on Monday, April 25,. Officers attached to Brisbane

Water Local Area Command were called to the home about 8:30pm on Monday, April 25, when the occupants returned and noticed that a number of items, including jewellery, a laptop and World War II medals, had been stolen. A crime scene was established and the home forensically examined. Police are appealing for

any witnesses, or anyone with information, to come forward and contact Crime Stoppers. The medals stolen are easily identified and police believe those responsible may be attempting to sell the items. Media release, 4 May 2016 NSW Police media



Christine Levis spoke at the Rotary Club of Umina Beach in May

Police hold session at Mingaletta

Police from Brisbane Water LAC held an information session at Mingaletta in Umina last week to discuss ways police and aboriginal people can work together to create stronger, safer communities. Run by the NSW Police Aboriginal Co-ordination Team,

the session was conducted as part of the NSW Police Aboriginal Strategic Direction, a blueprint for how LACs engage and interact with aboriginal communities. The policy aims to build strong relationships between police and aboriginal people, and deliver meaningful outcomes for their local communities. Its four key priorities aim: to

ensure community safety; improve communication and understanding between police and aboriginal people; reduce involvement and improve safety of aboriginal people in the criminal justice system; and reduce aboriginal youth offending. Media release 23 May 2016 NSW Police Media

Business woman addresses Rotary club

Business and Professional Women Central Coast president Ms Christine Levis, of St Huberts Island, addressed the May 18 meeting of the Rotary Club of Umina Beach. Ms Levis spoke about women's

position in the workforce, in local communities, political positions and wage differences, including between countries. She said that her association worked towards equality of representation between women and men on boards and in other positions of leadership. She explained how BPW Central Coast has guest speakers at its meetings and had a particular interest in education, childcare and overseas projects such as the East Timor Midwife Fund. Ms Levis also spoke about the Nappy Effect: the challenges and uncertainties that face women in making decisions about work, home life and family activities. Newsletter, 25 May 2016 Rod Radford, Rotary Club of Umina Beach



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EPA claims support for efforts to identify bird deaths

The NSW Environment Protection Authority has claimed it has supported efforts to identify the cause of ongoing bird deaths around Blackwall.

The EPA has been involved in water testing throughout the Blackwall drains since 2014, according to the EPA Hunter manager Mr Adam Gilligan.

"Our involvement, as recent as late April 2016, has included water sampling, providing Gosford Council with equipment, technical advice and lab resources," Mr Gilligan said.

"The EPA has also liaised with key residents concerned about bird deaths to ensure water sampling has been conducted at a time that has traditionally coincided with bird deaths, following warm weather and rainfall events," he said.

"The EPA and council have tested for pesticides, nutrients, heavy metals, and potentially toxic algae.

"As part of our ongoing investigations into this issue, we regularly collaborate and share information with the Office of Environment and Heritage, Taronga Zoo and algae experts which has subsequently led us to believe the deaths are not being caused by pesticides, nutrients, or heavy metals.

"It is important to note that in this situation Central Coast Council is the appropriate regulatory authority for this issue, and the disposal of deceased birds, if a large mortality event occurs.

"Community members who come across sick or injured wildlife, or have observed significant numbers of sick and injured animals, should contact the council and wildlife rescue groups such as WIRES or Australian Seabird Rescue," Mr Gilligan said.

Central Coast Council's director of governance and planning, Ms Danielle Dickson, said: "As part of its investigation, the EPA selected the water sample sites as well as the sampling parameters and method.

"Council has assisted the EPA with its investigation by collecting a number of water samples," Ms Dickson said.

"Between September 2015 and March 2016, Council collected



The pelican colony adjacent to Blackwall is believed to have been a breeding site for about 50 years

water samples from three different locations (a stormwater drain and two stormwater outlets in Blackwall) on three occasions for the EPA.

"All samples collected by Council were given to the EPA for analysis in its laboratory."

Ms Dickson said the results or other details of the water sampling would need to be requested from the EPA.

There are two types of water quality samples that can be collected, according to Ms Dickson: grab samples and continuous samples.

Grab samples provide a snapshot of the water quality at the time of collection.

Continuous samples provide a time series profile of water quality changes.

"Both will provide credible results," Ms Dickson said.

"However, while all water quality parameters can be measured using grab samples, only some parameters can be monitored continuously.

"Council has previously carried out extensive investigations and worked closely with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, NSW Environmental Protection Authority, Taronga Zoo,

Australian Registry of Wildlife Health and the NSW Department of Primary Industries to address this issue.

"Unfortunately, Council and other experts from these agencies have not been able to identify what caused the pelican deaths at Blackwall.

"However, a number of causes have been ruled out including lead poisoning, Newcastle Disease, avian influenza, West Nile Virus, bioaccumulation of toxins and vitamin deficiencies.

"Council understands that the water sampling parameters selected by the EPA included

metals, algae, toxins, nutrients, total petroleum hydrocarbons and herbicides and pesticides.

Ms Dickson said as part of the sample collection process, and as requested by the EPA, council collected water samples after rainfall as well as at times of high ambient temperatures.

Botulism was ruled out as a cause of mass pelican deaths that occurred at Blackwall in 2012.

According to Ms Dickson, council's procedure for removing birds suspected of having botulism was to place the birds in sealable plastic bags using a shovel to minimise any potential human contact and dispose of them at a licensed waste facility.

She said the former Gosford Council had worked with the community to develop a series of catchment-focused management plans that aimed to improve the health of coastal wetlands while enabling their sustainable use.

"The Brisbane Water Coastal Zone Management Plan was adopted by Council in 2012 and consists of a scheduled sequence of recommended activities that need to be undertaken to protect, rehabilitate and improve the natural estuarine environment.

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"The plan also consists of measures to manage the estuarine environment in the public interest to ensure its health and vitality,

improve the recreational amenity of estuarine waters and foreshores, recognise and accommodate natural processes and climate change, and ensure ecologically

sustainable development and use of resources.

"This plan aims to achieve a standard of water and sediment quality that protects and promotes

a healthy aquatic ecosystem, and allows aesthetic enjoyment and appropriate recreational use, as well as protect, retain and rehabilitate existing habitat for estuarine species, rehabilitate degraded habitat and provide for ecological connectivity throughout the Brisbane Water catchment.

"Council is currently working to implement the 183 management actions developed as part of the plan.

"These include a number of planning, maintenance, compliance, education, research and monitoring actions.

"Council also continues to undertake routine water quality monitoring via the Beachwatch and Health of the Waterways programs.

"Beachwatch involves weekly sampling of 22 recreational swimming sites during the swimming season between September and April.

"Beachwatch is coordinated by the EPA, which analyses that data and provides a grading for each site in the annual State of the Beaches report.

"Health of the Waterways involves monthly sampling of 10 sites including lagoons and major creeks.

"The data from this sampling is analysed to develop a score for each site and review any trends.

"Council also takes the issue of littering very seriously and already provides around 1400 litter bins, over 100 pollutant traps, and delivers regular maintenance, education and sponsorship programs to help protect local waterways and wildlife."

Peninsula News asked Council whether old industrial sites and landfills in the Blackwall area could have anything to do with the bird deaths.

Ms Dickson said the council had taken action to filter run-off from James Browne Oval at Woy Woy, a former landfill site adjacent to the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

"The site mainly operated as a landfill in the 1960s before being closed in the early 1970s," Ms Dickson said.

"In 1997, Council implemented a Landfill Rehabilitation Scheme.

"The scheme provides funding to maintain and renovate sporting ovals that are located on reclaimed landfill sites.

"This includes preserving the capping process that is completed at previous landfill sites to minimise any risks.

