

Chamber opposes Bullion St carpark sale

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has come out opposing the proposed sale of Umina's Bullion St carpark.

It could be devastating to West St and the Umina Town Centre, according to Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"There will be traffic chaos and businesses will suffer," Mr Wales said.

The Central Coast Council has called for expressions of interest from parties wishing to acquire and develop the land, which is currently zoned B2 for Local Centre.

The former Gosford Council placed a covenant over the land before calling for expressions of interest, in an attempt to protect the 160 parking spaces.

Mr Wales said the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce intended to seek an urgent meeting with Central Coast Council chief Mr Rob Noble.

"We will request that the Council abandons the current expression of interest process and consults with Umina businesses and the community to come up with a positive covenant that works for the town and not just for the Council," he said.

"My view is the current expression of interest, including the positive covenant, is totally inadequate," Mr Wales said.

"Too many people have raised concerns directly with me as president of the Chamber, including business owners, and this current expression of interest fails to protect the interests of business owners and the future viability of West St," he said.

"West St is successful because it has got the Bullion St carpark."

The positive covenant, Mr Wales said, "has fatal flaws".

Gosford Council's application for the covenant to be placed over the land was made by its Manager of Property and Economic Development Mr Christopher Redman on April 8 under the delegated authority of the then chief Mr Paul Anderson.

"It is intended that the land be sold," Gosford Council's application for the positive covenant said.

"This order is made to ensure



The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce is concerned businesses with rear access to the Bullion St Carpark could suffer if the land is sold and developed

that sufficient public parking is provided on the land for the community of Umina.

"...parking for 160 motor vehicles must be made available on the land at no charge to members of the public between 7am and 9pm seven days per week," the covenant said.

However, the first flaw in the covenant, according to Mr Wales, was that it allowed for reduced public parking during construction.

"Where the owner undertakes construction for a development, the owner may reduce the parking available on the land to the members of the public to assist in the construction of the development where it obtains permission from council".

"From the moment the developer gets a construction certificate until completion of the development, the car parking is lost to the town centre and that would be devastating to the main street of Umina," Mr Wales said.

"People will make a decision to go elsewhere to do their shopping and it would create the traffic chaos in Umina that Terrigal is faced with

today.

"I won't stand by and see Umina lose 160 parking spaces," Mr Wales said.

He said the covenant, in its current form, could see the carpark closed for up to two years and that would be a reasonably positive scenario.

"What if a developer acquired the land, commenced construction and then went broke?"

"I don't believe it is possible for the developer to substitute 160 car spaces in another location for the duration of a development.

"The land cannot be developed in the way council is proposing because it cannot guarantee the community would not lose its parking."

Mr Wales said if the Central Coast Council wanted to continue with the proposed sale of the Bullion St land it would need to provide Umina Town Centre with a multi-storey car park elsewhere to guarantee the existing 160 free parking spaces and have capacity for future growth.

The second flaw in the current positive covenant, according to Mr Wales, was that it provided the

new land owner with the ability to charge for the parking if it obtains permission to do so from council.

"The owner may request permission to charge for public parking and council will not unreasonably withhold or refuse permission if a period of at least five years has elapsed since the date of the final occupation certificate for the most recent development of the land and the land has been developed in excess of 50 per cent of the maximum intensity allowable under the zoning for the land," the covenant said.

The final flaw was that existing West St businesses that back on to the Bullion St carpark could lose their rear access if Bullion St was sold and the land developed.

"At the moment there is no formal roadway; the existing laneway forms part of the property that runs right up to the back of the businesses," he said.

Mr Wales said several of those existing businesses had development consents that had to provide rear access to their buildings for commercial reasons and for fire egress.

Some businesses had their

own parking that could become inaccessible if the carpark was sold and developed right to its boundary with the existing West St buildings.

Business owners in the area were not notified by council prior to the Expressions of Interest being called.

Because the land is classified as "operational", the council did not have to consult the community before it decided to sell it.

The diversion of delivery vehicles to West St from the "informal" laneway at the boundary of the Bullion St land would be a traffic nightmare for Umina Town Centre, according to the Chamber.

"It would be like telling Umina shoppers the council was going to put paid parking metres in; there will be a worse revolt than the Ettalong boarding house proposal," Mr Wales said.

The Gosford Council did hold discussions with the Peninsula Chamber in 2014 about the future of the Umina Town Centre.

"We did say that the Bullion St Carpark was important to the town centre and held prospects for future development for community benefit but at no time did we agree to its wholesale sale," Mr Wales said.

"Umina is unique and successful because of Bullion St.

"There is no other town centre in the former Gosford local government area that has a grid system to give traffic access to and from the town centre, the offers kerbside parking and the parking in Bullion St with its direct links to businesses.

"Then we have excellent public transport in the form of buses so if you play around with that mix of unique circumstances you could ruin the town centre.

"Every other town centre that is suffering retail problems has a shortage of parking.

"We did not spend a decade encouraging businesses to come to Umina to see it ruined," Mr Wales said.

Interview, 30 Aug 2016
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

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August has twice the average rain

August rainfall on the Peninsula was almost twice the average for the month.

A total of 117.8mm fell compared to the August average of 61mm, according to Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

The last week of the month saw a rainfall of 65.6mm.

August was the fourth wettest month so far this year, behind June (369.9mm), January (343.4mm) and March (237.5mm).

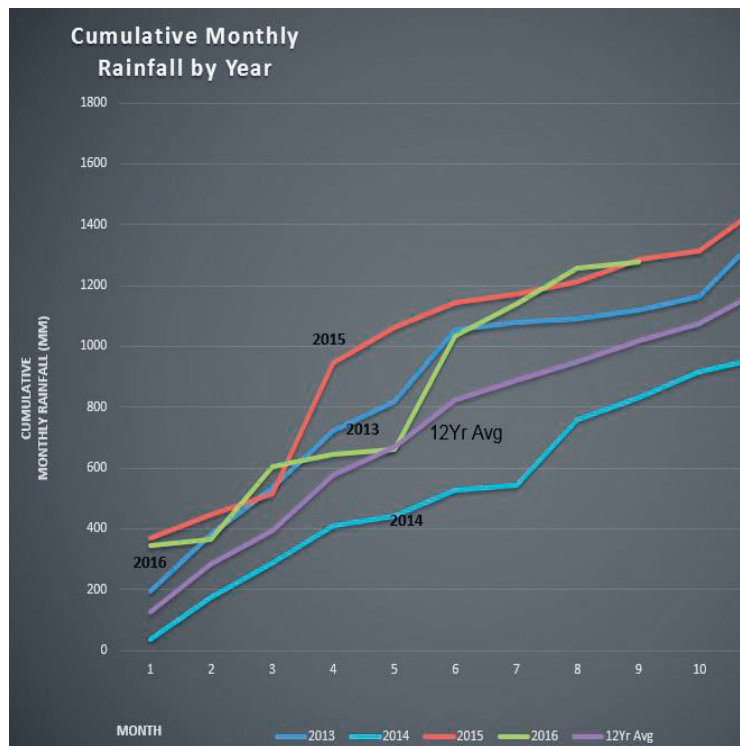
At the end of the month, the cumulative total for the year 1257.5mm, one third (32.5 per cent) above the average at the end of August of 949mm.

