



\$438,5549 will be spent on Ettalong's Ferry Rd Wharf



\$939,379 will be spent on improving Murray St, Booker Bay

Council milks Peninsula

The Peninsula will receive less than five per cent of the new Central Coast Council budget for capital expenditure, despite representing 15 per cent of the council's population.

The budget includes a total of \$7.79 million in capital projects for the Peninsula, but only \$3.61 million – less than half – comes from council revenue.

The majority comes from government grants.

Outside the Peninsula, the council contributes more than \$3.35 for every dollar of grant money spent on capital projects.

The council contribution to Peninsula projects represents less than one per cent of its consolidated income of \$556 million.

At the same time, the council expects Peninsula ratepayers will be paying more in rates, with many paying an increase greater than inflation (see separate report).

The council budget does not show anticipated income from the Peninsula.

However, if the Peninsula pays rates, charges and other council income at the average per capita rate for the council area, it would be contributing \$76 million to council coffers.

The 2016-17 budget and operational plan were adopted at an extraordinary general meeting of the council held at Wyong council chambers on June 29.

The plan and budget will deliver

\$540 million in services and \$183 million in infrastructure – a total expenditure of \$724 million across the Central Coast.

Total income, however, is expected to be only \$598 million, with \$556 million in council income from rates and charges and the like, and \$42 million from grants.

Budgeted spending has been focused on roads and drainage, water and sewerage, waste management, waterways and playgrounds and sporting fields, according to the council's administrator, Mr Ian Reynolds.

The budget included funds for road and drainage upgrades at Horsfield Bay and Umina and the upgrade of Umina's McEvoy Oval.

The budget and operational plan priorities for the Peninsula were set by the former Gosford Council.

Reviews will be undertaken during the next 12 months to bring the plan "into greater alignment to represent the Central Coast Council".

"This may result in a change to actions, projects and programs," the operational plan said.

It is unknown whether those reviews and changes would result in more or less infrastructure funding for the Peninsula.

The progressive construction of Murray St, Booker Bay, is the largest capital works item in the operational plan for the Peninsula.

The work, from Eastern Rd to Flathead Rd, will cost the council \$939,379 in 2016-17.

A total of \$543,707 will be spent on the ongoing Cockle Bay sewerage project.

Wharf safety improvement works will be undertaken at Ferry Rd Wharf in Ettalong including the replacement of deck, pylons and fenders for \$438,549.

The council will improve sporting field drainage at Rogers Park ground 2 and 3 in Woy Woy which will cost \$400,000.

Another capital works project earmarked for the Peninsula will be the final capping of the Woy Woy tip external cells with clay or geo-textile to meet Environment Protection Authority requirements at a cost of \$350,000.

Works will also be undertaken on Mt Ettalong Rd from Sylvania Rd towards Berrina Crescent for a total of \$420,853, of which \$229,853 will come from council coffers.

The McEvoy Oval upgrade is another large Peninsula capital works project.

It will include the replacement of the amenities building, improvements to the car park and sporting field surface.

The total cost will be \$756,000 with \$220,000 from council funding and \$536,000 from the federal government.

The \$1 million progressive reconstruction of Umina's Lone Pine Ave will be advanced with \$180,000 of council funds spent on the project between Haynes Ave and Ocean Beach Rd.

Another \$180,000 will be spent

on improvements to Springwood St, Umina, between Albion St and Lagoon St.

The progressive reconstruction of the intersection at Woy Woy Rd and Banyo Close Horsfield Bay will continue.

The total project cost is \$810,000 with \$675,000 from Roads to Recovery government funding and council budgeting \$135,000.

In other measures for the Peninsula, the operational plan undertakes to identify an alternative management and operations plan for the Peninsula Theatre to increase future usage and community engagement.

The performance measure is that the Peninsula Theatre will have improved business operations and increased usage by June 2017.

A disability inclusion action plan is also to be developed by the end of 2016-17 along with a Positive Aging Plan and an Aboriginal Development and Reconciliation Plan implemented to facilitate the former Gosford Council's Aboriginal Employment Strategy.

The council also expects to achieve 85 per cent direct expense recovery from the Peninsula Leisure Centre while providing low-cost services and programs to the community.

It also aims for 75 per cent of leisure centre users to be satisfied in the level of service and quality of facilities.

The Patonga Caravan and Camping area is to be managed

and maintained to meet the NSW Crown Lands requirement of a 30 per cent net profit by June 30 each year.

The Brisbane Water Floodplain Risk Management Plan Action Plan should be completed by December 1, according to the operational plan.

The current first phase of the Central Coast Council is the "merger period" which will end when councillors are elected in September 2017, the operational plan said.

During the merger period the administrator, Mr Reynolds, and chief executive officer, Mr Rob Noble, are expected to ensure that the council is able to maintain seamless service delivery to the community.

They are also expected to embrace opportunities to improve services and infrastructure while bringing together and building on the strengths of staff, systems, strategies and structures.

The community, staff and other partners are supposed to be engaged in planning and implementing change during the merger period through information and involvement.

The plan aims to ensure "ethical, open and accountable governance and administration."

**Operational Plan 2016-17
Central Coast Council
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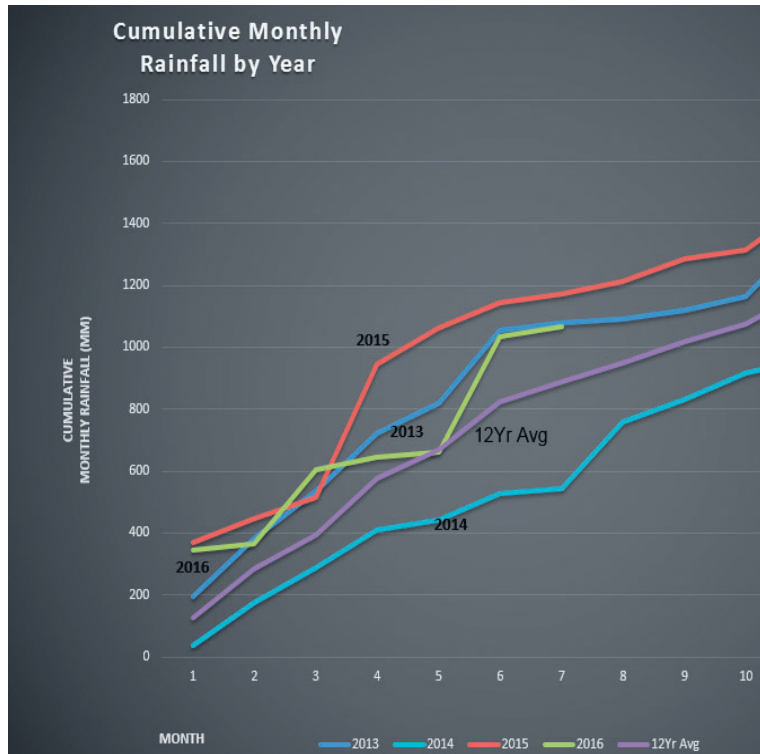
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Half July average rainfall in a week



The Peninsula has received half its July average rainfall in the first eight days of the month.

A total of 34.8mm has been recorded, compared to the average for the month of 66mm, according to Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

June finished with a total of 369.9mm, about 2.4 times the June average of 155mm.

It was the third wettest month in the last 12 years, behind April 2015 (431.9mm) and June 2007 (377.6mm).

The cumulative total for the year was 1032.4mm, which was more than 25 per cent above the average of 822mm for the first half year.

The most recent rain brings the total for the year to date to 1067.2mm, which is still 20 per cent above the average cumulative total of 888mm at the end of July.

Spreadsheet, 8 Jul 2016
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

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Earlier this year the zoo welcomed four Giraffe calves in close succession.

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The first lion cubs to be born at the Dubbo zoo are now 12 months old and have matured from mischievous to majestic.

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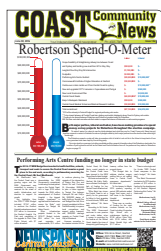
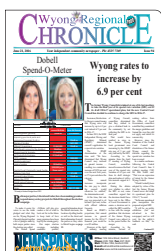
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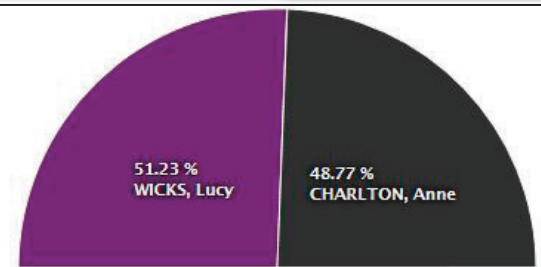


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Lucy Wicks with her son Oscar and daughter Molly-Joy



Above and below: The two-candidate preferred result for Robertson.
Source: Australian Electoral Office

Two candidate preferred (TCP) for Robertson (NSW)

45 of 48 polling places returned and 84.04% turnout.

Candidate	Party	Votes	Margin	This election (%)
WICKS, Lucy	Liberal	44,435	2,128	51.23
CHARLTON, Anne	Labor	42,307	-2,128	48.77

Wicks retains Robertson

Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks has retained her seat in the House of Representatives in the July 2 federal election.

Ms Wicks announced her victory at her local park in Springfield on Wednesday, July 6, in the presence of her children, Oscar and Molly-Joy.

She defeated the Labor Party candidate, Ms Anne Charlton, by 1183 votes.

Ms Wicks secured her seat with 51.23 per cent of the two-candidate preferred vote representing a

swing of 1.86 per cent away from the Liberal Party.

Greens candidate Ms Hillary Morris received 7.95 per cent of the first preference vote count.

Dr Van Davy from Pearl Beach won 2.81 per cent and Mr Robert Stoddart from the Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group) 2.66 per cent.

Mr Matthew Craig from the Liberal Democrats and Mr Lawrie Higgins from the Anti Paedophile Party attained less than two per cent of the vote each.

A total of 108,509 people enrolled to vote in Robertson and

the turnout for the July 2 election was 84 per cent with an informal vote of 4.87 per cent.

"My pledge to the people of Robertson will be that I will continue to listen, I will continue to advocate and I will continue to fight for every single person here on the Central Coast to make sure that we build a better future," Ms Wicks said.

"It is an extraordinary privilege, I have to say, to put yourself forward to sit to serve the community, so I thank all of the candidates who ran and who gave up their time and efforts to this community," she

said.

"I do pledge to continue to work every single day to fight with every fibre of my being for a better future for the people of the Central Coast.

"I would like to let people know their votes do count, their votes do matter and their votes will change the future, I believe, of life here on the Central Coast."

Ms Wicks did not mention any specific Peninsula projects or achievements during the media conference to announce her victory in Robertson.

Priorities mentioned during the conference were 600 jobs

for Gosford via a new tax office building, a medical school at Gosford Hospital and a regional performing arts centre.

"I just love this job and I love this community and now we can actually fight to see that the projects underway are actually completed," Ms Wicks said.

Website, 7 Jul 2016

Tally Room results, aec.gov.au

Audio transcript, 4 Jul 2016

Media conference, 6 Jul 2016

Lucy Wicks, member for Robertson

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Charlton concedes defeat

Labor candidate for Robertson Ms Anne Charlton conceded defeat on Wednesday, July 6, after a close battle for the seat.

"This morning I called Lucy Wicks to congratulate her on winning the seat of Robertson," Mr Charlton said.

"For more than nine months, I have had the privilege of being out and about in the community I love, speaking with thousands of locals about the issues that matter to them," she said.

"The Central Coast is my home, and I will always work to make our region an even better place to live, work and raise a family.

"Thank you to the people of Robertson who voted for me, and put their trust in me to stand up and be their voice in the federal parliament.

"Locals showed their support for our campaign by voting to protect Medicare, support increased education funding, and create steady and secure jobs.

"I want to thank my dedicated and tireless campaign team, and the passionate members of the union movement who spent every day speaking with locals about how this Liberal Government has hurt the Coast.

"It has been a great honour to



Ms Anne Charlton during pre-polling in Woy Woy

represent the Labor Party, and stand with a movement that has for more than 120 years fought for a better deal for working people.

"We ran a strong and united campaign against a government that only cared about itself and its mates at the big end of town.

"The Coast needs a strong voice to ensure that we get our fair share, and I will hold Lucy Wicks to account for the promises she made this election, and the promises she failed to deliver from last term," Ms Charlton said.

Media release, 6 Jul 2016
Anne Charlton, Labor candidate for Robertson
Photo: Noel Fisher

Peninsula rates rise expected

Peninsula ratepayers may find their rates will increase this year by more than the "pegged" increase of 1.8 per cent, despite a "rates freeze" associated with the council merger.