"Under the scheme, James

Browne Oval has been re-levelled (which included importing more fill to further cap the landfill site and ensure it's not exposed), its car park has been asphalted to further cap the former landfill in these areas, and sufficient turf cover has been maintained to provide added protection from sub-surface landfill.

"In late 2015, Council also installed a new drainage system at James Browne Oval.

"This drainage system, which is installed on top of the previous landfill site's capping layer, includes sand filtration that filters any liquid or water entering the drainage lines to remove possible contaminants and decrease the risk of these entering the drainage canal.

"James Browne Oval is also regularly monitored by maintenance staff to identify any potential issues."

Ms Dickson said the need for new pollutant traps was ranked using a set of guidelines to establish the priority of its projects.

"Given funding is limited, this ranking process makes sure that available funding is allocated to those projects identified as a high priority.

"Currently, funding for stormwater drainage improvements is targeted at projects where there are high risks to public safety, the environment, private property or public infrastructure.

"A key issue for Council to consider when deciding to install new pollutant traps is whether it has the funding available to maintain these devices properly.

"If pollutant traps are not maintained properly, they can have an adverse impact on the environment.

"Over 100 pollutant traps are installed across the former Gosford City including more than 30 around The Peninsula.

"Maintenance works are identified and prioritised according to Council's maintenance inspection program.

"Inspections are undertaken every four months.

"However additional inspections are made following major storm events or reports from the community."

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Holly Love, Environment

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Media statement, 20 May 2016

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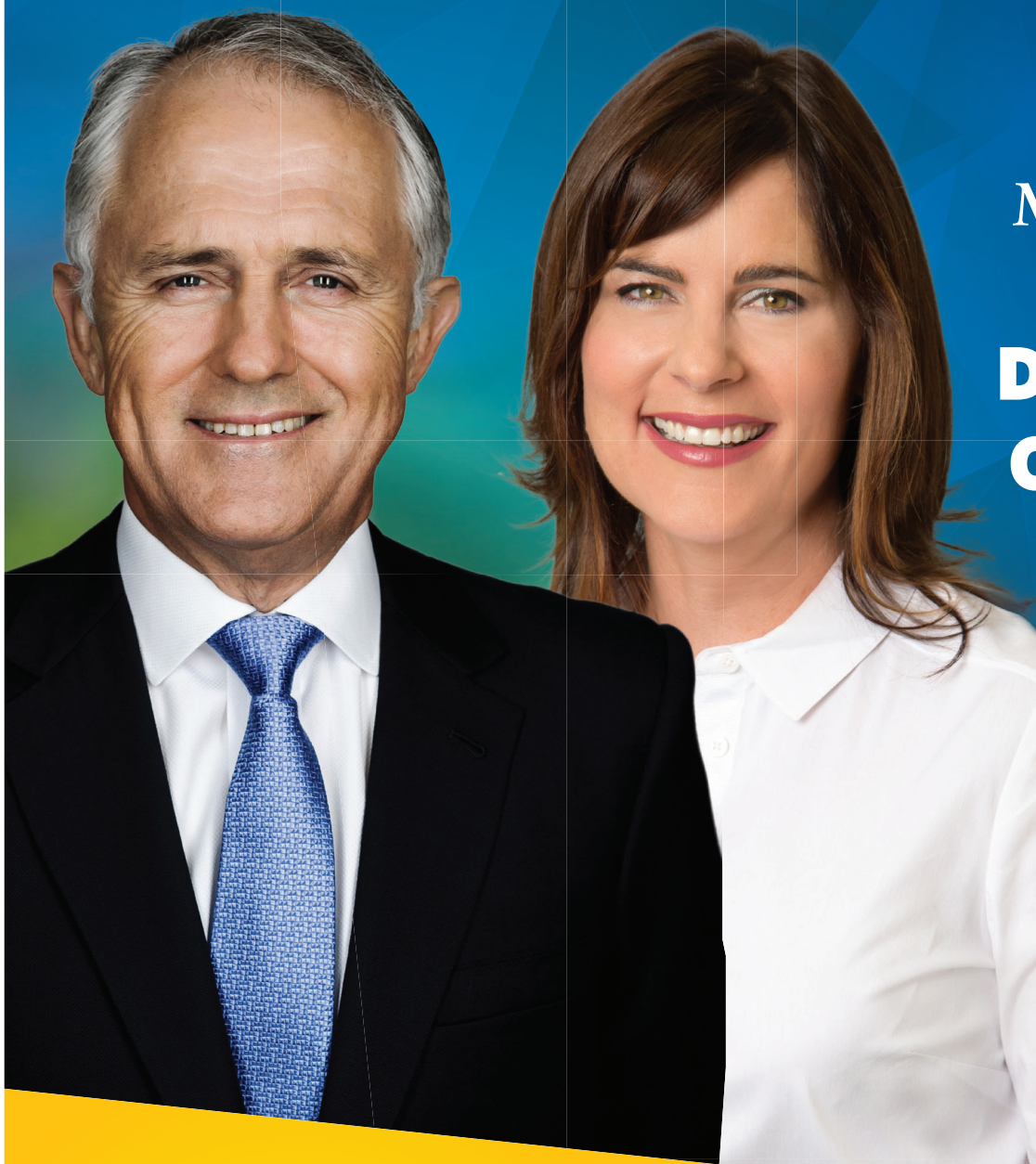
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Umina PCYC has held its major fundraiser Time 4 kidz at Erina Fair on Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14.

Community members and leaders, business leaders, celebrities and sporting heroes volunteered and committed to “do time” to stop youth crime.

All money raised by Umina PCYC went towards equipment and activities to enhance the club.

Club manager, Mr Martin Eddy was one of the local leaders who agreed to be "detained" in a mock jail.

Each participant had to raise a minimum of \$500 bail money before they could be released.

"This was a great opportunity for community leaders to be a part of an exciting event that will benefit the local community," Mr Eddy said.

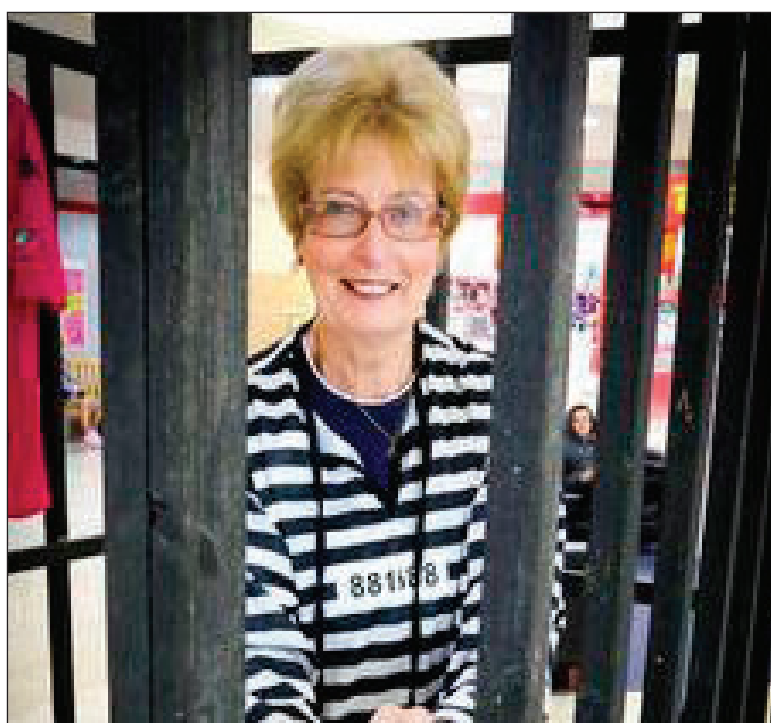
Other detainees this year were former Gosford councillors Ms Hillary Morris and Mr Bob Ward, local campaigner Mr Jake Cassar, Ms Susie Wing and Ms Jayne Mote from the Rotary Club of Woy Woy.