The first two days of September recorded a further 21.2mm, with the monthly average being 70mm.

This brings the year-to-date rainfall to 1278.7mm, which is just 0.3mm short of the average annual rainfall of 1279mm.

If average rainfall is recorded for the rest of the year, this would bring the total figure to around 1590mm.

Spreadsheet, 2 Sep 2016
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy



YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

The Peninsula News and Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club would like to offer readers the chance to win one of three double passes to see Col Elliott's Final (Fair Dinkum) Farewell Tour.

The legendary Australian comedian will bring his Thanks Australia Farewell Tour to Ettalong Diggers on Saturday, September 17.

The word legend is used in everyday language these days but if anyone can claim title to that word, especially in the world of Australian comedy, Col Elliott is up there with the best.

After 37 years, three

generations of fans, 13 gold and platinum albums and countless awards to his credit, Col is still packing them out.

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He stumbled into show

business in 1973 awinning the finals of "Kevin Dennis New Faces" Melbourne TV talent show.

To be in the draw to win one of the three double passes to see Col Elliott at Ettalong Diggers, write your name, address and daytime telephone number on the back of an envelope and send it to, The Peninsula News Col Elliott Competition, PO Box 1056, Gosford, NSW, 2250.

Entries close at 5pm on Wednesday, September 14.

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Bus stoppage cancelled at the last minute

Busways announced at the last minute on Friday that a 24-hour stoppage planned for today, September 5, had been cancelled.

A spokesperson from Busways told Peninsula News that the Transport Workers' Union had agreed to cancel the planned 24-hour stoppage but negotiations between the parties were ongoing.

However, union drivers will

continue with industrial action allowing passengers to have free bus travel.

They will cover Opal Card readers on their buses, preventing payment.

The action was expected to continue until September 9.

Busways held an enterprise negotiation meeting on September 1 with delegates from the Transport Workers Union.

According to a statement

from Busways, the discussions between both parties progressed throughout the day and the union decided to cancel the planned stop work action.

Busways senior management will be meeting with delegates and officials from the union again today to continue the negotiations.

"Busways is hoping that continued progress will be made and that further industrial action is averted," the statement said.

"Busways apologises for any inconvenience this may cause our customers and appreciates the community's understanding throughout this period of industrial action."

Transport Workers' Union state secretary Mr Richard Olsen said, prior to the cancellation of the stoppage, the dispute escalated after Busways continued to refuse to negotiate a fair and reasonable enterprise agreement to replace

the one which expired in June 2015.

"The last thing that drivers want to do is inconvenience passengers," Mr Olsen said.

Customers should rely on the transportnsw.info website for the latest timetable information or call 131 500.

Media release, 2 Sep 2016
Thomas Wong, Busways
Media release, 31 Aug 2016
Richard Olsen, Transport Workers' Union of NSW



Community Environment Network

Biodiversity - we can't live without it!

Spring has sprung and September is **Biodiversity Month** - a great time of year to get outdoors and celebrate the biodiversity of the Central Coast.

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It's easy to think that there is not a problem - but that's not the case.

The IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature) Red List evaluates the conservation status of plant and animal species globally. (IUCN Website)

When comparing places on the IUCN Red List, Australia is in the top five for extinction of animals and plant species, and the top 10 for endangered and threatened species. (ABC Fact Check). The Central Coast also has a long list of species under threat.

Threatened Species day is also on 7 September. Many people curse threatened species - apparently they get in the way of development - although there are very few instances where a threatened species has stopped development.

Environmentalists are also dismayed by threatened species. The fact that we have pushed so many species of plants and animals so close to the point of extinction or past that point, is inconceivable to many.

Why does it matter if we lose one more species?

The analogy of rivets in a plane was used by Paul and Anne Ehrlich, renowned ecologists, to show the importance of biodiversity. You can remove a few rivets and the plane will still fly. As more rivets go missing, eventually the plane crashes. The question is - how do you know when you have removed too many? and which ones are the important ones to keep? Our ecosystems are also complex and interconnected.

We need to work hard to protect the biodiversity and ecosystems that we have remaining - and not allow further species to decline.

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Jane Smith, CEO

Helping the endangered Bush Stone-curlew

Over the last 15 years there has been a dramatic decline in the local population of Bush Stone-curlews living around Brisbane Water.

Locally, the Bush Stone-curlew can be found in suburban and open bushland areas in and around Brisbane Water. The Bush Stone-curlew, *Burhinus grallarius*, is similar to a large shore or wading bird. It stands tall, about 55 cms, with long legs that have thickened knee joints, and large feet.

It is often the Bush Stone-curlew's call that catches the attention and stays in the memory of those who come into contact with the bird. In field guides and other texts the call is usually verbalised as 'weer-loo'. To listen to a Bush Stone-curlew call go to www.bushstonecurlew.com.au

In NSW, the Bush Stone-curlew is "Endangered", which means that it is considered to be in danger of extinction if the present conditions that threaten its survival continue.

The breeding season begins with a noisy courtship around August-September and has generally finished by March. Nests are frequently recorded in areas lacking in native vegetation, such as mown lawns, ploughed paddocks and paddocks cut for hay, grazed paddocks, dirt and gravel roads, seaweed on beaches, playing fields, and vacant lots.

Locally, a group called the Friends of Bush Stone-curlew, continues to monitor the population, raise awareness and educate the community. If you would like to join the group - then please email: cen@cen.org.au.

The Friends group is currently supported through CEN's Urban Wildlife Project. This is supported with funding from the NSW government through its Environmental Trust.