According to council's new chief financial officer, Mr Stephen Naven, ratepayers on the Peninsula may experience rate increases greater than 1.8 per cent because the NSW Valuer-General revalued unimproved land in the Gosford LGA at the beginning of 2016.

The new land values were based on assessments done in June 2015, which was at the height of the Sydney real estate boom.

Mr Naven said a newsletter is being sent to all rate payers, with their 2016-17 rates notice, to explain how the new year's rates are to be levied.

He said the council has been analysing which parts of the former Gosford local government area, including the Peninsula, may experience "bill shock" when their rates notices arrive for the new financial year.

Residential rate payers in the former Gosford Council area will find the new council has increased rates across the board by 1.8 per cent, which is the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal rate peg for the year.

Hence, the new Central Coast Council is able to apply a 1.8 per

cent increase across the whole rateable area, but individual rates are based on the value of each ratepayer's landholding.

If the NSW Valuer General determined that a particular rate payer's land had increased in value between 2012 and 2015, their rates will be calculated on that higher value and their rates will go up accordingly.

According to the Central Coast Council's 2016-17 operational plan, those values will be used in the 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 rating years.

The situation has been further complicated by statements made by the NSW Government in the lead-up to the merger of Gosford Council with Wyong that there would be a four-year rate freeze for merged councils.

The state government has recently softened its language to refer to that commitment as a "rates path freeze".

Mr Naven said information being sent out with 2016-17 rates notices "makes it very clear what the State Government's definition of a rates path freeze is".

The new council's understanding of "rates path freeze" is that the way in which former councils calculated their rates will not change for four years.

Rates will still increase during that time period.

"We are doing analysis now to understand who will get bill shock,"

Mr Naven said.

"The 1.8 per cent is over the whole rate take but it is all relative to other people's increases or decreases in land value," he said.

According to the new council's operational plan, residential rates on the Peninsula will be calculated at land value multiplied by 0.306962 cents in the dollar with a minimum amount of \$506.

The Central Coast Council's operational plan did not include tables of rates payable for different land values in the former Gosford LGA, although such tables were provided for the Wyong LGA.

Based on the ordinary residential rate of 0.306962 cents in the dollar, residential rates on land valued at \$160,000 would be the minimum allowable \$506 for the year.

Rates payable on land worth \$500,000 would be \$1535 for the 12 months.

The Peninsula's residential rate payers also pay a special water safety levy of \$0.011571 that was introduced in 2002-03 for 15 years to conduct major repairs and refurbishment of local surf life saving clubs.

A domestic waste base charge of \$64.50 is also applied to each parcel of residential land.

Water and sewage charges will be in addition to this.

Operational plan, 2016-17
Central Coast Council
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Council land sell-off meetings well attended

The campaign to keep Umina's Brisbane Avenue reserve as community land was well-represented at public meetings held by Central Coast Council, according to organisers.

More than 90 community members attended the first session and about 50 residents attended the second session to voice their concerns about the former Gosford Council's land sale strategy.

The two public meetings were held at the Erina Centre on Wednesday, July 6, as part of the process of examining whether an initial 10 lots of community land could be reclassified as operational, which would enable them to be sold.

The reserve at 83 to 85 Brisbane Avenue, Umina was part of the initial list.

Other Peninsula reserves, currently classified as community land, which means they cannot be sold, are to be considered for reclassification in a subsequent process.

They are located at: Albion St and Pozieres Ave in Umina; and at Mackenzie Ave and Jumbuck Close in Woy Woy.

Ms Amie Raz, whose Umina home joins the Brisbane Ave reserve, said her husband Dan read a submission at the public meeting and her children made a video that was played at the end of the second session.

"We had about 15 people there



Locals campaigning to save the Brisbane Avenue reserve in Umina

to support keeping the Brisbane Ave reserve as community land," Ms Raz said.

Ms Sue Chidgey from save Central Coast Reserves said: "The turn out to support the Brisbane Ave reserve was amazing.

"They had at least 15 people and several stood up and spoke about their well-used and loved reserve," Ms Chidgey said.

"The three boys who put the video together have an old-fashioned attitude that kids should be able to go out there and experience stuff instead of being in front of screens inside," she said.

"I was incredibly proud that community members could stand up and defend their special public

spaces like that."

Ms Chidgey said: "The attendance by affected residents was excellent considering the council chose to run the meetings in school holidays and refused to provide an evening session for workers to attend."

Ms Jane Smith from the Community Environment Network said the whole process had been confused.

"The previous Gosford Council resolved to proceed with the process of reclassification of the land including holding a public hearing and then to look at rezoning land so that it could be sold," Ms Smith said.

"Council staff are now suggesting that this will happen as one step," she said.

"Adding to the confusion, the public meeting was initially advertised as a public hearing, which is part of a formal process.

"Then it was changed to a public meeting and became an information gathering exercise.

"To make matters worse, there was no information available prior to the meeting about how to register to speak or the format of the meeting.

"The community's trust in this process is very low.

"There has been a lack of transparency and many residents complain of emails and correspondence not being answered.

"Information has not been available to the community and it took over eight months to get council to list the 24 sites on their website."

Ms Chidgey said the process had been distressing for all concerned.

"We are calling on council to withdraw all lots and halt this process now rather than continue to frustrate communities and place demands on the time of residents who are juggling work and family life," she said.

Eight community facebook groups have become involved in the campaign to protect the reserves, parks and green spaces listed in the land sale strategy.

At the council's public meeting the first 10 sites were listed for discussion and another 14 across the Gosford region, including four on the Peninsula, will be dealt with at a later date.

Ms Chidgey said the independent consultant who had been appointed by Central Coast Council said he had chosen the first 10 sites because he had considered them all appropriate for reclassification and sale.

"He gave an undertaking at the meeting to thoroughly investigate the history, use and environmental value of each of the 10 sites before handing his report to council," she said.

Ms Chidgey also requested that the council representatives present at the meetings undertook to pass on to the consultant all submissions and correspondence received by the council from community members concerned about their reserves throughout the past 10 months.

She said a council representative had told the public meeting that submissions in favour of the reclassification and sale of community land had also been received by council.

Public requests to be given access to those submissions were not granted.

Community members have been given to July 20 to submit their concerns to council regarding the reserves, parks and green spaces included on the initial list of 10.

Media release, 7 Jul 2016

Interview, 7 Jul 2016

Sue Chidgey, Save Central Coast Reserves

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Amie Raz, Save Brisbane Ave Reserve

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Landcare group calls for open space strategy

The Central Coast Council needs to produce an open space and community land strategy before it reclassifies or sells off any community land on the Peninsula, according to Ms Sue Ellis from the Ettymalong Creek Landcare Group.

Ms Ellis spoke at a public meeting held by Central Coast Council to gather information from the community about its proposal to reclassify 25 parcels of community land, including five located on the Peninsula.

She said, at the meeting, the council-appointed consultant Mr John Hancock said he had been asked by the former Gosford Council "to develop a strategy to identify land for retail sale."

"That is not a land strategy," Ms Ellis said.

"We would like to see an open spaces and community land strategy developed before any ad hoc proposals go forward."

"We all use these parks and reserves either actively or passively and we expect council to protect and care for them."

Ms Ellis said she argued at the meeting that it was inappropriate to assess each reserve in isolation when they are part of a network of reserves, parks and pocket parks.

"Over the five reserves in question on the Peninsula there are more than 114 mature and majestic native trees that are an incredibly important resource for the area," she said.

According to Ms Ellis, as the volume of medium-density residential development on the Peninsula increases, so too does the need to retain community open spaces.

"This is especially so at the moment given local councils' lax tree removal policies," she said.

The maturity of many of the native trees found on the Peninsula's five reserves means they are also an important food source for a number of native species including the Grey Headed Flying Fox, Swift Parrot and



The public meeting to gather information on the land sale strategy

Regent Honey Eater.

According to Ms Ellis a number of substantive studies have been completed about the sustainability of such species on the Peninsula and the role of mature native trees in their sustainability.

Some of the native trees on the five reserves make up part of the Umina Coastal Sandplain which was identified as an endangered ecological community by the NSW Scientific Committee in 2007.

"There have been several other in-depth inquiries about the importance of the vegetation in this local area," she said.

Environment Australia recognised the significance of Eucalyptus robusta and Melaleuca quinquenervia (Paper bark) and other local vegetation as a food source for the federally listed and endangered swift parrot in its decision in 2003 in relation to Gosford Council flood mitigation works at Kahibah Creek, Ms Ellis said.

The determination stated that the removal of trees in this location would have a significant impact on the food source of the migratory swift parrot and required council to

undertake extensive compensatory planting and 10 years of monitoring and maintenance to ensure the new plantings survived to maturity.

The importance of vegetation in Umina was also assessed by the Land and Environment Court in February 2006 (Providence Projects Pty Ltd v Gosford City Council [2006] NSWLEC 52 (17 February 2006)).

"Even a cursory glance at the Gosford LEP for the Peninsula will show the very small number of pocket parks in public hands to cater for the ever growing population."

"We need more, not less of this valuable public resource."

"All our parks and reserves are needed now and in the future to cater for passive recreation/contemplation, preservation of native flora and fauna, current and future play areas (structured and non-structured) and community gardens."

"Developers (as part of good public policy) have been required to contribute to public open space to cater for population growth resulting from their developments, residents have regularly bequeathed land to add to the public estate and council

itself has purchased open space for the benefit of the wider community."

"I object strongly to the idea that this council has the mandate to negate this legacy and to sell off these reserves."

"This is particularly so in the absence of any strategic open space, conservation or recreation land strategy," she said.

Ms Ellis said she was also disappointed by the lack of organisation at the council's public meetings.

"It was very muddled and disorganised and they didn't seem prepared for the number of people who attended," she said.

"There is no timeframe in relation to when the other four reserves on the Peninsula will be considered and no clarity of process," she said.

"Council's website states that in recent years it has continued to acquire an average of approximately 28 hectares of new land annually for community and recreational purposes."

"Presumably these new lands were acquired as a result of additional identified needs or for specific purposes not already being met by existing land holdings."

"It does not follow that existing reserves will therefore not be required."

"I am not aware of any land that has been acquired in recent years on the Peninsula for these purposes, despite the rapid and continued growth in population."

"There have been a number of enhancements to some larger parks however, these merely cater for the growing population and significant tourist visitation, and do not obviate the need for local pocket parks for both passive and active recreation."

Interview and email, 7 Jul 2016

Sue Ellis, Ettymalong Creek Landcare Group

Reporter: Jackie Pearson

Village hosts Pozieres remembrance service

A special centenary remembrance service for the Battle of Pozieres will be held to honour the brave Australian's who fought for

the nation.

Peninsula Village in Umina Beach will host the service on July 23.

The date coincides with the date the Battle of Pozieres commenced in July 1916.

Over 6000 Australians lost their lives over the course of the seven week battle.

The ceremony will begin at 10am.

Reverend Dr Peter Swain will address residents, attendees and staff.

The ceremony will be followed with a morning tea and an exhibition from the Interactive War Museum and Vietnam Veterans.

Media release, 6 Jul 2016

Melanie Morell, Peninsula Village



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Chamber 'disappointed' with Peninsula allocation

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has expressed disappointment in the Central Coast Council's Operation Plan with the Peninsula receiving less than five per cent of the total capital expenditure budget.

"We appreciate that this is only the first Operational Plan for the new Central Coast Council and that this reflects the priorities of the previous Gosford Council.

"We are none-the-less disappointed with the meagre \$7.79m allocated to Peninsula projects," said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"The fact remains that the Peninsula is decades behind in infrastructure spending and we are urging the new council to direct more capital resources towards roads and drainage," Mr Wales said.

"The recent bad weather has highlighted how dire the situation is

with the lack stormwater drainage in many parts of Umina and Woy Woy.

"This is simply not good enough and a better share of the \$183 million budget is needed in order to have any hope of catching up on the repair and reconstruction of roads, footpaths and drainage on the Peninsula.

"Of the \$7.79 million allocated to the Peninsula, only five roads have been identified with what we consider highly inadequate amounts of money.

"The \$180,000 to each to Springwood Ave and Lone Pine Ave is a drop in the bucket.

"There is no mention of new funding for stormwater construction in south Umina where recent flooding has caused major problems for local residents.

"Further, there are no funds allocated to new upgrade works in the town centres of Woy Woy, Umina or Ettalong where footpaths

are still substandard.

"The Chamber wants more funds to finish off Springwood Ave and particularly Lone Pine Avenue which is only now being rebuilt after an eight-year campaign by the Peninsula Chamber.