"This year as well as being locked up at Erina Fair, I was asked to help by joining the online appeal," Ms Mote said.

She said the Umina PCYC premises in Osborne Ave, Umina, were in need of a "big facelift".

"The club is a little out of the way and many people unfortunately do not know it exists," she said.

"Umina PCYC offers a



Ms. Jayne Mote behind bars to raise funds for Umina PCYC

wonderful variety of programs for all the community and the boxing and archery teams have great talent.

"Before any changes can take place the first item needed is a huge storage shed situated fairly close to the main auditorium.

"Equipment can then be easily stored to enable the auditorium to be used for other functions.

"The building needs to be painted top to bottom and fitted with new toilets, showers and a kitchen," she said.

President of the Rotary Club of Woy Woy, Ms Marie Armstrong, also “did some time” in the lockup.

Umina PCYC will also be the beneficiary of some of the funds raised from the Rotary Club of Woy Woy's major annual fundraiser, Opera in the Arboretum.

Emails, 10 May 2016
Martin Eddy, Umina PCYC
Jane Mote, Rotary Club of Woy Woy
Website, 9 May 2016
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Mass media ignores campaign, says candidate

Independent candidate for Robertson, Dr Van Davy, said that despite campaigning for six months the mass media has failed to cover any of his campaign content.

According to Dr Davy the lack of coverage stems from an unwillingness to report on Independents that highlight community resentment to major parties.

"You should vote for me because I am free to speak out at all times not just when it suits donors or higher ups in the Party," Dr Davy said.

"I will be free to persistently campaign for you, the Central Coast and the full range of my policies," he continued.

Dr Davy said both Liberal and Labor's opposition to a national ICAC was a prime example of why independents are important.

"If elected I will use my Independent freedom to help form coalitions of many organisations to run persistent campaigns until the big parties are shamed into supporting a national ICAC," Dr Davy said.

Dr Davy said he would apply the same policy to: create a Royal Commission into banks, tax evasion and havens and tax immorality; A national Declaration of Pensioner needs; Marriage equality; Penalty rates; Double-Oversighted Euthanasia; No GST rise; Domestic violence funding; Support for ADF Veterans and the homeless; Funding for the ABC and SBS; Gonski funding; and no more attacks on Medicare and family and child assistance.

“Backbenchers, even intelligent and thinking backbenchers, are tied to the policies and strategies of their Party and factional heavies.

"An independent is not.

"Because it is not my job to make a political party look good, I will be free to pursue the interests of the Central Coast people," Dr Davy said.

Dr Davy also said that, if elected, he would create three advocate positions on his staff including an Anti-Corruption Advocate, Workers Advocate and a Pensioners Advocate.

Media release, 25 May 2016
Van Deyk, Pearl Beach

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Mr Keith Whitfield with his great granddaughter, Madelyn, at Woy Woy on Anzac Day

Anzac Day with family

Mr Keith Whitfield of Woy Woy commemorated Anzac Day 2016 at the Woy Woy service with his extended family.

Pictured is Mr Whitfield with his great granddaughter, Madelyn, at the Woy Woy Anzac Day service.

Mr Whitfield wore his National Service Medals and his brother Charles' World War II medals.

He also wore two from his uncle, Mr James West, who served in World War I.

Email, 30 Apr 2016
Jan Whitfield, Woy Woy

New fire truck for Patonga

The Patonga Rural Fire Brigade has been presented with the keys to a new fire truck by NSW Minister for Emergency Services, Mr David Elliott.

"We are committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment they need to carry out the important work they do in protecting their local communities from fire," Mr Elliott said.

"This fire truck is hard to miss.

"It has considerable safety upgrades including high visibility markings, additional safety warning lights and has been designed to ensure our volunteers are equipped to do their job," he said.

"Ensuring NSW RFS Volunteers

can communicate effectively and safely is vital and I'm sure this will be welcomed by the Central Coast volunteers."

Superintendent Steve Marsh also praised the ongoing investment in local volunteers in the area.

"This fire truck will put the local brigade in a strong position to fight bush and grass fires, as well as provide the unique equipment required to put out car and house fires.

"These new vehicles are replacing older style models, allowing firefighters to continue providing a high level of emergency service to residents."

Media release, 5 May 2016
Debra Wales, Office of Adam Crouch

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Councillors sacked, new council formed and administrator appointed

Gosford City's 10 elected local councillors were sacked on Thursday, May 12 when the council was dissolved and a new Central Coast Council proclaimed.

Stronger Councils website provides practical information

The former Gosford Local Government Area will have a representation committee to provide advice on local views and issues, to be appointed by the administrator.

Noble welcomes merger announcement

Interim General Manager, Mr Rob Noble, welcomed the merger announcement saying a lot of work had already been done to get ready for the merger, so now the new Central Coast Council could

Elected representatives replaced by unelected dictators

NSW Opposition leader, Mr Luke Foley said the NSW Government's sacking of Gosford and Wyong Councils, along with 40 others across the state, was a "political gerrymander".

Local Government NSW President slams merger process

Local Government NSW said elected Councillors unceremoniously sacked by Local Government Minister, Mr Paul Toole have every reason to feel betrayed, but that this should not get in the way

MacDonald and Crouch welcome new council

Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast, Mr Scot MacDonald MLC and Member for Terrigal, Mr Adam Crouch MP, have welcomed a more efficient Central Coast Council.

Some questions remain unanswered

Mr Ian Reynolds and Mr Rob Noble have not made themselves available for interview following the proclamation creating the new Central Coast Council.

Baird and Toole say residents will benefit

NSW premier, Mr Mike Baird and minister for local government, Mr Paul Toole said residents of the new Central Coast Council would benefit from better services and infrastructure.

Unions call for job guarantees for council employees

Trade unions have called on the premier of NSW, Mr Mike Baird to demonstrate that forced amalgamation of dozens of NSW councils was not about slashing local jobs and services.

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Central Coast Council to hold its first public meeting

The first meeting of the new Central Coast Council is to be an Extraordinary Meeting and it will be held at the Wyong Civic Centre on Wednesday, May 25 at 5:00pm

Consultant to assist in the harmonisation of council staff salary systems

A consultant will be appointed by the new Central Coast Council to provide services to assist in the harmonisation of the salary systems of the former Wyong Council and Gosford Council without tenders

Former councillors still keen to serve

Wyong's former mayor, Mr Doug Eaton OAM, along with former councillors, Mr Greg Best and Mr Lloyd Taylor have all expressed enthusiasm for being part of any representative committee formed

All council committees need to be reviewed and some dissolved

The audit and risk committee of the former Wyong Council is expected to be dissolved at the first meeting of the new Central Coast Council on May 25.

Council's new interim organisational structure soon to be revealed

The proposed interim organisational structure of the new Central Coast Council had not been made public by Monday, May 23 even though it was on the agenda for discussion at the first meeting of the new council on May 25.

Jill Hall delivers Valedictory Speech

Federal member for Shortland, Ms Jill Hall MP, delivered her Valedictory Speech in parliament on Thursday, May 5.

Kangy Angy land transfer first item on the agenda

The Kangy Angy Residents Action Group has vowed to keep fighting to stop a Transport for NSW intercity rail maintenance facility from being built on a flood-prone wetland, even though the new Central Coast

Lakes Party pleased to see progress at Long Jetty

Wyong Cr Lloyd Taylor said he was pleased to see work commence at Long Jetty to restore the beach area.

More Closed Circuit Television cameras for Wyong CBD

The Wyong Regional Chamber of Commerce has continued its Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) roll out with the installation of a new CCTV system in the Wyong CBD.