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Nightlife of Rumbalara
 7-9pm, Rumbalara Reserve
 A spotlighting walk with
 a local ecologist
 (date subject to confirmation)

Sat, 22 October
Bush Regeneration
Workshop in COSS
 9:30-11:30am
 Location to be confirmed

Sun, 5 November
Launch of the Book: Chief
Guardian: The Life and
Times of Allen Strom
 11am-12:30pm
 Strom Centre, Killcare

Thu, 10 November
An evening of Talks,
Wine & Cheese
 6:30-8pm, Kincumber
 (date subject to confirmation)

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Work to start on former Tesrol site

Work is expected to commence before Christmas on the construction of a seven-storey mixed use residential building at 47 to 50 The Esplanade, Ettalong.

The vacant site, which has been used as overflow parking for the Ettalong Beach Club for several years, was expected to be fenced off on Friday, September 2 or Monday, September 5 for engineering work to commence.

The site was formerly owned and the development proposed by the Tesrol property group.

The site was sold in September last year to Sydney developer Mars Property Group and is now being marketed as the Atlantis development.

The former Gosford Council received notification on March 30 that the NSW Planning and Assessment Commission had approved a modification request for the mixed residential development.

Approval was given under section 75W of Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, according to the letter to council from Ms Natasha Harras, Team Leader, Modification and Assessments, NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

Section 75W continued to apply for the purpose of the modification of a project application approved before or after the repeal of Part 3A.

The original approval was



The seven-storey Atlantis building

granted by the NSW Minister for Planning on November 24, 2010, for a mixed use residential development over two stages.

Stage one involved the construction of the seven-storey mixed-use residential building.

Stage two was for the construction of a two-storey commercial and retail building.

The modification approved in March was for the incorporation of 14 additional apartments and changes to the internal and external design of stage one, taking the overall number of apartments from 45 to 58.

According to a Statement of Environmental Effects submitted in support of the modifications, the number of two-bedroom apartments has been increased from 26 to 42.

Other changes approved included: the relocation of a waste room on the basement floor; storage areas replaced two plant rooms and a sprinkler boost room; bike parking spaces increased from six spaces to 20; car spaces reduced from 47 to 45 with 10 accessible.

On the ground floor: residential car spaces have been reduced from 18 to 16 with two accessible; a garbage holding room replaces the approved store room.

Seventeen car spaces have been added to the upper ground floor of the development.

Apartments on levels one through to six have been extensively reconfigured: a gym and void area on level one have been replaced by three apartments; an indoor swimming pool area and

community room on level two have been replaced by another three apartments.

A swimming pool and sunbathing area has been included on level three of the development.

"All apartments are single storey and endeavour to take advantage of the amenity of the location ... being on the beach front with access to sunlight, breezes and iconic views," the statement said.

The history of the development goes back to 2005 when an original application was made to Gosford Council.

The application was withdrawn on October 2, 2007, on the advice of Gosford Council and subsequently submitted to the Department of Planning under the Major Projects SEPP to which Part 3A of the EP&A Act applied.

The Gosford LEP does not apply to the development as a Part 3A approval and the approved stage one does not comply with the Gosford Local Environmental Plan in relation to height controls and floor space ratio.

The maximum floor space ratio allowed under the GLEP would be 1:1 but NSW Planning approved 2.5:1 for The Esplanade development.

The maximum height allowable on the site under the GLEP would be 11.5 metres but the Department of Planning approved the proposal at 23.5 metres and the latest amendments have seen its height

reduced to 22.4 metres.

"The overall bulk, scale and density of the development is appropriate as it: will provide a suitable transition in height and mass from the neighbouring nine-storey Mantra building to surrounding low level developments; presents a pedestrian scale (three storeys) along The Esplanade and Memorial Ave; responds to the desired future character of Ettalong; will not result in significant adverse impacts on the amenity of neighbouring properties or areas of public space with respect to overshadowing or privacy; and ... will maintain view sharing opportunities.

"As subsequent storeys are setback from the streets, the design complies with the height controls for properties fronting The Esplanade," the statement said.

Off street parking provided exceeds the minimum requirements of the Gosford Development Control Plan by three spaces, the statement said.

On September 1, Mr Bill Jackson, managing director of the Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club, located across Memorial Ave from the site, said he had not been informed that the erection of the building fence was imminent.

Interview, 1 Sep 2016
Helen Hughes, Helen Hughes Property Website, 1 Sep 2016
Gosford City DA tracker, DA49118/2016

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News

Hotel sale surprises Patonga residents

The Patonga Community Working Group has said residents were surprised by the decision to sell the Patonga Beach Hotel and Fish Shop just 24 months after the property was purchased by current owner, Mr Andrew Smith.

The iconic Patonga tourist attraction has been listed for sale with Ray White Hotels Australia and Manenti Quinlan and Associates, who are wrapping up a four week International Expression of Interest Campaign, concluding September 8.

In December last year, the owner submitted an application to Council proposing a \$2.2 million redevelopment and expansion of the hotel, including the conversion of the existing first floor accommodation above the hotel into more bars and a bandstand, and creation of a purpose-built 150 seat reception centre above the fish shop.

Working Group chairman Mr Ross Trembath said a large number of the Patonga community were alarmed by the overdevelopment of the site, and expressed their concerns in more than 70 written objections to Council.

"This represents a high level of concern from a foreshore settlement of just over 200 dwellings," he added.

"In an article in The Peninsula



Patonga residents at a recent gathering of plans to Council in early August just prior to listing his property.

News (August 22), Mr Smith stated that 'market conditions suggest it is an opportune time to release the improved asset and benefit from the return on investment.'

"In doing so the owner appears keen to disassociate community opposition to his development from his decision to sell.

"He insists the sale will not hinder the development and dismisses community opposition as a familiar part of the development process," Mr Trembath continued.

According to Mr Trembath, the Working Group's consultations with the Central Coast Council had been constructive and the community's concerns were being heard.

"We understand that the developer submitted a revised set

"Although our group has not yet seen the amendments, they are understood to have removed the new bar areas on the first floor of the hotel, and to have conceded a three metre setback from the adjoining rear property rather than extending hard up against the fence.

"Both of these amendments address issues raised in the community submissions, and the applicant's revised plans at the request of Council is a sign our submissions are well founded," Mr Trembath said.

"However, the contentious wedding reception centre above the fish shop has been retained, and a revised traffic/parking report

is still yet to be submitted.

"The owner still has to realise that the site's 'B1 Neighbourhood Centre' zoning provisions also apply to the proposed second storey function centre," he added.

The marketing campaign for the sale of the hotel is being pitched to international or corporate owners, with potential buyers invited to see comparisons to iconic waterfront properties such as Bannisters at Mollymook and Halcyon House on Cabarita Beach.