"Other roads in desperate need of upgrading are Ryans Rd, Rabaul St and many of the cross streets linking Ocean Beach Rd to Barrenjoey Rd.

"Our other two major priorities are the upgrading of the Rawson Rd-Ocean Beach Rd roundabout and the intersection at MacMasters Rd and Blackwall Road.

"We are fortunate that we have a highly-competent administration team in Mr Ian Reynolds and Mr Rob Noble but residents need to make their concerns known to the council so that Peninsula projects get a higher priority," Mr Wales said.

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

Former councillors appointed to advisory committee

All former Gosford councillors, except mayor Mr Lawrie McKinna, have been appointed to the Local Representation Committee of the new Central Coast Council.

All former Wyong councillors, including mayor Mr Doug Eaton, were also appointed to the committee.

According to Central Coast Council's administrator, Mr Ian Reynolds, the NSW Government strongly recommended the establishment of the committee to provide former councillors committed to the success of the new council, with an opportunity to continue to serve their communities until the elections in September 2017.

Mr Reynolds said the committee would not exercise any decision-making function of the Central Coast Council, nor would its recommendations bind council.

Community member, Mr Kevin Armstrong, spoke at the extraordinary meeting of the Central Coast Council on June 29 asking that the committee be made up of nine former councillors and nine community representatives.

He said the merged Palerang and Queanbeyan Council had appointed eight former councillors and invited members of the public to express interest in joining the committee.

Mr Reynolds did not amend the recommendation to appoint all former councillors to the committee.

"I am actually quite pleased to report there was significant interest from the former councillors with 18 putting in expressions of interest," Mr Reynolds said.

"It is important to address

the concerns expressed by Mr Armstrong," he said.

"The committee will not be the sole means by which the community engages with council, it will be one of many," he said.

"At my last meeting in Gosford I asked for a report on the best way to carry out our engagement with the community.

"I ask that Mr Armstrong and those who share his concerns watch this space because I am confident they will learn that council wants to engage with them in world class ways," he said.

The size of the committee resulted in Mr Reynolds deciding to divide it into three working groups, each with six councillors.

The three groups will be the Environment Working Group, Economic Working Group and Community Working Group.

The Local Representative Committee will meet for the first time in July and Working Groups will meet once each calendar month.

Mr Reynolds said the NSW Government had intended the local representation committee to specifically be a mechanism for former councillors because he, as administrator, came from out of the area and would benefit from their local knowledge and connections.

He said all 18 councillors had been happy to sign a statement expressing their support for the new council.

They would each be asked to indicate their preferences for which working group they wished to join.

Media release, 29 Jun 2016
Ron Noble, Central Coast Council
Central Coast Council extraordinary meeting, 29 Jun 2016
Interview, 29 Jun 2016
Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

Chamber congratulates Lucy Wicks

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has congratulated Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks on her re-election.

"Lucy Wicks has been a very good Federal Member for the Peninsula and the business community congratulates her on the victory," said chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"This federal election was a tough one and I think it is safe to say that the results were a surprise to everyone," Mr Wales said.

"Politicians need to work hard for the constituents and this election demonstrated that voters can be unforgiving even when their local representatives are doing a good job.

"However, Lucy Wicks has always made a strong case for the Peninsula and the business community is looking forward to working with her and ensuring that the funding commitments

are honoured particularly for the promised road reconstruction works in Ryans Rd, Murray St and Davis St.

"We will be canvassing the Federal Member's office over the next few months for additional Federal funding for road and drainage projects across the Peninsula and black spot funding particularly for the intersection of Rawson Rd and Ocean Beach Rd at Woy Woy," Mr Wales said.

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



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Arrested on weapon and drug charges

A vehicle search in Memorial Ave, Blackwall, resulted in a man being arrested for alleged weapon and drug offences.

Officers attached to Brisbane Water Local Area Command were patrolling Blackwall at 3:15pm on Wednesday, July 6, when they approached a green Ford Falcon parked in a service station car park on Memorial Ave.

Police alleged a search of the vehicle resulted in methylamphetamine, scales, a knife, a baseball bat, ammunition and an action rifle being located.

All items were seized for forensic examination.

A 26-year-old man in the vehicle was arrested at the scene and taken to Gosford Police Station, where he was charged with possession of a prohibited drug, custody of a knife in a public place, possession of ammunition without a licence, and custody of an offensive implement in a public place.

The man was refused bail, and appeared at Gosford Local Court on Thursday, July 7.

Media release, 7 Jul 2016
NSW Police Media unit



From left, Peninsula Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales, Minister for Local Government Mr Paul Toole and Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch

Local Government Minister speaks at Chamber dinner

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce hosted a dinner with State Minister for Local Government Mr Paul Toole at Ettalong Diggers on June 15.

"It was an honour to have the Minister for Local Government address the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce at what was arguably one of the most important times for local government in New South Wales," said chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"With the recent amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong Councils, Mr Toole explained to over 50 guests the background for local government reform and the

advantages of the merging of the two organisations," Mr Wales said.

"Mr Toole was particularly pleased with how smooth the transition had been with the Central Coast Council and that the merged model would set a high standard for the way local Council's operate in the future," he said.

"The Peninsula Chamber has been very supportive of the amalgamation and the creation of the ward system that will largely ensure fair representation for the Peninsula in what will be one of the largest regional councils in NSW.

"There is no doubt that the new council will face some big

challenges, but it is the chamber's view that merged councils are the best way to ensure that regional NSW has more influence when it comes to lobbying for State and Federal funds.

"This is a view shared by the Minister.

"The chamber is already meeting on a regular basis with the new chief executive officer for the Central Coast Council, Mr Rob Noble, so as to ensure that the new administration team are aware of our priorities," Mr Wales said.

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

Advice to small business

Small businesses on the Peninsula have taken advantage of business assistance with a visit from the Small Biz Bus, sponsored by Central Coast Council.

The bus called in at Woy Woy giving local small business operators the chance to meet with business advisors for personalised

individual advice.

Services on the bus were available at no cost to small business operators.

The bus stopped in Blackwall Rd for most of the day on July 4.

Media release, 29 Jun 2016
Central Coast Business Mentor Services

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Congratulations: to Lucy Wicks on her win and to Anne Charlton and Hillary Morris for their strong campaigns.

Appreciation: thank you to all those garbage truck driver-operators, Firies, pensioners and workers who nominated me. Although a little disappointed with my 2.8% of the vote I am hugely appreciative of the 1st preference support registered by 2246 voters in Robertson, and I am especially pleased that these voters were over and above the progressive Green and Labor vote and, as

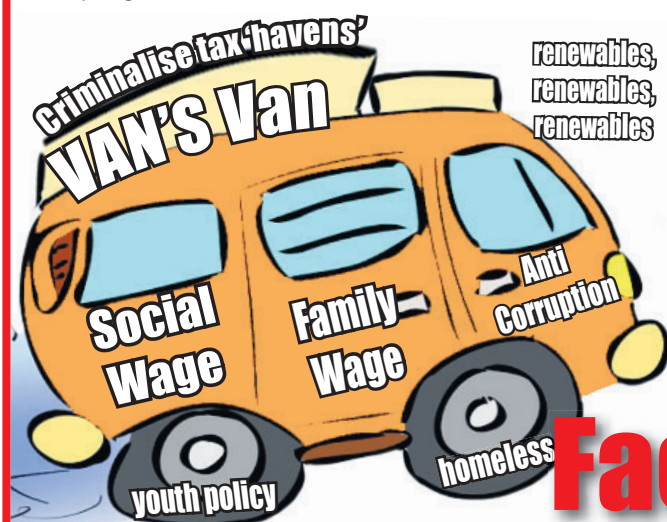
such, see the central significance of the economic & social damage wrought by [a] widespread corruption, and [b] massive tax evasion made legal by the Big End of Town FOR the Big End of Town and including: the highway of robbery to Tax Escapes such as the Cayman Islands and Panama; superannuation gifting, negative gearing and CGT gifting.

Commiserations: my commiserations go to all pensioners who have gained nothing from this election, will have no-one championing a national Pensioners' Manifesto, and will probably be pushed further backwards; to all workers whose wages will continue to be undermined by the use of 457 visas and anti-worker 'free trade' agreements ... and will suffer further attacks on Penalty rates; to small businesses which will suffer from out-of-cash workers and pensioners while receiving bugger-all from the tax cuts; to all people who know the value of the Social Wage which will now be under further attack from the two tools of "small government" ... de-regulation and privatisation; to all the young people who now have no-one seeking to develop a Youth Plan and whose planet will continue to be globally suffocated and its oceans acidified and radio-activated; to the neglected ADF veterans; to the homeless.

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What's to be done? If you join us in "Independent & Clean Robertson" you will be helping us answer this question. The answer is important because we not only face a Liberal MHR but also an ex-Liberal Chris Holstein and his money-man John Singleton masquerading as an "Independent" umpire for the Central Coast. If you'd like to discuss ... my mobile is: 0414310968



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Construction certificate issued for flats

A construction certificate has been issued for a \$1.1 million residential flat building in Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

The development application received deferred commencement consent from Gosford Council in July 2014.

The consent was made operative on June 29 by chief executive officer of the Central Coast Council, Mr Rob Noble.

"The conditions of the deferred commencement have now been

completed to the satisfaction of Council and the consent is now operative," Mr Noble said in a letter to the developer.

The developer expects work to start on the project during July.

The development will include apartment-style units and two town-houses to step down into the surrounding low-density residential neighbourhood.

The units will be built on the former service station and will back on to the Peninsula Leisure

Centre.

The complex has been designed for adaptable living so it will be suitable for older residents and it includes a lift.

According to the conditions of consent reissued by Central Coast Council on June 29, the developer will be required to pay \$45,372 in contributions for roadwork, open space, community facilities and drainage.

**Website, 6 Jul 2016
DA45144/2014, Gosford Council**

Club Umina plans children's play area and memorial

Club Umina in Melbourne Ave has submitted plans to Central Coast Council to build a new children's play area and a memorial at the club.

The project has been estimated to cost \$150,000.

The club is located in Melbourne Ave, faces Umina Beach Public School and adjoins the Peninsula Recreational Precinct and playing fields.

A new roof will be constructed over a former outdoor smoking terrace to create a new weather proof children's play area and a new memorial adjacent to the Melbourne Ave frontage.

The club had an al fresco dining

area that also provided an area for patrons to smoke but, from July last year, smoking was not permitted in outdoor dining areas in NSW.

"The club is now intending to convert this area to a secure, covered children's play area to attract more patronage from families," according to a statement of environmental effects submitted by Club Innovations on behalf of Club Umina.

The club is also planning to create a memorial adjacent to the entry of the club comprising four sculptures representing army, navy, air force and nursing to honour the men and women of the armed forces.

**Website, 6 Jul 2016
DA49980, Gosford Council**

Approval given for three flats

Approval has been given for three flats in Gallipoli Ave, Blackwall, by the Central Coast Council.

Work has been estimated to cost \$483,000.

The proposed development consists of three attached units with secured garages and private courtyards.

The subject site is 734 square metres and is zoned R1 or general residential.

It also has access from Banksia St.

The project will consist of one three-bedroom unit and two units with two bedrooms.

The three-bedroom unit will have a double garage.

The council was told that the existing property has been a single residence for most of the past 60 years but was zoned for medium density development in the 1980s.

"Over the last 10 to 15 years, numerous residences and high-quality residential flat buildings have been constructed in the vicinity of the property," said a statement of environmental effects

prepared by Wales and Associates for the property's owner.

"The older-style single storey fibre/tile dwellings in the precinct are progressively being replaced by better quality and more efficient medium density housing," the statement said.

"It is expected that this trend will continue as evidenced by the level of high-quality medium density development and residential homes in and around Blackwall," it said.

**Website, 6 Jul 2016
DA49360/2016, Gosford Council**

Umina kiosk wins business awards

A kiosk in Umina has won two awards in the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Business Awards on June 25.

Jasmine Greens Kiosk took home awards in two categories, Sustainability and Innovation, on its first nomination for the awards.

"We're really delighted to have received this recognition from our local business community for our strong commitment to environmental sustainability and positive community development," said owner Ms Gabby Greyem.

Since opening as a small organic providore and cafe in 2004, Jasmine Greens has now grown to be a take-away kiosk and licensed cafe employing over 14 staff, she said.

The Kiosk's commitment to fresh healthy food, environmental sustainability and fair trade was reflected in its products and services.

"At Jasmine Greens, we go to great lengths to ensure our customers leave feeling better than when they arrived," Ms Greyem said.