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Vanity project or a rort?

I am writing in regards to the fiasco that is the Woy Woy underpass and now also the halting of Bulls Hill Rd.

I believe it is time for an entire review to be taken of the Peninsula roadwork project and for us to "follow the money".

As a resident, it now appears that we [the locals] have been given a very expensive white elephant of a pedestrian underpass which appeared to be both simultaneously over-engineered (it would have been more appropriate for a Moore Park Sports Stadium) as well as under-engineered (it is unusable in the rain secondary to flooding) with no viable access

Forum

road.

I think it is time that we seriously question the entire project, including who authorised, and profited from, an underpass project when it is obvious that the more vital stages of the project, the actual road works, are never going to be built nor completed.

How much finance was used for consultants, project managers and contractors for work that apparently isn't going to continue?

As a resident, I have been recently involved in two near accidents at the same intersections

adjoining the rail overpass.

Once I was almost knocked off my scooter by someone illegally going across.

Someone is going to get killed if we do not pursue this matter.

It is obvious that someone has been paid millions for a piece of public infrastructure that is either a vanity project or a rort.

As a community we have been seriously ripped off, though looking at other issues surrounding the Woy Woy and Umina area (lack of kerbing and guttering for example), it seems it is just the same old, same old.

Email, 5 May 2016
Tracey Dillon, Woy Woy

Elect news editors, academics and armchair critics

The calibre of politicians is not very inspiring today.

They seem to believe in very little and are only concerned about getting taxpayers' money spent in their electorate.

Look at the leaders: One knows how to make money, the other how to run a union, particularly the union bosses.

Neither is inspiring.

I reckon a new approach is

needed.

Candidates should be selected from news editors, who seem to know what to do, or from moderate, intelligent academics and professors, plus solid armchair critics who know all the right moves and answers.

These people would be the solution to good government.

Email, 14 May 2016
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

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Winter months - Winter blues?

With the colder months ahead of us, some look forward to long bushwalks or bike rides, but most of us just want to hibernate until the jacarandas are in bloom again.

Overall, the cold weather can be a fun time for relaxing at home and enjoying some of our favourite comfort foods.

However, the cold weather can present some significant problems for our musculoskeletal health.

When temperatures drop and our bodies are exposed to cold weather, many who experience chronic pain in some part of their musculoskeletal system feel that their pain worsens considerably.

Some people can even predict a change in weather based on how their joints are feeling.

In cold weather, and more so, if we don't move as much, our blood

vessels are constricted.

The blood then does not get around the body easily anymore and the muscles don't get the oxygen needed to operate well.

This may lead to stiff muscles and back pain.

There are many things you can do to help prevent aches and pains.

These include:

- Wear layers of clothes as this will trap body heat and keep you warm;
- Wear a scarf to protect your neck from drafts;
- Make sure you wear warm socks and weather proof shoes to keep your feet dry and warm; and,
- Don't be afraid to wear a beanie.

Cold or wet weather might be enough to put you off exercise at all, but exercise has been shown

to help with muscle aches and pain and also prevents arthritic joints from becoming stiff.

It helps to have a back-up plan for when it is not a beautiful winter's day:

- Go for a swim or tread in water (why not try the hydrotherapy pool in Peninsula Leisure Centre?);
- Turn the music on and dance like no one is watching;
- Try an indoor class;
- Use stairs instead of an elevator; and,
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No community of interest with western hinterland

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exercise could have been easily carried out by any half-competent geographer.

Since the opportunity to include Lake Macquarie in the new city has been lost, the rump section of the Budgewoi ward should have been hived off and incorporated into its northern neighbour, giving some semblance of logic to the boundaries between the two municipalities.

Furthermore, it is not at all clear why the hinterland areas are part of the new Central Coast city at all.

This plainly is just a political convenience, and I can well imagine that the residents of these rural parts would be more than happy to separate from a Council that is likely to give them very little attention.

On the whole, this is definitely a B- project that reflects little credit on its formulator.

My suspicion is that anything other than financial issues was almost completely ignored in the exercise and that the new Council is going to suffer from internal conflicts that could have been ameliorated by a more thoughtful consideration of the governance requirements of the region.

Email, 17 May 2016
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

The wards for the new Central Coast Council have been drawn with about as little thought as could possibly be given to them.

For all practical purposes, they follow the boundary lines of State electorates, without the slightest consideration that voting for a State Government and providing a representative spread of interests for a municipal region might be somewhat different in their priorities.

This is lazy-mindedness of the first order, and one can only hope that, when the new council takes office at the end of next year, a redistricting will be high on the agenda.

For instance, it is utterly absurd that the Woy Woy Peninsula is lumped in with the whole western hinterland of the region, regardless of the fact that there is no community of interest between these two parts of the ward and that this grouping will undoubtedly lead to conflicts of goals that cannot be resolved.

In fact, the Peninsula should have been included in the Gosford East ward, and the three coastal wards: Budgewoi, The Entrance and Gosford East, should have been narrowed to keep the population numbers in balance with the other two wards.

Using Census districts, this

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Health

Cup cake challenge to raise money for Cancer Council

The Peninsula will be awash with cupcakes at the end of May in honour of volunteer Ms Sandra McArtney.

Coast Community Connections will host Sandra's Cupcake Challenge at the Peninsula Community Centre as part of the

organisations Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on May 26, with proceeds going to the Cancer Council.

Acting CEO Ms Di Spragg said Australia's Biggest Morning Tea and Sandra's Cupcake Challenge was a way for locals to support the

Cancer Council and support the many people who were diagnosed with cancer each day.

Ms Spragg said Ms McArtney worked as a volunteer with Coast Community Connections for two years and was a much loved part of the team.

The Cupcake Challenge was inspired by her love of baking.

The event will help raise funds for cancer prevention, research and support services and Sandra's Cupcake Challenge encourages participants to enter one of three categories for adults, children and high school students with either packet made or hand-made cupcakes that are iced and decorated.

"We understand that people might want to focus on decorating their cupcakes rather than baking so have offered the option to use a packet mix base for the cupcakes themselves," she continued.

"Sharing a social cup of tea and some delicious food while fundraising has also provided a great platform for local residents and community members to come together to enjoy a morning of social activities and fun."

Media release, 23 May 2016
Katey Small, Brilliant Logic

Donations wanted to help feed disadvantaged

Mary Mac's Place at Woy Woy is calling for donations to assist the community's disadvantaged.

Mary Mac's provides approximately 2000 two-course meals every month and the food is mostly gifted by members of the community.

"The pantry is bare and we have many people in need asking for food hampers," said volunteer Jo-ann Joseph

Dry goods would be particularly welcome.

Mary Mac's Place is open from 7am to 1pm Monday to Friday and is located at 100 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Entry is via the back lane.

"If you can help please give the office a call or even better, come in and meet us," she said.

Facebook, 25 May 2016
Jo-ann Joseph, Mary Mac's Place

Charity group had 48 bowlers

The Central Coast Kids in Need Charity Bowls fundraising group had 48 bowlers at its May event held at Sporties at Woy Woy.

It raised just over \$1000 for the charity.

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

Most of these children are cancer patients, others with organ transplants and premature babies with life threatening issues.

The money is used to ease the

costs of accommodation for the families while their children are receiving their treatment.

The funds raised are also used to cover travel costs, equipment requirements and pharmacy accounts.

The group also donated frames for Anne Dixon artworks which were donated to the cancer ward of Gosford Hospital as part of their Leukaemia Foundation fundraiser.