Mr Trembath said that while there was no doubt Patonga was as beautiful as Mollymook or Cabarita that was where the similarities ended, with the two multi-storey hotels on those sites, both with their own award winning restaurants and between 20-30

accommodation suites being a developer's paradise.

"The Patonga site is a shade over 1540m and already developed to its full potential under the relevant planning provisions.

"We have no objections to the proposed internal renovations and a new kitchen at the ground floor level.

"However, it is the community's view, based on expert advice, that the hotel site has reached the limits of its development potential based on economic, social and environmental planning grounds and only has the potential for renovations rather than expansion.

"This is the scenario that any responsible owner faces and the community supports," Mr Trembath said.

In July, the community held a sold-out fundraiser to boost its fighting fund and Mr Trembath said the community knows that a potential change of owners will not necessarily mean an end to this or other development proposals.

"We are committed to maintaining the unique visual and residential quality of the village for residents and visitors alike.

"We hope the next owner shares that vision and is more realistic about the scope and scale of the business," Mr Trembath concluded.

Media release, 29 Aug 2016
Ross Trembath, Patonga Community Working Group

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Former Gosford Cr Robert Bell, an early supporter of the Arboretum, together with Mr Robert Payne and other members of the arboretum group.

'Sip and Say' gathering to discuss disability plan

An informal Sip and Say gathering will be held at the Umina Beach Recreation Precinct on September 10 to give Peninsula residents an opportunity to discuss the Central Coast Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

The plan is being developed in accordance with the NSW Disability Inclusion Act 2014 that aims to remove the barriers for people with disability.

According to the council, the plan will outline what needs to be done over the next four years to make the local community more inclusive and accessible for all of its members.

Council has again called for input and direction from people with disability and those who work closely with people with disabilities, to help build a more genuinely inclusive community for all residents.

Council's Group Leader Customer and Community Relations Ms Judy Jaeger said the involvement of people living and working with disability was critical

to the overall effectiveness of the plan.

"This plan aims to bring about long-term, significant change and will continue to evolve in response to feedback and changes in our external environment," Ms Jaeger said.

"The ongoing participation of people living and working with disability is crucial to the overall success and level of impact the plan will have on people's lives," she said.

Ms. Jaeger said there were various ways people could contribute including forums, surveys, informal and online discussions.

"We would like to hear from a diverse range of people with disabilities, carers, parents of people with disabilities, representatives from disability service providers and peak disability groups.

"All of the information we gather will shape the development of the new plan and how it will impact within our own community," Ms Jaeger said.

For those who wish to get involved in the process online,

there are engagement tools available at haveyoursaygosford.com.au.

The council has added several Sip and Says informal events to its calendar as opportunities for further input and discussion over coffee at various times and venues.

The Umina Beach Recreation Precinct Sip and Say will be held near the playground at 10am on September 10.

"Come along to a community meet up to have a cuppa and chat about what would make your community more inclusive," Ms Jaeger said.

Full details for all activities, events and opportunities to be a part of the conversation can be found at haveyoursaygosford.com.au.

Further information and bookings for community forums can be made by contacting council's Disability Inclusion Officer on 4325 8109 or by emailing katie.butler@gosford.nsw.gov.au.

Media release, 30 Aug 2016
Judy Jaeger, Central Coast Council
Website, 30 Aug 2016
haveyoursaygosford.com.au

Bridge named after Robert Payne

The 40th anniversary of the Pearl Beach Arboretum was celebrated on August 21.

Special mention was made of ecologist Mr Robert Payne's four decades of contribution towards the arboretum.

In recognition of Mr Payne's work, the newly-renovated bridge

near the cottage was opened during the celebration and was named the Robert Payne Bridge.

A crowd of residents attended the event which had music and food on offer.

Media Release, 25 Aug 2016
Mary van der Westhuyzen,
Pearl Beach

Inter-agency group holds Link Day

Peninsula Link Day will take place on Wednesday, September 28, at the Peninsula Community Centre, from 10am to 2pm.

It is a free one-day, one-stop resource expo hosted by the Peninsula Interagency Group

and its aim is to link community members with information and services available on the Peninsula.

There will be a jumping castle, face painting, music, entertainment, health checks and lunch.

Giveaways of food, clothing, books and personal care will also be available.

The whole day is free and anyone who wishes to come is welcome.

Media release, 30 Aug 2016
Paul Farrugia, Umina
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Broken Bay rec centre won't be sold, says Minister

The Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre is safe, according to the NSW Minister for Sport, Mr Stuart Ayres.

He said the State Government did not plan to sell the sport and recreation centre.

Shadow Minister for the Central Coast, Mr David Harris, had previously said the Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre was one of eight that had been earmarked for privatisation by the NSW Government.

However, a statement from the office of Mr Ayres said: "The NSW Government is committed to building a supporting a strong, vibrant and valued sport and active recreation sector to make NSW a better place to live.

"The Office of Sport is investigating service delivery model improvements for Sport and Recreation Centres across NSW," the statement said.

"Initial market testing has confirmed interest from industry for potential service improvements, however, further investigations will continue before any decision is made," it said.

"Some centres ... have been identified as potential locations for



The dining hall at the Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Facility

high performance facilities."

The Broken Bay camp was not mentioned as one of the centres slated a future high performance facility location.

The Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre is located between Juno Point and Walker Point in the mouth of the Hawkesbury River and is

accessible by boat only.

According to Mr Harris, the "service delivery model improvements" referred to in the statement from Mr Ayres office,

described the NSW Government's intention to lease the centre to a private operator.

Leasing the centres to private operators could result in the pricing of their use being placed out of the reach of schools and not-for-profit sporting and community organisations, he said.

"The NSW Government must rule out any privatisation or leasing of the public land these sport and recreation centres occupy to private developers which would allow the devastating loss of vital facilities," Mr Harris said.

"This decision from NSW Premier, Mr Mike Baird, puts at risk a formative and important experience that many kids in our region cherish," he said.

"As a former teacher and principal, I have attended many school camps and know first-hand the important role they play in developing young people's confidence and skills in an affordable way.

"For many children, it is their first time away from home," he said.

Media release, 25 Aug 2016
Zachery Harrison, Office
of David Harris
Email, 29 Aug 2016
Anna Hindson, Office
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Ian Garrad's Woy Woy Bay home will be open for Sustainable House Day on September 11

Woy Woy Bay house open on Sustainable House Day

Mr Ian Garrad's Woy Woy Bay house is part of Sustainable House Day on Sunday, September 11.

Mr Garrad's Woy Woy Bay house was originally a fishing shack dating back to the 1950s, with extensions in the 1960s and 1970s.