"From our fair-trade, organically

grown coffee, to our local free-range eggs, our award winning organic sourdough and our hand-smoked, nitrate-free, gluten-free and free-range bacon, we make sure everything we serve is healthy and pays a fair price to producers, from garden gate to plate," she said.

Operating from council premises in the "Peninsula Recreation Precinct", the building has 100 solar panels on its roof, saving over 14,125 tonnes of Co2 emissions a year.

The cafe has recycled over six tonnes of cardboard and 52 tonnes of co-mingled recycling in the past 12 months.

According to Ms Greyem, the cafe's business ethics is also rubbing off on its staff and contributing to its attraction as an employer of choice.

Employee, Ms Kathryn Graham said: "I feel confident in serving food to our customers as I'm aware of the positive impact we're having within our local community, through our food, our packaging and our ethical and local food suppliers."

**Media release, 28 Jun 2016
Gabby Greyem, Jasmine Greens**

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Chemical dosing units replaced at sewage pumps

Chemical dosing units are to be replaced at sewage pump stations located at Daleys Point and Hardys Bay.

The Central Coast Council has accepted a tender from OdourPro Pty Ltd to design, supply and install chemical dosing equipment for one sewage pump station at Daleys Point and two at Hardys Bay.

The Council has chemical dosing units at various sewage pump stations but the units are aged and approaching the end of their useful life.

The installation of new chemical

dosing units will increase efficiency and meet current Australian standards.

The units inject the chemical ferrous chloride into the pump station's rising main to control and manage odour and septicity problems.

The contract requires the successful tenderer to remove the existing units and supply, install and commission the new ones.

Work was expected to be completed within 16 weeks of the date the contract was awarded.

**Central Coast Council
agenda 4.8, 22 Jun 2016**



Ms Jenny Brock back row centre received thanks from Rotary Woy Woy

Administrator welcomes road funding promise

Central Coast Council has welcomed the announcement that a Federal Coalition Government would commit over \$2.7 million toward road upgrades on the Peninsula, following an election victory.

The \$2.7 million investment would be shared among traditional trouble-spots including: \$1.1 million for Murray St in Booker Bay, \$900,000 for Davis St in Booker Bay, and \$750,000 for Ryans Rd in Umina Beach.

Central Coast Council administrator Mr Ian Reynolds said that making roads on the Peninsula safer and more accessible would be a real win for the local community.

"Council is continually advocating for improvements to road safety across the Central Coast, and this funding would be

a real boost to improve the safety and accessibility of traditional trouble spots within our regional network," Mr Reynolds said.

"Residents on The Peninsula will be particularly pleased with local road improvements, as road safety and adequate pedestrian access are key priorities that will only enhance the surrounding business and residential community.

"We are happy to see all levels of government addressing the backlog of road upgrades on The Peninsula as a key priority, and Council looks forward to further announcements focused on improving Central Coast roads," Mr Reynolds said.

Next financial year Council will spend over \$100 million on local road upgrades, he said.

**Media release, 30 May 2016
Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council**

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has thanked the wife of one of its members for supporting the club, and for her donation of a patchwork quilt to help raise money for children in need.

Ms Jenny Brock, wife of 22-year Rotary member Mr Charles Brock, made the quilt and donated it for a raffle.

When asked how long it took to complete the project Ms Brock said: "I have no idea as time just slips by when you enjoy what you are doing.

"At a guess it could amount to over 200 hours," she said.

Rotary member Ms Joan Redmond said: "Thanks to her generous efforts cheques for \$1000 each were presented to Riding for the Disabled, Yarran Early

Intervention and the Children's Room at Gosford Hospital at a recent Woy Woy Rotary meeting."

"Families play a big role in supporting Rotarians in their work, none more so than Ms Jenny Brock," she said.

It is understood Riding for the Disabled intends to purchase new

colour-coded reins.

Yarran Early intervention plans to provide extra support to families whose children have disabilities, and the Children's Room expects to benefit from new equipment as a result of the raffle donations.

Email, 7 Jul 2016

Joan Redmond, Rotary Woy Woy

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Ms Judy Jaeger is Central Coast Council's new group leader of customer and community relations



Janine McKenzie is executive manager transition and business performance at Central Coast Council

Association president thanks councillors and supporters

The Wagstaffe-Killcare Community Association president, Ms Peta Colebatch, has thanked former Gosford councillors, Ms Deanna Bocking and Mr Jim McFadyen, for their assistance.

Special mention was also made at the association's annual general meeting in May of the Rural Fire Service, Killcare Surf Life Saving Club and Gosford Council for their ongoing support.

Ms Colebatch said during the previous year the association had worked with other local groups with a common interest in opposing the Bells Green/Bells Living proposal to build 50 houses adjacent to Bells at Killcare in Killcare Heights.

She said the association had also opposed a council proposal to take 50 per cent of income earned from community hall and tennis court facilities throughout the LGA.

It had also supported the former council's heritage review by putting forward a community nomination for the heritage listing of Wagstaffe Square and supported the nomination of other buildings.

Support was also extended to the non-denominational Christmas carols on the Waterfront organised by the Hardys Bay Community Church, Ms Colebatch said in her report to the AGM.

She said the association was involved with a number of projects, some taking longer than others to bring to fruition.

"We appreciate continued Council support for our Turo Park extension project which is partially complete," Ms Colebatch said.

"In the case of restoration of the Half Tide Rocks Track, we look forward to working in partnership with NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service," she said.

"Our proposed fitness project

at the Pretty Beach end of Araluen Drive/Dog Track received some opposition.

"Following a meeting with those opposed, we have proposed screening from nearby houses.

"Certainly the Association does not wish any of its projects to cause division and remains open to amendment suggestions.

"The matter is now being considered by council," she said.

Ms Colebatch said successful art shows were held during the June and October long weekends and funds raised were allocated to the association's Future Arts Fund which over time will contribute suitable artistic works for the community.

Beautification of the area surrounding the Wagstaffe Hall continues.

The carvers continued their steady work under Terry Baker, completing a resplendent whale table in memory of the late Gay Bull, and work on a second table is expected to commence as soon as suitable timber becomes available.

Ideas are being canvassed for future projects, while follow-up is taking place on proposals, including a bubbler at Hardys Bay and the possibility of installing bike racks at suitable locations in both Hardys Bay and Wagstaffe.

The president thanked committee members for their continued support during the year: Mr Ian Bull; Ms Alex Sharp; Ms Fay Gunther; Mr Robyn Warburton; Mr Brent Walker; and Ms Helen Ferguson and the many others who assisted behind the scenes.

Special mention was made of Mr Bill Gregor (vice president) and Mr Jon Mason (hall convenor).

Ms Jeanette Martin and Ms Fay Gunther were thanked for organising Australia Day and Trash and Treasure, respectively.

Newsletter, 9 Jun 2016
Peta Colebatch, WTKCA

Gosford directors miss out on new council positions

Only two former Gosford Council directors have been recruited to executive positions in the new Central Coast Council out of the eight positions available.

The new council announced an interim leadership team on Thursday, June 16.

The appointments followed an intensive, merit based, internal recruitment process, according to Council chief, Mr Rob Noble.

Mr Noble said the new leadership team was created to best support the outlook and vision of the new council.

"My vision is to build on the

tradition of strong leadership of the two former councils as we move to a new era for the Central Coast," he said.

"I have chosen leaders who are customer-focused, collaborative, passionate and professional and can lead and support this council and our community through this change creating an organisation that cares about people, places and quality of life on the Central Coast."

Former Gosford Council director Ms Judy Jaeger has been appointed to the role of group leader customer and community relations.

Ms Janine McKenzie has

been recruited as executive manager transition and business performance.

The roles of chief financial officer, group leader assets, infrastructure and business, group leader environment and planning, executive manager people and culture, and executive manager governance were all filled by former senior staff from Wyong Council.

The eighth position, a chief information officer, was yet to be appointed.

Four senior staff chose to leave the organisation altogether, including Mr Paul Anderson, former general manager of Gosford Council who decided to pursue opportunities outside of the public sector.

Mr Noble said he had nothing but thanks and praise for the senior staff who have served the community so well for many years.

"Each and every one of them has made a significant and lasting contribution to the Central Coast community and I thank them for that."

Media release, 16 Jun 2016
Rob Noble, Central Coast Council

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Business awards presented

The 2016 Peninsula Business Awards were presented at Ettalong Diggers Club on June 25.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales awarded two President's Awards.

The President's Award was awarded to The Grand Pavilion, in recognition of the growth and development of the iconic Indian-Chinese fusion restaurants in Ettalong, the Entrance, Warners Bay and Terrigal; and Country Wide Health for their efforts across

the Peninsula.

Ettalong Diggers' Mr Bill Jackson, was recognised with the Business Leader Award for his support and involvement in community projects.

Jasmine Greens Kiosk won awards for Excellence in Sustainability and Innovation, while the Young Entrepreneur Award was won for the second time by Mr Isaac Adele.

Peninsula Village picked up two awards on the night, one for Excellence in Business Ethics the other as Employer of Choice.

The Excellence in Small Business Award went to True Blue Quality Meats for their outstanding customer service and diverse range of premium products.

Home Instead Senior Care's Ms Jasmine Hopcraft took home the Excellence in Business Award.

On her win Ms Hopcraft said Home Instead was making a difference in seniors' lives and that her employees saw their work as a privilege.

Media release, 29 Jun 2016
Rachele O'Reilly, Impact
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Home care service wins business award



Winner Jasmine Hopcraft with her partner Chris Dawson

A seniors' home care service has won a Peninsula Chamber of Commerce business award for Excellence in Business 2016 on June 25.

Owner of the Gosford franchise of Home Instead Senior Care, Ms Jasmine Hopcraft, said Home Instead was honored to be recognised by the chamber.

"We own and operate a local business that employs compassionate and caring people in our local community.

"Every day they make a difference in the lives of seniors, supporting them to live independently at home on the Central Coast.

"We look forward to continuing to offer people the choice to live at home as they grow older and many more years in business for our community," Ms Hopcraft said.

Home Instead Senior Care Gosford opened for business in October 2012.

In 2016, they have provided services for more than 2300 seniors on the Central Coast.

They have previously won the Excellence in Small Business award in 2014.

Media release, 29 Jun 2016
Sarah Fleming, Wordstorm PR

Subdivision application is refused

An application to subdivide three lots into two lots at 58 to 62 Araluen Dr, Hardys Bay, has been refused by the Central Coast Council.

According to the letter of refusal from Central Coast Council chief Mr Rob Noble, the proposal did not comply with the objectives of a B1 Neighbourhood Centre.

"It undermines the probability that a range of small-scale retail business and community uses will be provided that serve the needs of people who live or work in the surrounding neighbourhood centre to serve local needs.

"It is likely to lead to the commitment to land for residential purposes that is required or best used in the neighbourhood centre to serve local needs."

Another grounds for the refusal of the subdivision by council was that there was no integrated plan for subdivision and development that "ensured that development is

compatible with the desired future character of the zone.

"There is no integrated plan for subdivision and development that ensures that the Hardy's Bay local nodes and neighbourhood centre is recognised as a small-scale centre that provide a range of services and facilities commensurate with the local population catchment and that development is of a scale that is appropriate to meet local needs."

According to Mr Noble's letter outlining the council's reasons for refusing the proposal: "The proposal does not comply with and undermines the achievement of the desired character of the locality as required by Gosford DCP 2013 chapter 2.1 Character Statement for Hardys Bay."

The proposal attracted more than 40 objections from local residents and groups.

Website, 9 Jun 2016
DA49213-2016, Central Coast Council

PCYC to benefit from Safer Streets funding

Umina PCYC will benefit from second-round funding from the Safer Streets Program, according to Federal Member for Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks.

Ms Wicks said the program supported communities at the grass roots to help address crime and anti-social behaviour, and boost crime prevention initiatives to keep our streets safe.

"The PCYC at Umina already does a fantastic job supporting our youth with a wide range of programs like Time 4 Kids that contribute to community safety, and I'd like to commend them for their tireless work along with the Brisbane Water Local Area Command," Ms Wicks said.

"This funding boost will ensure the PCYC remains a vital hub for youth on the Peninsula.

"It's great news for our community and local families," she added.

The investment will allow NSW PCYC to undertake Project Booyah, a police run leadership and mentor program that uses adventure-based learning, resilience training and policing strategies to help young people make better life choices.

The 20-week early-intervention program for young people aged 14-17 years will be rolled out Umina and other parts of NSW, said Ms Wicks.

It has been running in Queensland since 2011, with almost 80 per cent of young participants re-engaging in education and 63 per cent of graduates gaining some form of employment or work experience as a result of the program.

Funding for the program had been drawn from the Proceeds of Crime Account, money taken from criminals and reinvested into prevention of further crime.