Email, 15 May 2016
Ken Dixon, Central Coast Kids in Need

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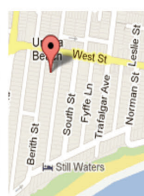
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Dementia home looks for volunteers

A dementia home in Woy Woy is looking for volunteers to visit the home to provide friendship and support.

Voluntary visitors to HammondCare Woy Woy could facilitate games and activities, join in on a bus trip, share a cuppa and a chat or spend time with residents in the garden.

Volunteers are also encouraged to join in music activities, help with art and craft groups, bring in an animal for a pet therapy visit or help in the office.

Custom roles could also be considered for volunteers who think they have a special skill or interest.

For more information contact the volunteer leader at volunteer@hammond.com.au or call 4379 9066.

Newsletter, 23 May 2016
Bob Puffett, Bay
Community Group Inc

Peninsula Village holds dinner for volunteers

Peninsula Village celebrated its volunteer staff in conjunction with national Volunteer Week at an appreciation dinner and presentation at the Empire Bay Tavern on May 10.

Peninsula Village has over 100 volunteers who provide their time and support to the village across many activities ranging from medical escorts, delivering community meals, wheelchair walks, bus drivers, assistance with activity programs both physical and resident outings, entertainment, assisting residents in the nursing home at meal time and much more.

Executive assistant Ms Melanie Morell said: "It takes a special person to be a volunteer."

Email, 16 May 2016

Melanie Morell, Peninsula Village



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NSW Minister learns of radiotherapy scholarships

Ms Belinda Crestani of Woy Woy has met with the NSW Minister for Research Ms Pru Goward at the Gosford Hospital Cancer Centre last week.

The Crestani Research Program raises money to provide prestigious scholarships in radiotherapy to give young professionals the opportunity to undertake international training.

Scholarships in radiotherapy and the Crestani Research Program were established in honour of Ms Crestani's father, who was chief radiographer at the Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney.

When he and Ms Crestani's mother, Yvonne, moved to the Central Coast they moved their scholarships program to the Central Coast Cancer Centre.

According to Ms Crestani, the centre provides the highest standard of radiotherapy in NSW, if not Australia.

Ms Goward and Ms Crestani were joined by Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch, Gosford Hospital CEO Mr Matt Hanrahan, Cancer Centre director Dr Apsara Windsor and chief radiographer Mr Adam Chandler.

Ms Crestani introduced Ms Goward to recipients of the Crestani Research Program and scholarships.

"Of particular interest were the workings of the modern equipment and the cutting edge skills of the radiotherapy team, supported by our research program," Ms Crestani said.

Media release, 26 May 2016

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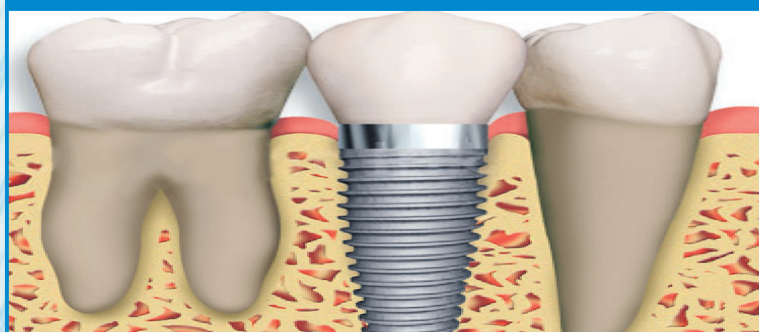
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Education



Paper plane competition

The Student Representative Council committee at Woy Woy Public School held a paper plane competition for all students on the last week of term one.

The challenge was for students

to create the best paper plane.

Prizes were awarded to a student from each grade for the furthest distance flown and the best decorated planes.

Students required a gold coin donation to enter the competition and all proceeds were donated to

the school's sponsor child.

The competition raised \$38, with students from all grades having a fun time being creative and spending time together.

Newsletter, 20 May 2016
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

Private childcare provided at school

A private childcare organisation is now taking enrolments for before and after school care to be provided in the grounds of Woy Woy Public School.

It will also provide vacation care. Cubby House Childcare started operating on site at Woy Woy

Public School on Monday, May 9.

"It is really wonderful that the school, in partnership with Cubby House Childcare, can provide this extra service for our community," said school principal Ms Ona Buckley.

Newsletter, 5 May 2016
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

Preparing for art show

Teachers at Ettalong Public School have started preparations for the school's annual Art show.

The art show will be held in term three during Education Week which starts on Monday, August 1.

"Wonderful artwork will be on display, created by our fabulous students," said relieving principal Ms Lynn Balfour.

Newsletter, 24 May 2016
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School

Principal warns against bribery tactic

Ettalong Public School relieving principal Ms Lynn Balfour has warned against parents relying on bribes as a tactic to secure a child's co-operation.

Ms Balfour has warned against the method suggesting it as an "addictive" method to coerce good behaviour.

She said it teaches children to adopt a "what's in it for me" attitude towards discipline.

In some cases, it encourages certain behaviours knowing that the resolution will end in them

getting something they want, she said.

Ms Balfour said that a harsher approach, while resulting in more arguments with children, was more beneficial to children than "caving in with a bribe" in return for some peace and quiet.

Ms Balfour said the bribery tactic worked on the child's terms, often escalating to bigger more elaborate bribes and sometimes worse behaviour from the child to get what they want.

Newsletter, May 17 2016
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School

Education department pays canteen wage

Woy Woy Public School's canteen now operates under the school's financial umbrella.

Canteen manager Ms Anne Wilson is now an employee of the Department of Education and part of the Woy Woy Public School staff.

The canteen will run with the same opening, closing and break

times as before.

From time to time, menus and prices will be reviewed to come in line with requirements through Fair Trading agreements, but the canteen will remain a service for the students and parent community.

Ordering will now be able to be done online from May 30.

Newsletter, 5 May 2016
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

School attendance is valuable, says principal

One of the most valuable things a parent can do for their child is to make sure he or she attends school every day, according to Ettalong Public School relieving principal Ms Lynn Balfour.

"When days are missed, gaps appear in learning which makes it difficult for a child to catch up," Ms Balfour said.

"Literacy is like a master key

that opens all doors and we want all of our students here at Ettalong to be able to understand what they read, not just while at primary school but as successful adults in a world where jobs are becoming increasingly hard to find," she said.

"Excessive absences also have a negative effect on friendships," she said.

Newsletter, 10 May 2016
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School

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Bouddi Foundation makes arts grants

Young, aspiring Central Coast artists could receive grants of up to \$5000 per person to help develop their talents thanks to the Bouddi Foundation for the Arts grant program.

"We are looking for artists from 15 to 25 years old who are engaged in music, the performing arts, literature or the visual arts," said Foundation chairman Mr John Bell.

"I know how important it is for artists to get encouragement and support at a young age," Mr Bell said.

In its fifth year, the program has given over 30 grants totalling \$70,000 to young residents.

Applications for the grants are open until June 30.

Fields of artistic endeavour addressed by the grants program include music, the visual arts, performing arts, literature, community arts, Aboriginal arts, film, electronic arts, and craft.

In addition to these categories the Foundation will offer grants of up to \$2000 for original song writing.

These grants are being sponsored by the music industry organisation APRA/AMCOS.

The grants may be used for any purpose that advances the development of an artist's

talents including the purchase of equipment and materials; tuition and education; attendance at symposia and workshops; participation in performances; membership of professional and artistic bodies; recording and publication costs.

Young artists are encouraged to express their interest in receiving a grant.

This can be done by writing to: The Secretary, Bouddi Foundation for the Arts, PO Box 4081, Wagstaffe, NSW, 2257.

Visual artists should consider attaching some examples of their work.

Music or other performing artists should share clips using youtube, soundcloud or vimeo.