Mr Garrad purchased the house in 2009 and, since then, has replaced the deck, reconfigured the interior and given it a sustainability upgrade.

"A primary goal for the 2011 renovation was to make the house more comfortable while reducing imported energy needs," Mr Garrad said in the profile of his home on the official Sustainable House Day website.

"With a family of four, it is possible to live here with net zero energy imports averaged over the whole year," he said.

"The solar systems and passive

solar design generate more energy than needed during the summer, while during the winter a bit more needs to be imported when it is cloudy or very windy.

"This ongoing project has involved insulating both internal and external walls, while fibro (asbestos) cladding has been removed and replaced by plywood at the front and Colorbond at the back (to minimise risk during fires).

"Efficient lighting has been incorporated throughout, and all wiring and plumbing penetrations have been blocked to minimise air leakage.

"Some leaky original floorboards are still an issue during cold winter winds.

"All hot water piping has been insulated to conserve energy.

"An all-electric house is preferred for greater efficiency and lower operational costs, but the gas stove top came with the second hand kitchen so was retained and runs on 10kg gas bottles (which avoid costly annual gas daily service charges)."

According to Mr Garrad,

recycled and reused materials in the project included timber, windows, doors, paving, glass and the kitchen and bathroom cabinets.

"An integrated waste separation system has been built in to enable recycling simplicity and remove the need for plastic bin liners."

Mr Garrad said he has subscribed to 100 per cent Greenpower in the home and has an NABERS energy rating of five.

The house will be open on Sunday, September 11, from 10am to 3pm for the cost of a gold coin donation.

The standalone house is 135 square metres plus a 36 square metre covered deck.

It has three bedrooms and two bathrooms and the continuing renovation retrofit has been designed by the current owner and constructed by various builders.

Newsletter, 1 Sep 2016
Mark Mann, Peninsula Environment Group Website, 1 Sep 2016
Sustainablehouseday.com/
Woy Woy Bay House

Comment on submission policy closes this week

The closing date for public comment on Central Coast Council's draft policy for deciding development applications subject to significant public objection is September 7.

Central Coast Council Administrator, Mr Ian Reynolds, called for the draft policy in a mayoral minute to the July 27 ordinary council meeting.

"Members of the community have approached me seeking clarification on when DAs will be determined by me (as the governing body of Council), and when development applications might be determined by Council staff under delegation," Mr Reynolds said.

"I am proposing that a modification of the policy of the former Wyong Council be adopted, which will: require that all development applications that are the subject of more than 100 public submissions (not including petitions) are to be reported to a Council meeting for consideration and determination, unless the application is recommended for refusal or unless sufficient changes have been made to the proposal to adequately address issues raised by the community," he said.

According to the draft policy, currently available on the council's website, the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 provides for public participation as part of the assessment process for certain DAs.

According to the draft policy, "The Group Leader has delegation to determine DAs regardless of the number of submissions received.

"It is appropriate that DAs that are subject to significant public objection are reported to an Ordinary Meeting of Council for determination," the draft said.

The draft policy outlines how DAs attracting significant public feedback would be dealt with by the new council.

DAs subject of less than 50 submissions and/or petitions totalling less than 50 signatures would be determined under delegation, unless a "call-up request" is received by the CEO or the Group Leader.

DAs subject of between 50 and 100 submissions; or petitions totalling more than 50 signatures, will be the subject of a "business update" that outlines the number of submissions and/or petitions received and issues raised.

Councillors, or the Administrator, may decide whether to give a call-up request to the CEO or the Group Manager.

"If no call-up request is received then the Development Application will be determined under delegation," the draft policy said.

"Development Applications subject of more than 100 submissions (not including petitions) will be reported to an Ordinary Meeting of Council for consideration, unless: the application is recommended for refusal; or Changes have been made to the proposed development that, in the opinion of the Group Leader, have adequately addressed the issues raised during the Notification Period and/or there was a substantial reduction in the number of submissions (to less than 100) as a result of any later re-notification," the draft policy said.

A report will come to a meeting in September 2016, when a decision will be made as to the policy to be adopted."

Website, 1 Sep 2016
Items on exhibition,
Central Coast Council
Mayoral minute, 27 Jul 2016
Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council



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Four flats proposed for West St site

A development application for a residential flat building consisting of four units at 209 West St Umina has been placed on exhibition by Central Coast Council.

The application was lodged with council by Superior Design and Construction Pty Ltd, on July 15 and the estimated value of the work is \$750,000.

The land is located at the north-eastern corner of the intersection of West St and Morris St, Umina and has an area of 748 square metres.

The two-storey development would include four residential flats and seven off-street car parking spaces.

The mix of units would be one two-bedroom unit, and three units with three bedrooms.

The subject site is zoned R1 for general residential under Gosford LEP 2014 and so the proposed residential flat building is a permissible form of development.

The proposed development, according to a Statement of Environmental Effects submitted with the application, complies with the Gosford LEP in all areas.

In terms of the Gosford Development Control Plan, the proposed development did not comply with setbacks and the configuration of offstreet parking.

The corner location means some residential car garages are



A preliminary artist's impression of the residential flat building proposed for the corner of West St and Morris St, Umina

forced to face the street.

In terms of setbacks: "The subject site being a corner site restricts the ability to provide a proper presentation to the street as well as respecting the amenity of adjoining residents," the statement

said.

"To the north of the subject site is a residential development that is located quite close to the common boundary.

"The location of the proposed development also close to the

boundary should not adversely impact upon the amenity of either residents," it said.

"The proposal is likely to positively contribute to the future building form of the neighbourhood, whilst at the same time, is not

likely to adversely impact upon the amenity of residents in the general area of the site.

Four submissions had been made in relation to the project as at September 1.

Website, 1 Sep 2016

Gosford DA tracker, DA50258/2016

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Looking down the lane from Blackwall Rd to the Hidden Courtyard Cafe

Council 'didn't tell me', says applicant

The owner of a Woy Woy cafe has claimed that Central Coast Council had not advised her that her application had been refused.

Owner of the Hidden Courtyard Cafe, Ms Marianne Shirley, said she was shocked to learn, from reading an article in the Peninsula News, that the council had refused a development application that she did not complete or intend to see through.

She said the business has been running as a flower shop and cafe where customers have enjoyed, for the past three years, the relaxing

ambience of garden courtyard, great coffee and wholesome food, often with live music and entertainment.

"I know the need for tranquillity and somewhere to spend time away from an often stressed and uncertain world," Ms Shirley said.

"Our customers love the quiet, unhurried, safe space away from the crowds, a wonderful place to meet and make new friends," she said.