Media release, 1 Jun 2016
Tim Sowden, Office of

Tom Jackson dies

Wagstaffe resident Mr Tom Jackson has died at Gosford Hospital on Saturday, June 4.

In 2009 Mr Jackson was

bestowed with a life membership to the Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association.

He had an avid passion

for the well-being of the local community and played a key role in various association events such as Bushcare, delivering the association's Talking Turkey newsletter, Australia Day celebrations, trash and treasure fundraisers and The Carving Project.

A funeral service was held for Mr Jackson on Thursday, June 9, at the Holy Cross Catholic Church, Kincumber South, followed by a wake at the Wagstaffe Hall.

Email, 7 Jun 2016
Peta Colebatch, WTKCA



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Put nautical speed signs in flood areas

The new council administrator Ian Reynolds has taken control and hopefully will show leadership re: the flooding problem on the Peninsula that has escalated up the priority list.

In the short interim before action is taken, I recommend that speed limit signs be installed in flood prone areas.

My suggestion is two knots, two nautical miles per hour, displayed in addition to the existing dry weather speed signs.

Traffic management should also include actions during wet weather and flooding - not just parking, relocation of bus stops, pedestrian safety etc.

The executive summary of the Woy Woy Peninsula Flood Study Final Report March 2010 states: "Generally this nuisance flooding may remain for a couple of days.

"However during very wet periods the ground water table can rise such that flooding remains for several weeks."

Further studies may or may

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not solve the flooding problem, depending on the direction of the new super council.

Time will tell.

Studies have provided detail, without action, as far back as 1992 when Webb, McKeown and Associates advised: "Development on the Peninsula over the last 50 years has resulted in an inadequate storm water drainage system and increased housing density has contributed to increased flow, reducing the effectiveness of the existing system."

The Woy Woy Peninsula Flood Study Final Report March 2010 also includes information from 1999: "The infiltration device WW5 Mackenzie Ave is not expected to be effective due to installation on top of low permeability coffee rock."

That is, a perched water table.

The council has only completed stage one of a four-stage process.

Letter, 6 Jun, 2016
Norman Harris, Umina

The community needs Brisbane Ave reserve as green space

I am a resident of Umina and I oppose the rezoning and reclassification of the public land at 83 to 85 Brisbane Ave.

When our family relocated to the area in 2005 we were specifically told by the Council that this reserve is a public green space and would not be built on.

This lot is used by the neighbourhood for recreational activities.

My children and the neighbours' children are continually playing on this reserve: hide and seek, footy, cricket, catching bugs.

Many of the locals walk and exercise their dogs on this reserve as well.

The previous owner of our house told us that his children used to play in the reserve too.

With the impending health epidemics that children face today, we are deeply concerned that removing this public space would have a negative impact on future generations in the area.

We desperately need to have these green spaces to encourage our children to engage in healthy activities close to home.

It is an important link to creating emotionally and physically healthy adults in the future.

It's not only the local people that benefit from this reserve, there are a huge range of native wildlife as well.

Possums, Blue Tongues and other lizards, native birds such as the awny Frog Mouth, Rainbow Lorikeets, Brush Turkey, Channel Bill Cuckoo, Kookaburra, King Parrot, Cockatoo and Magpies, numerous undergrowth species, all call this reserve home.

It is an important part of their survival in this area and it would have devastating effects on their population if it were removed.

In this reserve they are safe and flourish in large numbers and it would be ecologically disastrous to destroy their natural habitat.

This lot is also a fragment of an Endangered Ecological Community, a remnant of the Umina Sandplain Woodland, and bush regeneration has been done in the past with the approval from council with positive results.

Council support in the past to restore and manage the flora and fauna would suggest the significance of maintaining this green space, not only on a local scale but as a piece of a larger environmental picture.

We all know of the widespread problems occurring with the increase in greenhouse gases and the depleting ozone layer, and removal of the trees from this area would only be adding to the problem.

Our family and neighbours, and especially the children will be very upset if it is sold and built on.

Having green spaces like this in our neighbourhood are extremely beneficial for the community and are a significant part of our health, growth and daily life in general.

The Peninsula lacks green spaces in the suburban areas and small pockets like Brisbane Ave, Pozieres Ave and Jumbuck Close do make a difference.

The Peninsula has become a very busy place, the roads in and out are continually jammed, the main street is dangerously busy, and parking is getting harder to find.

It is most profitable to build units on these reserves but the extra pressure on infrastructure will not benefit the local community who are already struggling with the increase in traffic etc.

It is clear that this reserve is very important to the local community.

According to council notice the site is no longer required for its initial use but the initial use according to the council documentation is community land for recreational purposes.

The reserve is still being used for recreation.

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Other reasons for reclassification were that the reserves were residual portions from previous works but is that true for Brisbane Ave reserve?

We, the community, use the Brisbane Ave reserve.

It could be regenerated, become a playground, at very little cost to the Council.

The reserve is being used and appreciated all the time.

The main park in Umina beach is too far for young kids to safely venture, with some very busy roads to cross and is very very busy at times.

The reserve might not fall under any of these rules and the community oppose the reclassification strongly.

The reserves that are being supported by the community should be left, as it is obvious the community care, need and use them.

This green space should continue to be a natural playground for future generations and not only for the people of the area but for the overall ecological balance of native wildlife and plants that have been cared for and supported in these areas for many years.

I believe there is a duty here that needs to be fulfilled for the environmental wellbeing of our local area.

Email, 7 Jun 2016
Amie Raz, Umina

Pernicious pork-barrelling auction

Your front page story on June 27, "Election promises tabulated", is making a disgraceful practice worse by reducing our national election to a pork-barrelling auction.

This triennial ritual of promising us back our own money for items that have suddenly become of vital importance after languishing unnoticed for three years is a sickening display of contempt for the electorate and of political cynicism.

When the principal election strategy seems to be the lavishing of \$20 million of taxpayer's money on every marginal electorate that the government is desperate to hold, regardless of the fact that most of the promised funding doesn't even fall within the ambit of Federal powers, we are getting

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close to the nadir of political responsibility.

Instead of encouraging this appalling conduct, your paper should be refusing to publish accounts of this pernicious bribery from both parties, or, at least, it would be pertinent at the same time to publish a list of the previous electoral promises and match them against real action, to indicate the degree of confidence that can be placed on these brazen appeals to voter greed.

When a politician can say that any promised funding has been carefully vetted for the past three years and is allocated in the current budget, he will have my vote.

Email, 30 Jun 2016
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

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Independent candidates excluded at media event

I write to register, on the public record, my disgust at some major aspects of Central Coast media behaviour.

By way of contrast, I would like to congratulate the various and many churches, unions, P and C associations that have organised several genuine meet the candidate forums to which all candidates were invited, where respect was insisted upon, where each candidate was permitted to state their views without interruptions.

These organisations have displayed an understanding of democratic practice, good management of the event, and basic manners and goodwill.

By contrast on Tuesday, June 21, at the Mingara Recreation Centre, about 200 people attended an Express-Advocate 104.7 FM organised meet the candidates' forum.

The forum was clearly mismanaged because the reason given for refusing equal participation by independent candidates, such as myself, was "well, we have invited candidates from TWO [my emphasis] electorates, Robertson and Dobell, and so we only have room for two from the Greens, two from Labor, and two from the Liberals".

No room for any alternative ideas because the management set it up to cover two electorates, presumably with an eye to sensationalism rather than the public good and democratic practice.

All Independent candidates and all minor parties were excluded, and

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in my case, following two weeks of requests for a review of the original decision to exclude, and principled argument to the editor of the Express-Advocate, I was refused equal participation in the event.

The only avenue open was an entirely unjust and subordinate role "you can ask a question of the six speakers".

What a farce.

I attended the meeting and observed an organised and entirely unruly and speech-drowning howling strategy from organised Liberal supporters which was particularly unleashed to drown out speakers telling it how it is.

The Liberals lied about moving against Medicare last elections, and they are lying again.

Howled and howled: a drown-out free speech strategy.

Following the six speakers I rose from the floor of the auditorium and moved a Procedural Motion "That

the only Independent candidate for the seat of Robertson be heard for a period of four minutes".

The last part of this motion was howled down, drowned out by a tsunami of organised howling designed to obliterate, for the second time on the one night, my access to free speech equal to that of six candidates from the bigger parties.

Apart from the management incompetence, the disgusting behaviour of the howlers, and the obliteration of Free Speech for those of us who wanted to exercise our freedom, the event produced exactly the sensationalism and drama that no other meet the candidate forum was designed to do and will no doubt be exploited by the managers of the event.

I was there to hear all the six speakers' set speeches.

Not one dealt with the key issues that mark the difference between me as an Independent, and the two major parties: corruption deeply ingrained in both major parties, the need for freedom from faction-mangled parties, and the massive freeway of tax evasion to the tax havens was not mentioned.

Neither of the big parties supports a national Independent Commission Against Corruption and neither addressed the billions of dollars each year robbed from Australia's revenue by the tax dodging mega-rich, big business and multinational corporations.

As a postscript to those interested in the role of the media and their association with public interest.

At the time of writing, 10 days from polling day, I have had zero coverage from any TV, from any radio including ABC Central Coast, or from the Express-Advocate.

I have been subjected to a total media blackout.

This is not a letter pleading for sympathy.

I am reporting to the people of the Central Coast that your media is neglectful at best, and downright narrowly propagandist at worst.

Those in the media who have studied the importance of public interest and the responsibility to reflect community aspirations, behaviours and options, would do well to consider the current intensely lop-sided media bias on the Central Coast.

Email, 24 Jun 2016
Van Davy, Pearl Beach

Hotel plans should not be at neighbours' expense

As a long-time resident and owner of a block of land adjacent to the Patonga Hotel and fish shop, I read with interest Andrew Smith's defence of his redevelopment plans.

Mr Smith claims he merely wishes to improve services for clients and is prepared to spend \$2,223,050 to achieve this result.

Mr Smith is entitled to improve his investment and make it more attractive but this should not be at the expense of neighbours who already suffer from issues created by the hotel.

Noise problems associated with entertainment, patrons and machinery (fans, ice makers, air conditioners) have been causing many sleepless nights for residents.

Mr Smith, who owns a construction business and has done work for Gosford Council, does not live in Patonga and will not be affected by the noise, odour and parking problems which Patonga experiences.

No one can avoid the traffic flow of the one road to Patonga Village caused by the hotel and many residents feel the hotel and fish shop is already grossly over developed for the tiny fishing village.

Originally the hotel (in those days a tavern) was presented by Gosford Council as a small tavern for permanent residents to socialise, and for the Caravan Park to provide for its clients in the holiday season.

Mr Smith has admitted that most of his patrons come from Sydney.

The tavern was meant to be small and a condition of consent was to retain the heritage store and residential flat on the original site, both of which have been destroyed.

Amazingly, this block contains seven residential allotments surrounding the hotel and they all existed long before it.

The hotel and shop have

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already increased by stealth.

The residential blocks are zoned R2 low density residential and this is a stated objective of the zone: 'To ensure that non-residential land uses do not adversely affect residential amenity or place demands on services beyond a level reasonable for low density housing.'

Mr Smith states that there will be little or no noise impact on the community (from internal development).

The current licence states no amplified music or similar entertainment is permitted from 10pm to midnight Monday to Thursday except New Year's Eve.

But what about Friday, Saturday and Sunday?

Also, it is permitted to have windows and doors open till 10pm which drastically affects residents who have to travel for work who go to bed early and rise early.

The topography of Patonga does not suit a venue like the hotel either with mountains curving to naturally amplify noise, this further escalates the problems facing residents.

Furthermore, the licence also states that entertainment can only be conducted within the enclosed building.

There has been entertainment in the beer garden.

Mr Smith stated that parking issues would be addressed by council and its associated costs to be determined through council.

Obviously Mr Smith is hoping for public land, but the new council should be aware that the Lapwing Plover which utilises most of the scrubland in Patonga for breeding, is protected under the National Parks and Wildlife Act.

The hotel has already been visited by and found guilty of violating their noise limit by the Department of Liquor, Gaming and Racing.

Letter, 15 May 2016
June Coates, Patonga

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Marina measures will not be upheld

I am certain that Norm Harris will see no one upholding the environmental mitigation measures for the marina at Koolewong.

Nothing seems to be monitored these days, since money has been cut to all Government Departments.

We now have a policy of self-monitoring, the efficiency of which is very questionable.

Anyway he must realize that few people are interested in sea grasses.

After all they are only nasty looking weeds which grow around our waterways and many people just clear them away in order to get to the sandy beach beneath.