Expressions of interest should not exceed two A4 pages (about 1000 words).

Shortlisted applicants may be contacted in late July to provide further information in an interview or audition which is likely to be held in August.

The 2017 grants will be announced by Mr Bell on November 5.

Artists interested in applying can find more details on the Foundation's website www.bouddiarts.org.au/grants.html.

**Media release, 4 May 2016
Joy Park, Bouddi Foundation for the Arts**

Four concerts held by progress association

Four concerts will be held by The Pearl Beach Progress Association in the local memorial hall in its June Long Weekend Music Festival.

Opening the weekend on Saturday afternoon will be Estivo Trio, which will play pieces by Mozart, Rachmaninov and Mendelssohn.

On Saturday evening, concert pianist Tamara-Anna Cislowska will play works from Bach, Haydn, Chopin, Liszt, Debussy and Rachmaninov.

On Sunday afternoon, The Song Company a cappella ensemble of six professional singers will perform Monteverdi, Gombert and Mundy.

The finale concert on Sunday evening will feature string quartet Peter Garrity, Ziva Altman, Leo Kram and Francis Yoon, and jazz trio Rodric White, John Conley and Raphael Strazz.

This concert opens with Haydn's Sunrise String Quartet.

Bach's adagio, Arioso, as well as the Adagio by Albinoni are



Concert pianist Tamara-Anna Cislowska will play at the Pearl Beach Long Weekend Music Festival

included in the program.

Proceeds from the festival will go towards the hall upkeep and repairs.

The Pearl Beach Memorial Hall is located at 9 Diamond Road,

Pearl Beach.

For bookings, telephone 4343 1455.

**Media release, 24 May 2016
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association**

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Doors open 10.30am

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Departs 18 Jun

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Departs 28 Jul

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Directory - Not for profit Community Organisations

Art & Culture

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

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

Central Coast Potters Society
Running classes, workshops, demonstrations, exhibitions and social events - Annual exhibitions in May and December
info@ccpotters.org
4324 5343

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

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

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

Bushwalking

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

Community Centres

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

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

Community Groups

ABC "The Friends"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Volunteering Central Coast

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

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

Health Groups

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Overeaters Anonymous (OA)
12-step fellowship for those with eating disorders. No dues, fees, or weigh-ins.
Peninsula Com. Cntr,

cnr. Mc Masters Rd & Ocean Beach Rd.
Woy Woy, Fri 8pm
www.oa.org
0412 756 446

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

Peninsula Village Wellness Centre
Offering holistic and complementary therapies including aromatherapy, massage and music therapy
4344 9199

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Music

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

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

Soundwaves
Men's a-capella 4 part harmony chorus - all ages 7pm Mon. Central Coast Leagues Club
John 0413 276 698
jbthomson51@gmail.com

Troubadour Central Coast Folk,

Traditional & Acoustic Music and Spoken Word Concerts, Ukulele meets, and Sessions
4th Sat 7pm CWA Hall Woy Woy 4342 6716
mail.info@troubadour.org.au

Political Groups

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

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

Ourimbah/ Narara Branch
Niagara Park Primary School 7.30pm 1st Mon 0410 309 494
kyle.macgregor@hotmail.com

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

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

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

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

Service Groups

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

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

Rotary Clubs
International service club improves lives of communities in Aust. & o/ seas. Fun-filled activities, fellowship and friendship.

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

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

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

Special Interest

Brisbane Water Caravan Club
located on the Central Coast and looking for new members
www.bwcaravanclub.wix.com/bwcc
4344 4363

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Central Coast Soaring Club Inc
Gliding Club. Learn to fly, Instruction FREE to members
Come and have an Air Experience Flight
All Welcome
14 and up for Training
Flying at Bloodtree Road Mangrove Mountain Thur, Sat, Sun (weather permitting)
0412 164 082
0414 635 047
www.ccsoaring.com.au

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

Woy Woy Judo Club
3 Classes every Tue & Fri 5.00pm to 8pm
Ettalong Leisure & Learning Centre
Min age 5 years old
0434 000 170
www.woywoyjudoclub.com

Veterans

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

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

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

Women's Groups

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

Country Women's Association Woy Woy
Opposite Fisherman's Wharf
Craft & Friendship
1st and 2nd Wed 10am
Meetings 4th Wed 10.30am 4324 2621

Country Women's Association Umina
Branch meeting
1st Wed 10am
Craft and Friendship
Other Weds 9am
1st and 3rd Sun 12.30pm
0414 576 366 - 4344 1070

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Theatre production gives glimpse of enemy invasion

Woy Woy Little Theatre's current production Dinkum Assorted will give audiences a glimpse of what it would be like to live through the threat of an enemy invasion, according to publicity officer Mr David Wicks.

"That threat was very real for many Australians during World War II: the surprise of the Darwin bombings; the undetected midget subs that threatened Sydney Harbour; and the idea that our Oceanic neighbours were the enemy," said Mr Wicks.

He said Australian playwright Linda Aronson had delved into the past and let her imagination run wild with the play, designed for more than a dozen females, and one billy goat.

The story concerned the staff in a biscuit factory, the Dinkum Assorted Biscuit Factory, based in a fictitious outback Queensland town, he said.

"Dinkum Assorted is a wild comedy with music, moods and mirth, set alongside some thought-provoking stories about women striving for personal and professional freedom.

"The play shows how the all-female cast factory workers fight to save the factory, run a Mum's Army Civil Defence Unit, put on a show for the War Effort and cope with the fact that two thousand US airmen have just been stationed outside town."

Dinkum Assorted is Woy Woy Little Theatre's second production for 2016 at the Peninsula Theatre, and the first to be directed by Fran Kendall since 2008 when she directed another Australian classic, Lipstick Dreams.

"Dinkum Assorted was a success from its opening night at the Sydney Opera House and has for many years been a perennial favourite across Australia because of its many fine parts for women," said Mr Wicks.

Woy Woy Little Theatre's cast includes Wendy de Beyer, Teanau Mason, Catie Elgood, Amelia Newell-Close, Chris Cherry, Lianne Haddock, Helen Herridge, Pamela Brown, Kathryn Peterson, Shea Wicks and Ann Wilden.

Bookings can be made through Woy Woy Little Theatre's website: woywoylt.com or phone 4344 4737 and leave a message after the beep.

The theatre's Box Office is also open between 10am and 12pm each Monday and Friday for personal bookings.

"There's already a strong demand for tickets as all matinees have been sold out for weeks," said Mr Wicks.

"However, there are still good seats available at most evening performances."

The remaining performance dates are: Friday and Saturday at 8pm on June 3 and 4.