"I felt that the business would benefit by having a wine licence but, for personal reasons, I was unable to follow through with the development application," she

said.

Ms Shirley said she had since closed the flower shop and has the cafe for sale.

After contacting the council, Ms Shirley received a letter from council town planner Ms Sarah Hartley which said: "The 'idea' behind the project was not a concern to Council, however any development application needs to be in a form that meets the requirements of the Regulations that govern this process, which was not provided.

"Be assured that this article does not prejudice Council from considering any future application for this site."

Ms Shirley said: "Perhaps the new owners will put forth another DA for a wine licence so that patrons can enjoy a lazy afternoon tittle.

"The cafe is in fine form and ready for a busy season ahead," she said.

The cafe can be found from both 18a Railway St and down the lane way beside L J Hooker on Blackwall Rd.

Email, 24 Aug 2016
Marianne Shirley, Hidden Courtyard Cafe

Opportunity to comment on meeting frequency

The opportunity for the public to comment on the Central Coast Council's draft Code of Meeting Practice closes on September 6.

The latest draft includes a proposal to change the frequency of Central Coast Council meetings from fortnightly to monthly, to be on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

The draft code proposed those meetings would commence at 5pm and would alternate between the council chambers at Gosford and Wyong.

It also allows for the official audio

recording of council and committee meetings, as per the practice of the former Wyong Council; Gosford Council prohibited the recording of its meetings.

The draft code also includes a proposal to make audio visual recordings of council meetings to be broadcast (live or delayed) via the internet.

Submissions can be made by email to ask@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au or by post to PO Box 21, Gosford, NSW 2250.

Website, 1 Sep 2016
Items on exhibition, Central Coast Council

Discounts for new appliances in no-interest loan scheme

Clients of a no-interest loans scheme offered through St Vincent De Paul in Woy Woy are now eligible for significant discounts on new appliance purchases.

"Through the Home Energy Action Appliance Program, we can now offer clients who are applying for one of our microfinance loans discounts of 40 to 50 per cent on good quality, energy-efficient TVs and fridges," said Mr Isaac Buatava, the charity's Woy Woy loan administrator.

"This means our clients who want to buy fridges or TVs using

our No Interest Loan Scheme will need to borrow less in order to buy what they need."

Under the program old inefficient appliances are removed and recycled, when the new appliance is delivered.

Taking away the inefficient item can prevent losses of up to \$200 on annual energy bills for fridges and up to \$125 for TVs.

St Vincent De Paul Woy Woy is part of the nationwide Good Shepherd Microfinance No Interest Loan Scheme network.

The scheme offers no-interest loans to people on low incomes for essential goods and services.

Loans are between \$300 and \$1200 and repayments are set up at an affordable amount over 12 to 18 months.

The scheme has been operating on the Peninsula for three years.

"We all know rising energy costs have a disproportionate impact on people with low incomes and we know energy efficient appliances are one of the best ways to combat this increase," Mr Buatava said.

Media Release, 25 Aug 2016
Isaac Buatava, St Vincent De Paul

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Tender awarded for Rogers Park work

A tender has been awarded for releveling, irrigation and drainage installation for playing fields two and three at Rogers Park, Woy Woy.

Turspec Pty Ltd won the contract for the installation of sand link drainage and an irrigation system as well as releveling the playing field levels to ensure a suitable playing surface.

Works are anticipated to start in November, and have an estimated construction program of 16 weeks.

Completion is expected by March.

The tender was decided by Administrator Mr Ian Reynolds at the Central Coast Council ordinary meeting held on August 24.

Rogers Park was developed on reclaimed landfill sites.

"It is typical of these sportsgrounds that the underlying waste at these sites provides poor drainage capabilities for the playing fields," a report to council said.

"To address this, council implemented the Landfill Rehabilitation Scheme as part of the Domestic Waste Management Charge in 1997, to provide funding for the rehabilitation of these sportsgrounds," the report said.

"Installation of a sand link drainage system encourages reduced recovery for the playing fields following inclement weather.

"In addition, drainage reduces the amount of water entering the underlying waste which slows the decomposition rate subsequently reducing the level of undulation to

the playing surface."

The tender was advertised in various publications, not including Peninsula News, at the end of June and called for lump sum tenders, based on a detailed specification.

Tenders closed at Council's Erina Depot at 1pm on July 19.

Tenders were received from: Aussie Drain Pty Ltd; Never Stop Irrigation Pty Ltd; Renworx Pty Ltd; R&N Paddison T/A Turf Drain Australia; The Green Horticultural Group Pty Ltd; Turspec Pty Ltd; and Waterland Pty Ltd.

All submissions were assessed in accordance with the pre-determined approved tender evaluation plan criteria being: price; previous experience and performance in contracts of a similar nature completed in the past three years; contract program and delivery plan; sub-contracting; work health and safety; and environmental management.

According to council, sufficient funds were allocated for the contract within the current year's Landfill Rehabilitation Scheme works program.

The proposed contract has been assessed as low risk and no regulatory approvals were required.

Sports clubs and associations affected by the works were consulted, and alternate arrangements made for the construction period.

**Agenda item 2.3, 24 Aug 2016
Central Coast Council
ordinary meeting**



The world of the jumping Peacock Spider will be explored at the Bays Community Hall on December 3

Information about peacock spiders

The Bays Community Group will hold an information night in December about the jumping peacock spider.

The night will include talks by spider expert Dr Juergen Otto and by Mr Stuart Harris, the citizen scientist who discovered one species of the genus, which was named after him (*maratus harrisi*).

A short film *Maratus* (rated M) will be shown, which tells the story of Mr Harris' three-year quest to

discover the peacock spider.

The event will also include a display of live spiders.

It will be held at the Bays Community Hall, Woy Woy Bay, on Saturday, December 3, from

7:30pm.

A light supper, wine and soft drink will be served on the night.

**Newsletter, 1 Sep 2016
Bob Puffett, Bays
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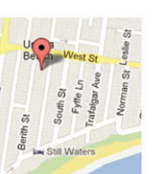
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A community gathering inside the award-winning Jasmine Greens Park Kiosk at Umina

Award for cafe

A cafe, located in council facilities at the Umina Beach Recreation Precinct, has received the Central Coast Business Excellence Award for sustainability.

The award was presented to

Jasmine Greens at the Central Coast Business Excellence Awards gala evening at Mingara on Saturday, August 27.

Council Administrator Mr Ian Reynolds said: "We're proud to sponsor these awards and it is clear from the quality of the Central

Coast businesses recognised that excellence and businesses go hand in hand on the Central Coast."