Sea grasses only grow in shallow waters with their roots in the mud.

They are essential for many

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crustaceans living there and they sequester more CO2 than trees on the land.

When they are disturbed they may be releasing the carbon from thousands of years ago.

Boat propellers, anchors and swing-moorings do a great deal of harm to seagrasses.

This is why I was amazed that the marina at Koolewong was ever permitted.

Australia has the richest sea-grass meadows in the world and much research is being done which demonstrates their increasing importance for a warming planet.

A very interesting podcast may be downloaded freely from the ABC website. It's called Off Track.

Email, 20 Jun 2016

Margaret Lund, Ettalong

Never been seen as impartial

The resurrection of the Central Coast Taskforce makes one wonder what was achieved by the original taskforce that justifies optimism about its future contribution.

Given Mr. "Never-lost-a-cent" Holstein's spectacular lack of success as a State Member in promoting funding for the Central Coast, what can we expect from him as front man for this nebulous organisation.

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It sounds like, as Mr. Holstein himself so succinctly put it, a lot of rhetoric and no substance.

Furthermore, if Mr. Holstein is concerned about accusations of impartiality, as reported in your paper, I think he can set his mind at rest: Mr. Holstein has never been seen as impartial, throughout his whole political career.

Email, 28 Jun 2016

Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy



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Robertson Spend-O-Metre

Both major parties, Liberal and Labor, have been making promises to spend money on key projects for Robertson throughout the election campaign.

Performing Arts Centre funding no longer in state budget

The 2016-17 NSW Budget has invested in health facilities, schools, transport and roads to ensure the Central Coast remains a great place to live and work, according to parliamentary

Final decision on Tax Office imminent but appears rushed

The Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP) will reconvene in Gosford on Thursday, June 30, to decide the fate of the development application from Doma to construct an office block

EPA confirms independent review of landfill operations

A community meeting to raise awareness about the landfill at Mangrove Mountain was attended by over 250 people on June 16.

Coastal legislation has failed before being proclaimed

Legislation labelled as innovative and rushed through Parliament by the NSW Government just days before the June 4 and 5 major storm has been tested and has failed, according to secretary of the

Robertson voters to cast their votes

The federal electoral division of Robertson covers an area of 980 square kilometres with a population projected by the Australian Bureau Statistics at 147,142.

Candidates have their say

All candidates were invited to submit statements about their commitments and goals for the electorate

Labor promise a Commonwealth Institute of Higher Education

According to Labor's Candidate for Robertson, Ms Anne Charlton, an elected Shorten Labor Government will make Gosford home to a new jobs-focused Commonwealth Institute of Higher Education

Prime Minister promises continuous in-train mobile coverage

A re-elected Coalition Government would provide continuous mobile coverage on trains between the Central Coast and Hornsby, as well as Wi-Fi at each train station.

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Dobell reclaimed by Labor

Labor's Ms Emma McBride secured the seat of Dobell and returned the electorate to its Labor roots after ousting incumbent Liberal MP Ms Karen McNamara at the polls on July 2.

Rate freeze redefined as rates increase by 6.9%

Wyong ratepayers will soon receive their 2016-17 rate notices following the adoption of the Central Coast Council's first operational plan by administrator, Mr Ian Reynolds.

Pacific highway upgrade left out of state budget

Wyong Regional Chamber of Commerce President, Mr Ron Stevens, said that despite Wyong's thriving CBD, it has missed out on funding for Pacific...

Ourimbah boarding house environment court conference adjourned

A Land and Environment Court Section 34 conciliation conference was held behind the Ourimbah shops in Glen Rd on Friday, June 24 to examine an appeal against a decision by the former Wyong Council to refuse modifications...

Council budget looks healthy with over \$550 million operating income projected

The Central Coast Council adopted its first annual budget and operational plan at its meeting on June 29.

Group fears Glenning Valley bushland is under threat

Members of the 'Say No to Glenning Valley Development Group' have expressed their outrage at the Central Coast Council's decision to allow all former Wyong councillors to be members of the new Local Representation Committee.

Art House needs different marketing

While the new Wyong Art House is a sight to behold and praise to all involved, may I say that the continuing darkness of the building every night does not bode well for its future...

Airport is not viable, desirable or necessary

I write in opposition to Wamervale Airport and its development being included in Council's 2016-17 Operational Plan.

Suspected armed robbers arrested

Two men, one from Long Jetty and one from Kanwal, have been charged as part of the investigation into aggravated break-ins at supermarkets.

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Major issues not addressed

There are several major issues that will shape Australia's future, including the Central Coast's, but thus far neither major party is addressing them in this election.

The first is the electoral system. Have parties and candidates considered proportional representation with multi-member electorates for the House of Reps or at least something like what the New Zealanders introduced 20 years ago?

Australia's main electoral system is based on single member electoral districts, which yield one MP for each.

Although 28 per cent of voters now plan to vote for minor parties, only a handful of their candidates may be elected.

Thus, the enormous diversity of our society will not be represented in the Parliament and we'll end up with the two sides of politics.

Of the two sides one forms the Government while the function of the other is to criticize that Government whenever they can.

Thus we continue with a negative adversarial political culture.

Even economic benefits are channeled particularly to marginal seats like the 12 submarines in SA or the \$10 million for a hospital in Indi that was not paid because Sophie Mirabelle was not elected.

Elections can be won in such seats by one major party even if a national majority is won by the other major party.

Yes, that could happen again on this occasion.

The remedy here is proportional representation open party list

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system used by a very large number of countries in the world for over 100 years.

Just one vote is required.

All the confusing preferences would be a thing of the past.

The second concern is the relationship between Federal and State Governments, a costly problem.

The expense of maintaining Federation is up to \$50 billion per annum.

Why not abolish the states: create a national and strengthened local government level?

The federal system was a practical political bargain of the six colonies in 1901 but it is now a costly hindrance to effective government.

Much has changed in the last 116 years.

Piecemeal tinkering to improve the situation has been consistently ineffectual, the latest casualty being the Reform the Federation Inquiry launched by the Abbott Government and, amazingly, supported by two former ALP Premiers.

Candidates should be asked

if their party has any policies to replace this dysfunctional, costly Federation, abolish the State Governments and strengthen Local Government.

Research in recent years clearly shows that this is actually what the majority of Australians favour.

The final issue is the system of parliamentary responsibility differs from all other European systems, as well as from the US congressional system, in that the government has to be formed from elected MPs, and then only from one side of politics.

Many Australians don't seem to realise that democratic governments can be formed differently.

Also, what about the archaic Constitution of Australia that virtually cannot be amended?

Why not rewrite it?

Surely, this is not beyond an independent sovereign nation?

The Australian Constitution has been amended only eight times since 1901, the result of 44 attempts.

Why has the failure rate been so high?

Neither of the major parties have addressed these issues.

They have been placed in the to-hard basket perhaps.

Many voters had pinned their hope on the amicable Malcolm Turnbull presenting himself as a 'transformer', just the sort of person needed to tackle issues like described above.

However, that image has been dented seriously now.

If Mr. Turnbull was to win this election with a very small margin, what can we expect?

Email, 20 Jun 2016
Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach.

Outstanding generosity and thoughtfulness

Recently, the Frantastics choir hired a small theatre at Cinema Paradiso, Ettalong, to watch the wonderful movie, **Wide Open Sky**.

The movie is about Moorabilla Voices, a children's choir made up of isolated children in Outback Australia.

It inspired us all.

Last week, a member who was unable to attend the group viewing, was at the cinema and, in chatting to a staff member, mentioned how disappointed she had been to miss out.

She was asked if she could wait a minute and then the movie

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was screened in one of the small theatres just for her and her husband to watch.

In this modern day, we are bombarded on the media with violence and the evil side of human nature.

This true story shows that there are many 'good news' stories as well.

Cinema Paradiso's outstanding generosity and thoughtfulness in this instance, shows a wonderful community spirit that deserves publicity.

Email, 28 Jun 2016
Fran Kendall, Ettalong

Continuing 15 years of management restructure

In regard to the article "Peninsula comes under Central Coast Council" (PN edition 393), I was more than amused with the statement that there will be no onus on the first elected Central Coast Council to stick with the staff organisational structure set out in the amalgamation proclamation.

In May 2001, KPMG Consulting recommended to Gosford Council that seven organisational units replace the existing three units.

This structure was adopted by councillors in June of the same year.

It survived until May 2005 when councillors voted for another restructure.

Restructuring continued until a new mayor was appointed and, as everyone knows, change is

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inevitable when there is a change at the top of the corporate ladder.

Enter "Mayor" Anderson.

So, after 15 years of management restructure, management restructure will continue indefinitely with no sign of stability in the near future and beyond.

With management instability, there will also be general instability.

Will anything commenced but not completed by Gosford Council be completed by the new council?

I have zero confidence in the Minister for Local Government - so does Premier Baird, based on recent interviews and media coverage.

The unfolding disaster of council amalgamation will test the Premier.

Letter, 20 May 2016
Norman Harris, Umina

Sacking seems to be punishment

The sacking of WA Liberal MP Andrew Hastie from the Army Reserve seems to be a punishment for exhibiting a photo of him in uniform, previously seeing action in Afghanistan.

The Army always seemed traditional and conservative,

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particularly with those in command.

I remember my brother who served in New Guinea, talking about a sergeant, who was a communist and how he gave the officers curry.

They couldn't sack him because he was such a good soldier.

In one incident he sewed another soldier's wound by cigarette glow.

Today, it seems the officer command has moved decisively to the left, all soft and politically correct.

Letter, 15 Jun, 2016
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

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Learn lessons from the storms

We were so lucky during the recent storms that the wind came from the north east and not the south east.

One wonders just how long the sandbag wall will last with the increasing number of severe storms combined with king tides.

The erosion is well under way at either end of this wall and in many places it is not far from the road. Still, the authorities are on to it.

Just like the Greek Sisyphus, who constantly tried to push a stone up a mountain, large amounts of sand are being moved from one end of the beach to the other and it will be a continuing job.

Despite no one knowing what to do about this area, permission is still being given for large buildings to replace trees and old dwellings.

Who will be required to pay when these buildings are undermined or collapse?

Surely we know by now the erratic behaviour of beaches.

Seawalls are not the answer.

They may give protection for a time but eventually they fail and also cause damage elsewhere along the coast to other people.

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Evidence for this may be seen on the east coast of America and the UK. So why are developers continuing to build mansions along the Esplanade?

Ettalong is on the estuary and is very vulnerable.

Insurers are well aware of the problems, so why are developers permitted to continue with this madness?

Surely we must learn to live on the planet as it is and not pretend that we are its masters.

Email, 20 Jun 2016
Margaret Lund, Ettalong

McInerney to speak on planning

A Regional Performing Arts Centre was promised to service the needs of all the Central Coast.

Instead, we have a Tax Office and proposed Finance Office on the former Gosford School site.

In approving the Doma tax office on the iconic School site the Chair of approval panel, the JRPP, acknowledged how badly the entire Central Coast community has been let down by its governing bodies after the Gosford Challenge decision for this iconic public site which is now being sold off to private developers.

JRPP Chair: "Had the master plan being carried through then what would have been created

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would have been an attractive performing arts precinct."

Why did this not happen?

On Wednesday, July 16, the distinguished town planner, Mr John McInerney (appointed to advise Sydney and Melbourne City Councils) will present his views on Gosford's current planning dilemmas and processes.

This is particularly relevant as the Gosford Council is currently advertising for sale and development Umina's car park.

This development proposal was rejected by two community consultation meetings held in Umina, but council continued to

work with Matthew Wales and the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce to bring about the selloff of this community space against the views of the community consultations.

This will no doubt come as a shock to most Umina residents.

John McInerney was the last qualified planner to present an integrated vision for Gosford CBD.

How did his planning become subsequently so distorted by a spate of one-off DA approvals?

Come and hear him speak at the Community Meeting, Anglican Church Gosford Wednesday, July 13 at 6pm.

Email, 8 Jul 2016
Kay Williams, Pearl Beach

The fall of local government

The curtain rises on the fall of local government.

Mr Ian Reynolds, Premier Mike Baird's representative and administrator of the new Central Coast Council, has said council meetings were to be short, with no code of conduct, conflict of interest, countering opinions from councillors and assured support from council's staff.

There is no reason to hold council meetings.

Input from the public will be restricted with all decisions

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favouring the government and Premier Baird.

How many of the now 300,000 residents will have the opportunity to voice opposition at the limited number of council meetings now on a stopwatch?

Realistically, local government does not exist.

Governance is now under control of Premier Baird and his representative Mr Reynolds.

This will continue until

September 2017.