Media release, 17 May 2016
David Wicks, Woy Woy Little Theatre



Wendy de Beyer is making a comeback after 10 years away from theatre in Dinkum Assorted

The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Monday, May 30

The Olive Branch Gallery Exhibition at 5 Onthonna Terrace, Umina to May 31
Immersion Art Exhibition by Sandra McArthur, Bistro 14, Hardys Bay Club until June 19

Tuesday, May 31

The Olive Branch Gallery is holding a May Art Exhibition, 11am to 3:30pm

Friday, Jun 3

Woy Woy Little Theatre presents Dinkum Assorted, Peninsula Theatre, 8pm and Saturday

Saturday, Jun 4

Recycling Denim workshop, Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre

Sunday, Jun 5

Central Coast Blues Society jam, Hardys Bay Hotel, from 2pm

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
Ben Woodham, Hardys Bay Club, 2pm

Friday, Jun 17

An Afternoon of Art Displays, Films, and Music, Wagstaffe Hall from 2pm

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
Bouddi Foundation for the Arts Showcase Concert, Wagstaffe Hall, 2pm
Bob Jackson, Hardys Bay Club, 2pm

Saturday, Jun 25

5 Lands Walk buses departing

Ettalong Ferry Terminal

Sunday, Jun 26

Top Cat, Hardys Bay Club, 2pm

Thursday, Jun 30

Trivia with El Triviachi, Hardys Bay Club, 7:30pm

Friday, Jul 1

Woy Woy Little Theatre Company annual flash festival, Peninsula Theatre

Sunday, Jul 17

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

Friday, Jul 22

Bays Community annual wine chees and art night, Bays Community Hall, Woy Woy Bay Rd

Saturday, Jul 23

Bays Community Annual Art Show, featuring work from six artists, Bays Community Hall, Woy Woy Bay Rd, Sat and Sun

Sunday, Aug 21

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

Peninsula directory of services, contacts and support groups

Ambulance, Police, Fire 000

Emergency

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

Aboriginal & Torres Strait

Islander Organisations

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

Accommodation

Dept. of Housing Gosford 4323 5211
Cassie4Youth 4322 3197
Coast Shelter 4325 3540
Pacific Link Com Housing 4324 7617
Rumbalara Youth Refuge 4325 7555
Samaritans Youth Services 4351 1922
Youth Angle - Woy Woy 4341 8830
Woy Woy Youth Cottage 4341 9027

Animal Rescue

Wildlife Arc 4325 0666
Wires 1300 094 737

Community Centres

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

Counselling

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

Family and Relationships

Centacare Gosford 4324 6403
Central Coast Family Support Service 4340 1099

Horizons (For men with children) 4351 5008

Uniting Care Burnside

Gosford 1800 067 967

Health

Poisons Information 131 126
Ambulance Text Mobile 106
Ambulance GSM 112
Gosford Hospital 4320 2111
Woy Woy Hospital 4344 8444
Sexual Health @ Gosford Hospital 4320 2114
After Hours GP Help Line 1800 022 222

Legal & Financial Help

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

Libraries

Gosford district:
Umina Beach 4304 7333
Woy Woy 4304 7555

Problems,

Habits & Addiction

Alcoholics Anonymous 4323 3890
Narcotics Anonymous 4325 0524

Transport

Taxi 131 008
Busways 4368 2277
City Rail 131 500

Welfare Services

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

If you've got something happening on the Peninsula over the next few weeks, let us know about it and we'll list it here for you, for free. Contact details are on page 2. See the Coast Community News for events in post code areas 2250, 2251 & 2260 and the Wyong Regional Chronicle for events in post code areas 2258, 2259, 2261, 2262 & 2263

Classifieds

Prices for classified advertisements in these pages come in three categories

Not For Profit Organisations

Not for profit organisations' events advertisements are subsidised.

A mono 5cm advertisement only costs \$20 + GST.

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

Private advertisements

Private advertisements only cost \$33.

Each additional cm costs \$6.60 as does colour, and a photograph or a logo.

Private advertisements need to be paid for at the time of booking.

Business rates

A one off advertisement only costs \$40 + GST in mono and an extra \$8 + GST for colour, a logo or a photograph.

Advertising on an ongoing basis attracts discounts if paid for in full in advance.

3 months \$215 + GST, 6 months \$385 + GST, 12 months \$700 + GST – Approximately \$14 per week.

Having the same advertisement in one of the other Central Coast Newspapers as well attracts an additional 10% discount for those advertisements.

If in the third paper as well, it will attract a 15% discount which drops to \$11.50 + GST per week in that paper.

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

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

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

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

All that we require for you to have an online advertisement such as this is: 1) Heading for the advertisement; 2) Text for the body; and, 3) Up to 3 images if required i.e. logos etc.

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Combined print and online packages have been created providing further discounts.

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Margaret Thoms (left) with Wendy Archer

Surprise award for netball officer

Wow Woy Peninsula Netball Association executive officer Ms Margaret Thoms was honoured for her tireless contribution to netball on the Peninsula during the Netball NSW Annual State Dinner earlier this year.

Ms Thom's colleagues Ms Sharon Bailey and Ms Lisa Coakley put together a submission

on behalf of Ms Thoms for the Anne Clarke Service Award.

They convinced Ms Thom to attend the dinner completely unaware she had been both nominated and had won the award.

According to Ms Bailey, Ms Thom was humbled and overwhelmed when she found out she received the award.

Netball NSW President Ms Wendy Archer was on hand to

congratulate Ms Thom on her commitment to netball in the Peninsula.

Ms Thom, who also received a copy of the nomination submission, said the submission meant more to her than the award itself and that she could not believe the outpour of love she had received.

**Website, 18 Feb 2016
Sharon Bailey, Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association**

Colts defeated despite Woy Woy player's efforts

The Central Coast Colts team were narrowly defeated by the Newcastle Hunter team in the NSW Country Championships Final in Armidale on May 8, despite the efforts of Woy Woy flanker Lapana Vitale.

The Coast opened the scoring in the fifth minute when Vitale broke from the scrum and scored a try wide out.

This five points to nil lead fired the Coasties up.

It was a very even start and with the Central Coast having good periods of attack and defence.

Things were even better straight from the kick-off when the Coast went on the attack and Dylan

Galvin scored wide out.

These two tries in a couple of minutes had given the Central Coast a 10 points to nil lead after only seven minutes.

By half time, the score was locked at 10 points apiece with neither side able to kick a goal in the half.

The second half continued in much the same vein. Both teams kicked a penalty each to level the scores at 13 points apiece midway through this second stanza.

Newcastle Hunter scored a try in the 26th minute giving Newcastle Hunter the finishing scoreline of 18 points to 13.

**Sports report, May 12, 2016
Larry Thomson, Central Coast Rugby Union**

Playground upgrade

The Umina Community Group is working to upgrade of the Trafalgar Ave Park.

The group is hoping to install new playground equipment, plants and a shade sail.

It will hold planting days and is eager to accept ideas and

donations to help with the planting.

Once completed, it hopes to invite the Kindergarten class of Woy Woy South Public School to the playground.

**Newsletter, 17 May 2016
Kim Whealey, Woy Woy South Public School**

The Bays' history book

The Bays Community Group is distributing a book about the history of the area, Our Beautiful Bays, written by Brian Goodey and Margaret Vidler.

The Bays Bulletin has reported that The Bays Community Hall was formerly known as the Woy Woy Bay Sports and Social Club Hall and was the venue for many special occasions.

It stated that a front page article of the local newspaper at the time, the Woy Woy Herald, Ms Helen Thompson of Bulls Hill, Woy Woy, and Mr Les Walker of Falls Rd, Somersby, had their wedding reception in the hall on May 23, 1959.

The couple had been members of the sports club for a long time.

Helen also celebrated her 21st birthday in the hall on May 5, 1958,

and her pre-wedding party in early 1959.

Ms Helen Walker OAM now lives in Somersby.

Community group president Mr Bob Puffett said: "Helen, on occasion, attends our monthly breakfasts in the same hall where she celebrated her 21st birthday and wedding reception all those years ago."

Those curious to find out more about the history of the local area can consult the book.

Copies are available at The Bays' monthly community breakfasts or via the Bays Community Group website.

**Newsletter, 23 May 2016
Bob Puffett, The Bays Community Group Inc**

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"The program was a huge success when Ms Sue Batchelor brought along her dog Alfie to teach children the responsibilities of pet ownership.

Ms Batchelor taught the children

about safety around animals and minimising the risk of animal bites.

"Our Kindergarten to Year 2 and support students thoroughly enjoyed the free, informative sessions," said relieving principal Ms Lynn Balfour.

**Newsletter, 24 May 2016
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School**

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Winners in zone cross country

Three Ettalong Public School students won their age groups at the Zone Cross Country Carnival on Friday, May 20.