Media release, 29 Aug 2016
Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council

Chemical 'cleanout' at Gosford

Peninsula residents wishing to participate in the Central Coast Council's Chemical Cleanout will need to take their chemical waste to Gosford Showground carpark on the weekend of September 17 and 18.

Central Coast Council has confirmed that the Gosford Showground venue will be the only one in the southern part of the new local government area.

Council's Waste Coordinator, Mr Matthew Collins, said holding

the cleanout on one day in the past had resulted in long waiting times for residents and having the two days ensured the event ran smoothly.

The cleanout will run between 9am and 3.30pm on each day

For information on types of chemicals and quantities that can be dropped off visit the website cleanout.com.au.

The Household Chemical Cleanout is a NSW EPA activity funded from the waste levy.

Media release, 30 Aug 2016
Matthew Collins, Central Coast Council

Flag is 'reminder to live out democracy', says O'Neill

Senator Deborah O'Neill has presented flags to three school leaders at the Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College.

Senator O'Neill said at the ceremony on August 22 that she was keen to ensure that everyone understood that the nation's flag was a reminder of "our responsibilities as citizens to live out our democratic beliefs".

"Democracy is not a spectator sport," she said.

"It is very important that all members of our community seek ways of being involved in making our nation more democratic and socially just for all.

"It is always good to remind ourselves of the pledge that new citizens make: I pledge my loyalty to Australia and its people, whose democratic beliefs I share, whose rights and liberties I respect, and whose laws I will uphold and obey.

"Seeing the flag flying over the Australian Parliament is a reminder

to me that I am serving our people and our nation," she said.

Senator O'Neill reminded students that they may have a future Prime Minister, a councillor or a school leader in their ranks and asked them to practice their citizenship by treating every person as an equal, respecting one another and respecting the law.

Media release, 22 Aug 2016
Rhys Zorro, Office of Deborah O'Neill

Seniors' housing given go ahead

A construction certificate has been granted by Central Coast Council for the construction of a five-unit senior housing development at 247 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

The five units will be self-contained dwellings and the estimated cost of work was \$750,000.

The granting of the construction

certificate, signalling that construction work can commence on site, was given under delegation on August 30.

The applicant was listed as Knight Mapleton Design Partners and the builder to be advised.

The development is located in the block between the Peninsula Leisure Centre and Alpha Rd.

Website, 1 Sep 2016
Gosford City DA Tracker, DA48343/2015

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Submission threshold 'affects small communities'

The **Wagstaffe-Killcare Community Association** has called on its members to make submissions opposing a proposal that would require 100 submissions about a development application before it would be referred to a public council meeting.

"Past Gosford Council practice has been that all applications receiving more than five submissions were to be determined at a council meeting rather than by staff," said association president Ms Peta Colebatch.

"Central Coast Council now proposes to adopt the former Wyong Council's policy requiring 100 submissions for a DA to be determined at a council meeting," she said.

"Councillors (not less than

two), or in the case of the present council, the Administrator, will have the ability to call up a DA," she said.

"We contend that the requirement of 100 signatures is totally out of proportion and disenfranchises small communities such as ours.

"The draft policy is currently on exhibition and acceptance of submissions will run until September 7.

"We know that many of you will be interested in making a submission and encourage you to do so," she said.

The proposed new arrangements are likely to come before the Administrator, Mr Ian Reynolds, at the council meeting scheduled for September 28.

Email, 31 Aug 2016

Peta Colebatch, Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association



A Mingleletta ATSIC market stall at a previous Woytopia festival

Trivia night for Mary Mac's

Patonga Beach Hotel is hosting a trivia night on September 10 in support of Mary Mac's Place at Woy Woy.

Mary Mac's Place provides support, food and facilities for the homeless and disadvantaged through the donations from fundraisers including the trivia

night.

The night will start at 7pm at the Patonga Beach Hotel.

Tickets are \$35 and include a wood-fired pizza, prizes, silent auctions and a band.

Quiz master will be Brad Storey from ABC 92.5.

Media release, 30 Aug 2016

Christine Burge, Mary Mac's Place

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The Peninsula Environment Group is planning to make the 2016 Woytopia Sustainable Living Festival on October 9 the biggest and best yet.

The event will run from 9am to 3pm at Woy Woy South Public School and the woytopia.info website has the details.

Meanwhile, PEG is holding a Woytopia fundraising dinner on Saturday, September 10, with \$55 per head tickets to be purchased in advance.

Woytopia supporters can also order discounted Tamburlane organic wine in a special Woytopia wine offer.

In other PEG news, the group has encouraged local residents to put forward ideas for particular projects they would like to run with or for the Peninsula Environment Group that relate to raising environmental awareness or contributing to sustainable management of ecosystems.

NSW Local Land Services has grants available for community organisations for such projects and PEG would be interested in

applying for funding for suitable projects.

PEG Community Garden working bees continue every Thursday from 8:30am and every

second Saturday and last Sunday of the month.

Newsletter, 1 Sep 2016
Mark Mann, Peninsula Environment Group

Environment group plans biggest festival yet

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The Rotary Club of Woy Woy is a major donor to the Umina PCYC which has also received funding from Central Coast Council

PCYC receives opera donation

PCYC Umina has received a donation of \$10,000 as a major beneficiary of the 2016 Pearl Beach Opera in the Arboretum, the annual charity event held by the Rotary Club of Woy Woy.

Celebrating over 10 years as a successful fundraiser for the local community, the Opera attracts

world class performers.

Funds donated to Umina PCYC will be used to buy equipment for existing programs and will create opportunities for new PCYC Umina activities.

Woy Woy Rotary also raised over \$2000 after holding a book fair at PCYC Umina in May.

PCYC Umina has also recently

been successful in obtaining two grants from the Central Coast Council totalling \$12,000.

The club's early-morning boxing program, Boxing@Sunrise, has received funding so it can continue and funds have also been received to create a photo studio within the club.

25 Aug 2016
Martin Eddy, PCYC Umina Beach

Bowlers fight out minor singles title

The final of the Umina Beach minor singles bowls title was fought out on Saturday, August 21, in fine but cold, blustery conditions.

Lining up for his third

consecutive minor singles final was Mr Paul Watson, against his opponent, up and coming bowler, Mr Shane Starkey.

Mr Starkey began nervously and after six ends was behind 6-1.

After settling into the game,

it became a battle of fluctuating leads with shots gained mainly limited to one or two shots each end with only a couple of three-shot ends and one four-shot end.

As the game progressed and the conditions worsened, it became obvious that the match could go either way and luck would play its part.