The writing was on the wall with the former Gosford Council, with meetings getting shorter and shorter and an agenda that held little of interest to councillors or the general public.

Long term council goers noticed the decline, with only the most dedicated attending Gosford Council meetings regularly.

Where to from this administration?

Letter, 27 May 2016
Norman Harris, Umina

Supporter of NAISDA

At the Five Lands Walk last June, I met up with Labor's Candidate for Robertson, Ms Anne Charlton, watching the NAISDA dance performance near the Copacabana Surf Club.

Since then I have learned that Anne has long been a supporter of NAISDA and has offered her home to lodge young Aboriginal students.

Before joining Senator O'Neill's office, she was a family support worker at Kariong and has wide

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and varied community and private sector work experience, as well as supporting her husband, a medical researcher, and her own blended family of six.

Anne has lived on the Central Coast for more than a decade and is well placed to represent the Robertson electorate as part of Labor's team.

Email, 3 Jun 2016
Jack Lloyd, Umina Beach



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Community Care Association chief Mr Greg Williams, Community Care chairman Mr Graham McGuiness, BlueWave Living chairman Mr Charles Brock, BlueWave Living chief Ms Jennifer Eddy and BlueWave board member Ms Ruth Collins.

Blue Wave Living acquires Boronia Court

Woy Woy's BlueWave Living has expanded with the acquisition of the adjacent Boronia Court aged care facility.

The purchase of Boronia Court, now renamed The Shores, took effect on June 30.

The Shores is located directly behind BlueWave Living and has 43 hostel-style rooms.

BlueWave Living CEO Ms Jennifer Eddy said board members were excited to extend the organisation's reputation of excellence in aged care to The Shores.

"BlueWave Living is very excited to acquire this aged care facility," Ms Eddy said.

"We plan to make significant changes to the design and decor of the facility in keeping with the bright and fresh BlueWave Living image," she said.

"This will take time but we are already in the early planning stages."

With the purchase months in the making, internal refurbishments will begin as soon as possible with external renovations to start before

the end of the year.

Ms Eddy said the buildings will initially be joined by a covered walkway with future plans to structurally join the buildings together.

"Our aim, once we join the buildings, is to have the residents able to age in place, so they won't need to be sent away if they need higher care," Ms Eddy said.

Ms Eddy said the facility planned to increase its capacity a few years down the track by building a new wing, making room for 20 new resident places.

BlueWave Living will be taking on The Shores' existing staff, who will also benefit from the expansion with additional access to resources and more opportunities to advance their careers as part of a larger organisation, according to Ms Eddy.

"BlueWave Living is looking forward to working with the current staff and providing care to the existing residents of The Shores," Ms Eddy said.

Interview, 30 Jun 2016
Media release, 30 Jun 2016
Jennifer Eddy, BlueWave Living
Reporter: Jasmine Gearie

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Edna turns 100

A Peninsula Village resident has celebrated her 100th birthday in June.

Ms Edna Burt, who turned 100 on June 15, reflected on her life after 100 years in a blog post on the Peninsula Village website.

Ms Burt was born and raised in Lakemba, Sydney, and married her husband John in 1942.

The couple moved to Miranda to raise their two daughters, Jan and Sandra, and spent 61 years there.

Ms Burt also reflected on her world travels, 50 years of lawn bowls and her passion for gardening.

The staff of the Peninsula Village wished Ms Burt a happy and healthy birthday.

Website Blog, 15 Jun 2016
Jackie Bennett, Peninsula Village



Edna Burt (right) celebrating her birthday on June 15

St Vincent de Paul and the Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW will be partnering with Coast Community Connections to hold a "Bring your bills" support day at the Peninsula Community Centre on July 25.

The free event will provide attendees with the opportunity to speak with representatives of the Ombudsman about problems with their electricity, gas or water accounts and learn tips to reduce their water and energy usage.

Coast Community Connections acting chief Ms Di Spragg said the event would be a great opportunity for locals to have their bills reviewed and receive direct advice from energy and water providers.

"Residents are invited to bring their bills in on the day to have them reviewed by experts and discuss any issues they may be having with their energy or water providers," Ms Spragg said.

"Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW staff will also ensure community members are receiving any energy rebates that they may be eligible for and will provide assistance on how to claim these allowances," she added.

Other services involved at this free event include St Vincent de Paul Society, NSW Fair Trading, State Debt Recovery Service, Ability Links, Centrelink and Legal Aid.

Attendees will be able to access information on welfare needs, budgeting, the No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS), legal issues and tenancies, as well as advice specifically relating to Centrelink payments, Centrepay and MyGov.

"There are so many free services available to the community and this event makes those services easily accessible to the public.

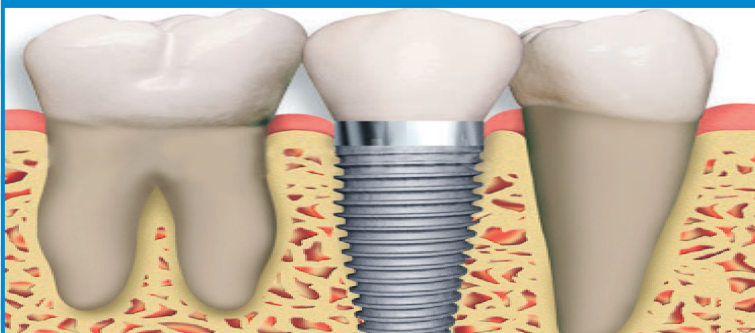
"Many people are unaware that they could be receiving significant rebates every year and this is a chance to learn more about these and other ways to budget or manage debt," Ms Spragg said.

There will also be information on what help is available for people with a disability, their carers and families.

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Katey Small, Brilliant Logic PR



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Education

Zoo worker visits Empire Bay



Alison Rubie with Stage 3 student Edward N who received a pass to Taronga Zoo.

Stage 3 students from Empire Bay Public School were visited by a Taronga Zoo worker and animal care activist as part of the School Chaplain's Chit Chat program.

Students were visited by Ms Alison Rubie who discussed her work at Taronga, stories of her travels through Africa and her experiences with African wildlife and her passion for animal care.

Students had the opportunity question Ms Rubie about her job at Taronga and her experience working with animals both in Australia and abroad.

Newsletter, 29 Jun 2016
Jane Young, Empire Bay Public School

Awards at Easter Show

Four children from Woy Woy South Public School received awards for science and technology in agriculture from the Royal Easter Show.

Students entered the competition, open to all primary school students in NSW, earlier in the year and were challenged to demonstrate the role farming and agriculture play in the community.

Kade M and Jade T, both in Year 4, placed first and second in their grade for their model

chook houses, while Blake C and Emmanuel P placed first in their grade for their joint presentation on modern farming trends.

All four students' projects were displayed at The Royal Easter Show and viewed by tens of thousands of people.

Each student also received a highly sought-after ribbon from the Easter Show.

Newsletter, 28 Jun 2016
Kim Whealey, Woy Woy South Public School



Kade M with his first place ribbon



Jade T with her second place ribbon

Students involved in Walk festival

Pretty Beach Public School students were recently involved in Central Coast's annual Five Lands Walk festival.

The school's students

performed as part of the Five Lands Walk celebration, joining Terrigal Public School, Copacabana Public School and Kincumber Public School to form the combined school's choir.

Other students participated in photography, submitting their work into the Five Lands Walk Photo Competition.

Newsletter, 30 Jun 2016
Deborah Callendar, Pretty Beach Public School

Croydon rehearsal

A selection of Pretty Beach Public School's students travelled to Croydon to rehearse for a combined strings concert at the Sydney Opera House.

The Festival of Instrumental Music, to be held during term three, features musically-diverse performances by NSW public and high school students in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House.

The concert series involves more than 400 schools and thousands of students from across NSW in combined String and Recorder Ensembles.

Newsletter, 30 Jun 2016
Deborah Callendar, Pretty Beach Public School



Staff development day

Woy Woy South Public School principal Ms Kim Whealey has reminded students, parents and caregivers that the first day of Term 3 will be a staff development day.

Parents and caregivers have

been asked to arrange alternative child care for July 18, the official first day of the term.

There will be no staff onsite on the day.

Newsletter, 28 Jun 2016
Kim Whealey, Woy Woy South Public School

Election day barbecue

Ettalong Public School hosted an election day barbecue and cake stall to raise funds for the school.

Notes were sent home requesting baked goods for the

stall to be left at the canteen July 1.

Parents volunteered for the barbecue in shifts between 7am and 4pm.

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Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School

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Students prepare for recorder festival

Students from Years 3 to 6 are participating in The Festival of Instrumental Music- Recorders program.

Students from Empire Bay and Ettalong Public Schools have been travelling to the Sydney for rehearsal throughout June.

The successful schools will each perform one showcase at the Sydney Opera House in August.

The Festival's recorders program provides workshops and support materials for teachers and

students participating.

The program will cater for: Descant II (formerly referred to as Beginner Descant) together with Treble II (with a five note range for players new to the treble) and Extension consisting of descants, trebles, tenors and basses.

Newsletter, 29 Jun 2016

Jane Young, Empire Bay Public School

Website - Facebook, 29 Jun 2016

Lyn Balfour, Ettalong Public School

Website, 6 Jul 2016

Arts Unit, Department of Education NSW



Students from Ettalong Public School during rehearsal for the Festival

Students move on to State carnival

Two students from Ettalong Public School will move onto the State Carnival after placing in the top three of their events at the Sydney North PSSA Cross Country Carnival.

Alyssa Rutter placed first in her

10 years para athletes division and Oliver Ham placed third in the 11 years division.

The school congratulated the pair on their success and wished them luck with the State Carnival next term.

Newsletter, 28 Jun 2016

Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Beach Public School

Girls perform dances

Stage 2 and 3 girls from Umina Beach Public School competed in the Central Coast Dance Festival at Laycock St Theatre.

Stage 3 performed their dance entitled "Don't Speak" on June 21.

The piece received positive feedback from the Festival Committee and teachers from other schools who complimented the girls for their technique and professionalism.

Stage 2 performed their piece "Smooth Jackson" on June 23.

For students, this was their first time performing at the Theatre.

All girls worked hard to perfect their choreography in their lunchtimes and were congratulated on their hard work in dance this year.

Newsletter, 28 Jun 2016

Paul Farrugia, Umina Beach Public School



Dried food for Mary Mac's Place

A student from Empire Bay Public School has collected 10 boxes of dried food for Mary Macs Place Woy Woy.

Oscar Byrne from class 2S, collected the dried food as a part of his Promise Badge Challenge for the Kincumber-Bensville Sea Scouts.

Oscar made his first delivery to Mary Macs in June and thanked the community for all their support.

Website - Facebook, 22 Jun 2016

Louise Byrne, Empire Bay Public School

Progression in Aussie Rules

Umina Beach Public School's Aussie Rule team have progressed to the next round of the Tony Lockett State Knockout Cup after winning all three of their matches on June 15.

The boys played well on the day

overcoming Terrigal and Chittaway Bay to face off with Gosford Public School in the final match of the day.

The boys secured a 43-20 point victory to lock in their spot for Round Three of the competition.

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Greg Buist, Umina Beach Public School



Umina Beach will move onto Round 3 of the Tony Lockett State Knockout Cup

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The Bouddi Foundation for the Arts deadline for applications for grants has been extended to July 30 2016. Young people who wish to pursue a career in any of the arts - music, film making, dance, visual art, etc. between the ages of 15-25 who live in the community are encouraged to apply.



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Anna Volska and John Bell relax at Killcare

Young artists need nurturing, says John Bell

Many young artists, actors, dancers and performers will only establish careers in the arts if someone nurtures their development, according to Mr John Bell, founder of the Bouddi Foundation for the Arts.

"I think there is young talent everywhere. It just needs a bit of encouragement," Mr Bell said, adding that growing up outside the major cities could be a career hurdle.

Mr Bell, who has had a distinguished career in Australian theatre as an actor, producer and director, said he understood the challenge of growing up in a regional area.

"I grew up in Maitland which was very much a country town at that time," Mr Bell said.

"It was quite unlikely I had a start in the arts and it was due to people like the local librarian and a few teachers who encouraged me to follow my ambition and become an actor," he said.

"We established the Bouddi Foundation to let people know it is still possible to follow that ambition if they are not in the metropolitan areas," he said.

Each year the Bouddi Foundation calls for applications from local artists and performers who are under 25 years of age and need assistance to develop their talent.

The closing date for 2016 applications is July 31.

The foundation's selection of applicants has been wide-ranging, including painters, musicians, singers, dancers, actors, film makers, writers, even a puppeteer.