Alyssa Rutter, Oliver Ham and Jardean Hinchcliffe each won their age group at the carnival and will go on to compete at the regional level.

"All 50 of our student representatives ran to the best of their ability," said relieving principal Ms Lynn Balfour.

"Juniors ran two kilometres and seniors three kilometres, both long

distances for little legs," she said.

Ettalong Public School's boys and girls AFL teams played in the Paul Kelly Cup on Thursday, May 19.

According to Ms Balfour, they showed excellent team work and sportsmanship.

The school's boys' soccer team played in the State knockout at Umina against Wamberal Public School on Tuesday, May 24, and, the girls' soccer team played their knockout game on Friday, May 27.

Newsletter, 24 May 2016
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School



Front from left: Grubs president Mr Brett Saley with Ettalong Bowling Club directors Mr Reg Richardson (finance), Mr Robert Henderson (chair) and Mr Ian Chapman (vice chair) with Grubs members and parents in front of their new trailer

Boardriders benefit from club sponsorship

The Umina Junior Boardriders club has been the beneficiaries of funding from the Ettalong Bowling Club.

The Grommet Umina Boardriders, or Grubs for short, is the latest of the three local surf board riding clubs to benefit from the generosity of the Ettalong Bowling Club.

The Grubs have received a \$5000 grant from the bowling club that has been used to purchase a trailer big enough to accommodate the junior boardriders collection of surf boards and all the other

equipment needed to run the club. Grubs has more than 90 members registered this year.

Meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month at Ocean Beach.

Children, who range in age from four through to their early teens can compete in heats that kick off at 7.30am.

A non-competitive "free surf" then usually takes place at around 9am and volunteers cook a sausage sizzle on the beach for club members.

All participants receive a trophy at the end of the year and larger

prizes are on offer for those who are competitive throughout the year.

The Grubs visited Ettalong Bowling Club on Sunday, May 15 to thank the club's board members for their generosity and show them their new trailer.

Ettalong Bowling Club directors said the relationship with Grubs was a great fit because it strived to be a family-friendly club and wanted to foster and grow relationships with local Peninsula organisations who were also family-focused.

Email, 15 May 2016
Glen Bible, Grommets Umina Boardriders

Lorna Buckworth Trophy

Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club took out the Lorna Buckworth Trophy competition held at the Everglades on April 18.

The competition designed for bowlers with less than five years' experience, brought together

teams from Umina, Woy Woy, Ettalong, and the Everglades

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Sports report, 16 May 2016
Eva Phillips, Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club

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Peninsula team wins Australian Floorball Open

Peninsula Thunderettes have won the Australian Floorball Open 2016 by beating Canberra Chargettes 5-2. The women's team had hoped to perform well in the tournament

that involved floorball teams from around Australia.

Vanessa Dwyer opened the grand final scoring with an initial goal for the Thunderettes in the first third.

Canberra came straight back to even the score at one-all.

The Peninsula side did not give up and Tayla Alice Hull put the ball in the back of the net in the last few minutes of the first third.

Coming in to the second third, Canberra fired and scored a goal to again even the score up.

Tayla and Amanda Bartrim then put the ball in the net to make the score 4-2 going in to the third period.

During the third period Yazzie Skene also put the ball in the goal to make the final score 5-2 with Yazzie also getting most valuable player.

Website, 1 May 2016
Nicholas Watterson,
Peninsula Floorball

Lions win soccer match, but loss for Umina

Southern Ettalong FC has had a win in their soccer match against Terrigal in round eight of the Premier League on the weekend of May 22 and 23 but Umina were not so lucky.

After a frustrating start to the season, Southern-Ettalong is beginning to gain momentum with a second successive win.

This time the Southern Ettalong side has broken Terrigal's five-match unbeaten run with a 1-0 win at Duffys Oval.

The Lions win was all the more impressive in that they lost three players prior to kick-off and were forced into a last-minute re-structure.

The only goal in the match came in the 16th minute through Lewis Murphy.

Despite the loss, Terrigal remain in third place with Southern Ettalong United moving up to fifth.

For many years, opposition teams dreaded the trip down to

Umina oval where the locals were all but unbeatable.

That has changed since the ground was renovated and Umina has struggled in the past couple of seasons and the 2-5 defeat to The Entrance was no great surprise.

The game was much closer than the final score indicates with Umina fighting back from 3-0 down to 3-2 with just 10 minutes to play before the Sea Eagles put away two late goals.

In the absence of Terrie Dries, midfielder Zac Anastas grabbed the opportunity to play up front with a hat-trick between Jacob Jackson's early goal and Nathan Blundell's successful late free-kick.

Shaun Conduit and Ben Scully-Hawkins were Umina's goal scorers.

The loss leaves Umina in last place while The Entrance move out of the relegation zone for the first time this season.

Website, 23 May 2016
Central Coast Football

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Cricket chase for Umina Beach

The Umina Beach Public School cricket team played Point Clare Public School in the second round of the PSSA State Knockout competition at Adcock Park, Gosford on Thursday, May 5.

Umina Beach Public School won the toss and elected to bowl.

The team bowled consistently without taking many wickets but keeping the total to 88.

A steady opening batting partnership got Umina's run chase off to a solid start.

The Umina boys continued to make good progress chasing down the total of 88 and it came right down to the last over.

They needed nine runs from six deliveries but, unfortunately, finished three runs short on 85.

Newsletter, 10 May 2016
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach
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The team at National Sprints in February, rear from left: Joan Whitson, Sue Giaquinto, Lana Hofman, Petra Salna and Marlene Byrne, front from left: Jo Terrans and Barbie Jones



From left: Marlene Byrne, Jo Terrans, Joan Whitson, Barbie Jones, Petra Salna and Sue Giaquinto

Outrigger canoe team competes internationally

The Woy Woy outrigger canoe team has competed for the first time in the International Va'a Federation World Elite and Club Sprint Championships on the Sunshine Coast from Thursday, May 5 to Sunday, May 15.

Six Woy Woy competitors took part in three teams: two Women's over-70 and one Adaptive Men's.

Coach Ms Lana Hofman said there were 384 races with 24 countries and about 2500 paddlers.

"They all competed in the national titles in February and qualified to compete.

"It's everyone's first time so it's pretty cool," she said.

The only man to compete for Woy Woy, Matt Newman, began training as part of rehabilitation after an injury.

"We train local races all year round," Ms Hofman said.

"There's been lots of paddling around Brisbane Waters."

Ms Hofman said that Mr Newman had done very well considering he wasn't aiming to

compete when he initially began training 18 months ago.

"The opportunity came up," Ms Hofman said.

Ms Hofman said that teams were usually made up of competitors from the same state but due to low numbers, teams had become mixed.

Mr Newman competed in a team of five Queensland participants.

The six women were divided between the Panamuna team and the Central Coast team.

Sue Warby and Marie Battye joined the Panamuna team while

Marlene Byrne, Joan Whitson, Sue Giaquinto, Petra Salna, Jo Terrans and Barbie Jones made up the Central Coast team.

"The women have travelled to Queensland to train with their team and the women in Queensland have come here to train.

"It's a big thing for them to do," she said.

"I think it's awesome that there's a sport for their age that they can start and come into something like this.

"Even if we come ninth, that's still ninth in the world," she said.

Ms Hofman explained that the two women's teams were competitive with only six and 10 seconds between the teams in 46 kilometre wind at the nationals.

"They did very well," she said.

"I'm so chuffed there's something that they can still do.

"They don't have to sit at home with their walking sticks. They can get out into the water and sunshine," she said.

Interview, 4 May 2016

Lana Hofman, Central Coast Outrigger Canoe Club

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