Scholarships of up to \$5000 are provided, depending on the number of applications received and applicants' needs.

Mr Bell said the foundation had also increased the non-financial assistance it could make available.

"Sometimes we can supply expert advisers in the music industry or in the visual arts to give them advice and assistance or perhaps offer them some classes," he said.

Mr Bell, who founded Sydney's famous Nimrod Theatre Company and the Belvoir St Theatre before going on to create the acclaimed Bell Shakespeare Company, said the Bouddi Foundation had six permanent committee members and drew from a pool of arts professionals.

"We invite people up from Sydney from time to time to audition dance applicants, we bring people in with photographic expertise to judge the photographic work," he said.

Mr Bell said even those applicants who are not successful can be given a step up by applying

and auditioning.

"Their stories get heard," he said.

The Australasian Performing Rights Association provides a \$2000 annual grant so the foundation can offer a scholarship to an outstanding song writer.

Private donors, government and the corporate sector are the foundation's main funding sources.

"We send out letters to a wide range of people and solicit donations and we put on several events during the year," Mr Bell said.

"We aim to do two or three major fund raisers throughout the year as well as presentations."

Mr Bell said it was important the Bouddi Foundation retained its identity by focusing on nurturing local young talent.

All local schools and colleges are given information about the foundation's funding program each year.

Artists and performers are required to make a written application with references from teachers or mentors.

Eight-to-10 applicants are selected to audition or exhibit their work for experts to assess.

"The talent is judged by a panel of people who are very strong in their field and then we will get together and decide how many we can offer support."

Mr Bell said the Peninsula had been his part-time home for the past 20 years, drawn to it by "the peace and quiet and natural beauty and warm, welcoming community".

Although officially retired, John Bell's commitment to the arts

remains extensive.

"I've just directed Carmen for Opera Australia and I will be touring with a string quartet reading Beethoven's letters this year and reviving my three opera productions over the next two years," he said.

That's in addition to acting work with the Sydney Theatre Company and Melbourne Theatre Company, public speaking and recital work with several music ensembles.

The Bouddi Foundation is Mr Bell's way of helping future generations of non-city children to become professional performers and artists.

Mr Bell said the foundation would "keep raising funds to allow young artists to travel and study".

Past foundation recipients, although not yet household names, are well on their way, touring Europe, winning other scholarships and awards, performing on London's West End, exhibiting in Paris, all from their humble beginnings on the Central Coast.

"We keep track of them. We hear how they are going," Mr Bell said.

John Bell said his advice to aspiring young artists was: "Get all the local experience you can" and "just go for it".

"You will never be sorry".

For more information about the Bouddi Foundation for the Arts, visit www.bouddiarts.org.au.

Email, 30 Jun 2016

Interview, 6 Jul 2016

John Bell, Bouddi

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Reporter: Jackie Pearson

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Second course on being a father

A second series of Being A Dad workshops will be held at the Peninsula Community Centre following the popularity of the first.

The three-session program will be held in the evening and aims to help fathers gain skills necessary to build closer relationships with their children, according to the centre's community development worker, Ms Louise Manson.

Ms Manson said the workshops would cover information that would help fathers to learn how to connect with their children, discipline constructively and to "understand the special role of a father in a child's life".

Another aspect of the workshops would be information about "how to father from the inside out and understand what's important to being a better dad".

The evening workshops will be run at the Peninsula Community Centre on Monday, September 8, 15 and 22.

Session times will be 6:30pm to 9:30pm and the cost is \$20 or \$15 for concession holders but bookings are essential, on 4341 9333, as numbers are limited.

The Peninsula Community Centre is located at 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

Email, 7 Jul 2016
Louise Manson, Peninsula Community Centre



The Bays Community Group's last Wine and Cheese Night

One-day coloured pencil workshop

Artist Ms Belinda Lindhardt will hold a one-day coloured pencil workshop at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre on July 23.

She will teach techniques to create realistic coloured pencil artwork in various subjects.

Ms Lindhardt is an accomplished tutor and has been teaching her

workshops for over five years.

Her beginner to intermediate workshop is for adults and runs from 9:30am to 3pm with all materials supplied.

A second workshop for more experienced artists will be run later in August.

Email, 27 Jun 2016
Belinda Lindhardt, Ettalong

The Bays Community Group will host its 2016 Art Exhibition from July 23-24, in the newly-refurbished Bays Community Hall.

The Bays Group has presented the exhibition for five years.

The exhibition has evolved

from its "Painters of the Peninsula" days, where it would display the work of two local artists.

The exhibition now showcases the work of six artists, who will make themselves available during the exhibition to discuss their work.

Each artist also will also donate

a piece of art to the community to assist the Bays Group in fundraising for the hall.

To launch the exhibition, the Group will hold a Wine and Cheese Night on July 22.

Email, Jun 29, 2016
Danny Moscatelli, The Bays Community Group

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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
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www.fabcns.org.au
4341 5170

Central Coast Social Group

Social contact, entertainment
events, new friendships, for

30's-60's
Live music, house parties,
dinners, BBQs, picnics, trips
away etc.

Monthly Meet & Chat
0422 243 101
email 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

Central Coast Parkinson's Support Group

We aim to help individuals and
their families better manage living
with Parkinson's Disease
Guest speakers are a regular
feature of our meetings.
2nd Tue - 1.30pm
1800 644 189

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.org.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
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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
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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
cvscoc@nsservices.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.ccsa.org.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) 1pm
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

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

NEWSPAPERS

Central Coast

If you would like your Community Organisation
listed here, see www.duckscrossing.org or
www.centralcoastnewspapers.com for the forms or
contact Central Coast Newspapers on - 4325 7369

Triples champs

Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club played its Triples Championship on June 24.

Lesley Swales, Lyn Kennedy and Pat Frost, competed against Gwen Jarratt, Judith Moroney and Bev Collins.

Gwen Jarratt's team got bowls consistently on the jack but Lesley Swales team showed great skill,

taking the jack off them time and time again.

Midway through, rain interrupted the game which was already being played in chilly conditions.

Both teams battled nerves on the last three ends but it was Lesley Swales's team that won out in the end.

Media release, 28 Jun 2016
Eve Phillips, Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club



Triples winners from left to right Pat Frost, Lyn Kennedy and Lesley Swales



From left to right Aron Sherriff, John Roberts and Lee Trethowan

Trio prepares for State bowls titles

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club's Triples Champions trio are preparing for the Bowls NSW State Championships after securing the Central Coast Triples Title back in February.

Ettalong's champion trio of Commonwealth Games medallist Aron Sherriff, John Roberts and Lee Trethowan have been training

hard for their shot at a State Title in October.

The Ettalong club will host the State Championships from October 15 to 22 and the trio will have the home side behind them for their crack at the title.

Club bowls assistant Mr Wally Unsworth said the club was proud of the trio's success and would be behind them every step of the way for the upcoming championship.

Media release, Jul 6 2016
Wally Unsworth, Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club

The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Friday, Jul 15

Crazy Science show at Ettalong Diggers memorial Club, from 10am

Saturday, Jul 16

Umina Beach Boardriders mid-year function, Springwood Bowling Club

INXS and Divinyls tribute shows, Ettalong Diggers memorial Club, from 8pm

Sunday, Jul 17

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

Friday, Jul 22

The Bays Community Annual Wine, Cheese and Art Evening, The Bays Community Hall, 19 Woy Woy Bay Rd, Woy Woy Bay

Saturday, Jul 23

Vincent Cross at the Troubadour in Woy Woy, from 7pm

Battle of Pozieres Centenary Remembrance Service and Morning Tea at Peninsula Village, Umina Beach from 10am

The Bays Community Art Show featuring works by Bronwyn Van Der Graft, Keren Bloomfield, Russell Austin, Helen Mortimer,

Graeme Balchin and Max Streeter, at The Bays Community Hall, 19 Woy Woy Bay Rd, Woy Woy Bay, 10am to 4pm, also on Sunday, July 23

Australian Comedy Festival, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club, from 8pm

Coloured Pencil Workshop, Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre

Tuesday, Jul 26

Good Morning Ettalong featuring Morgan Kent and Tony Hogan, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club from 10:30am

Thursday, Jul 28

Could my child be dyslexic and what do I do next? Woy Woy Library, 10am to 11am

Friday, Jul 29

Rewbies playing at Ettalong Hotel from 8pm

Saturday, Jul 30

Rewbies playing at Hardys Bay Club from 7:30pm

CWA Variety Show, Christmas in July with singing, dancing, light refreshments, lucky door prizes, CWA Hall, 2 Sydney Ave, Umina, from 2pm, tickets from Stephenson's Real Estate, West

St, Umina

Shibori Dying Workshop, Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre, also August 6 and 13

State Pennant Bowls Finals, at Ettalong Bowls Club, until 1 August

Sunday, Jul 31

Applications close for 2016 scholarships from the Bouddi Foundation for the Arts

Tuesday, Aug 2

Central Coast Art Society Paint Out, Watverside Reserve, end of MacMasters Rd, Woy Woy

Sunday, Aug 7

Beachside Wedding Expo, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club, 10am to 2pm

Friday, Aug 12

Starfish Kids Disco, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club, strictly 12 years and under, 6pm to 8:30pm

Tuesday, Aug 16

Prestige Fours Bowls Tournament, Ettalong Bowling Club until August 19

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.

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Private advertisements only cost \$33.

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

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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.

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

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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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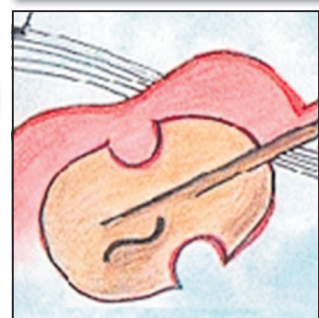
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Sport



Cassie Van Bruegel, Mimosa Henderson, Eden Leary and Jasmine Darwin

Woy Woy swimmers bring home medals

Woy Woy Swim Club sent 17 swimmers to compete in the winter Swim Club Country Championship in Homebush.
Forty six clubs competed in the

Championship and the Woy Woy team finished eighth overall. The open women's medley relay team won a silver medal, the team consisted of Cassie Van Bruegel,

Mimosa Henderson, Eden Leary and Jasmine Darwin.

Cassie Van Bruegel also dominated the 15's and over women's division winning five gold, one silver and two bronze medals.

Lachlan Braddish won four silver medals in the under 14's events and Mimosa Henderson won a gold and bronze medal in the 15's and over age group.

Myles Bailey also swam well, winning a bronze medal in the 15's and over 50m backstroke event.

Email, 5 Jul 2016
Richard Braddish, Woy Woy Swim Club

Woy Woy fumbles against Kariong

Round 12 of the Central Coast Rugby Union Competition saw Woy Woy fumble, going down 22-15 to Kariong on July 2.

The game was held at Kariong Oval and was a physical onslaught with both teams displaying brilliant defence.

Attackers from both sides found it difficult to break through for vital points, but Woy Woy had the better first half leading 15-10.

However, Kariong buckled down with their home field advantage and Woy Woy simply could not get the ball across during the second half.

In the final 40 minutes, Kariong were able to break down Woy Woy's defence and amass 12 points securing themselves the win.

Woy Woy had several good players during the match.

These players included Wade Hannell, who continues to display great form, Nick Garnett, and Sione Toki.

Despite the result both teams remain in the top four in the ongoing do or die battle for the final spots in the finals series.

Media release, 2 Jul 2016
Larry Thomson, Central Coast Rugby Union

Board riders hold annual weekend away

The Umina Board Riders annual weekend away will be at Sandbar and Bushland Holiday Park near Forster from September 9-11.

The trip will coincide with the club's September competition on

the 10th of the month.

Those attending were told they would need to book their own camp sites or cabins as soon as possible to avoid missing out.

Email, 5 Jul 2016
Craig Glynn, Umina Board Riders Club

Tide Chart

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Times and Heights(m) of high and low waters

Time - Height(m)

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Juniors briefing before the coaching clinic



Floorball Open held at Woy Woy

The 2016 Junior Australian Floorball Open was held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre from July 6 to 10.

The 2016 program was packed with coaching and umpiring clinics, strength and conditioning workshops, nutrition workshops, an exhibition game and a presentation party.

Floorball is a type of floor

hockey with five field players and a goal keeper per team.

It differs from floor hockey as it has different rules and equipment.

Most notably the sport is mixed between men and women, has no contact or checking, with gameplay centred on ball control, quick passes, movement and positioning.

Instead of the traditional puck a

plastic ball called a whiffle is used.

The whiffle is lighter, bouncier and easier to deflect than a traditional puck and promotes faster more energised gameplay.

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Website, 6 Jul 2016
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