Spectators were on the edge of their seats as 31 was in both their sights on end 34, where Mr Starkey held the lead 28-27 and the result went to the 37 ends before a winner was declared.

Mr Starkey held out to win 31-28 and Mr Watson retained the bridesmaid tag for another year.

Media release, 24 Aug 2016
Ian Jarratt, Umina Bowls Club

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Team leader, Mr Greg Frankand, puts one of the Bays Community fire units through the annual accreditation process

Bushfire preparations

Bushfire season preparations are underway in The Bays area.

The Bays Community Group president Mr Bob Puffett has encouraged residents to use September to take a look around their homes and start rubbish removal.

"Trim the overhanging branches

and make sure your garden hoses are working correctly," Mr Puffett said.

The Bays' Community Fire Units are also currently being put through their annual accreditation tests, Mr Puffett said.

Newsletter, 1 Sep 2016
Bob Puffett, Bays Community Group Inc

Fire brigade to work with students on hydrant poster

The Killcare-Wagstaffe Rural Fire Brigade will work with Pretty Beach Public School students on a poster for a Hydrant Heroes campaign.

"The idea is that people in our community will identify the hydrants nearest their homes and businesses and will then clear anything that prevents them from being visible or accessible," said brigade community engagement officer, Mr Martin Riddell.

"They will also notify us of the whereabouts of the hydrant, what they have done to make it available and tell us about its condition," Mr Riddell said.

Prizes will be awarded for the best posters in two age groups and for the best Hydrant Hero story.

"Local businesses have welcomed the initiative and have shown overwhelming support by

donating prizes for the campaign and helping to promote the idea.

"It's another indication of just how fabulous our community is."

The Killcare-Wagstaffe Rural Fire Brigade holds a regular cake stall at Killcare Cellars on the first Saturday of each month.

The August fund raiser was a roaring success and its theme was Fire in the Home.

Members of the brigade spoke to local residents about the risks of home appliance fires, including washing machines, tumble dryers, stoves and ovens and the like.

Many people were surprised by the risks inherent in electrical appliances if they are not cleaned and maintained regularly, according to brigade spokesperson, Mr Martin Riddell.

Media release, 18 Aug 2016
Mark Riddell, Killcare-Wagstaffe Rural Fire Service

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Gosford City is facing a parking crisis with no plan in place

Gosford City is facing a parking crisis, with uncertainty, confusion and congestion surrounding the city's major car parks.

Senator calls for Royal Commission into the banks

Senator Deborah O'Neill has joined what she has called a "groundswell of Parliamentary colleagues" in calling for a Royal Commission into the banks, after research by the Parliamentary Library

DOMA and Council summonsed over JRPP approval of ATO

The Gosford Waterfront Alliance Inc (GWA) has formally lodged a challenge in the NSW Land and Environment Court to the development consent for Doma to build an Australian Taxation ...

New council Community License Agreement results in Saratoga tennis courts being abandoned

The first community organisation to be offered a new council Community Licence Agreement, Saratoga and District Sport and Recreation Association, has labelled the document

All community facilities to come under new community licence agreements

A new policy will be put in place to manage all Central Coast Council community facilities, but there is no timeframe for that policy's development or implementation at this stage.

Merindah Apartment building could be the first to start construction

The \$72.16 million Merindah Apartment building, at 21 to 23 Mann St Gosford, is the development we have chosen to profile in this edition of Coast Community News as part

100th day of operation shows projects completed but nothing new in place

August 20, marked the 100th day of operation of Central Coast Council.

Long term hall management group unsuccessful in bid to continue

In response to an article published on page 12 of Coast Community News on August 11, Central Coast Council advised that they had called for expressions of interest to manage the recently upgraded...

Mysteriously controversial creek naming has chequered history

It has taken Central Coast Council seven months, instead of the usual one month, to agree to refer a request to name a previously unnamed creek at Central Mangrove, to the Geographical...

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

Developer goes to Land and Environment Court because Council was too slow

The developer of a proposed 264-lot residential subdivision at Glenning Valley has lodged a Deemed Refusal application with the NSW Land and Environment Court.

Pacific Hwy upgrade reaches major milestone

A major milestone was achieved during August on the \$84 million Pacific Hwy and Wyong Rd upgrade at Tuggerah.

Warnervale Airport is now Central Coast Airport

The name Warnervale Airport has been changed to Central Coast Airport.

Tenders called for major M1 upgrade

The M1 Pacific Mtrwy upgrade between the Tuggerah and Doyalson interchanges is progressing, with tenders now invited to carry out major building work

Animal welfare facility upgraded

A \$100,000 upgrade to the animal care facility in Charmhaven has been completed.

Local Representation Committee met behind closed doors

Members of the Lake Munmorah Progress Association were disappointed to find that they could not attend a meeting of Central Coast Council's Local Representation Committee held at Gwandalan Community Hall on

Rail Maintenance Facility looks like a done deal

Kangy Angy residents donned snorkels and masks for their latest protest against the inter-city train fleet maintenance facility proposed for their neighbourhood by State Rail.

Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Camp could be privatised

The Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Camp, near Gwandalan, is reportedly on a list of eight camps to be privatised by the NSW Government.

School bus drivers take strike action

School transport services were interrupted on the morning of Monday, August 29, due to a stoppage by Busways bus drivers who are members of the Transport Workers' Union of NSW.

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Hand drying needed at Woy Woy oval

A couple of Sundays ago, I was really enjoying watching the Woy Woy Roosters play at home to the Northern Lakes Warriors.

The Under 19's are minor premiers, the St Edwards Bears are minor premiers in Open Age, and Woy Woy's First Grade cemented their position of third on the table guaranteeing them a second bite of the cherry if necessary.

All in all a great day and a long one.

Not surprisingly, as the afternoon wore on it became necessary to attend to a call of nature.

Now I know that 8.5 million bucks can't buy everything when

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building a new sporting precinct like the Woy Woy oval.

You can't expect, for example,

undercover cooking facilities, or a bar, or even a scoreboard and clock.

However, after washing my paws, to discover there were no paper towels or a hand drying machine I think is taking cost-cutting just a bit too far.

Purely from a hygiene point of view some sort of drier is a necessity.

With the grand finals of all grades to be played at the oval on September 17 would it be possible for Mr Ian Reynolds to have this very necessary equipment installed before the big day, please?

Email, 28 Aug 2016
Laurie Powell, Woy Woy

Hotel blight on beautiful part of the Coast

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So the ungrateful serfs of Patonga who have been so bold as to oppose the proposed development and expansion of the Patonga Hotel and Fish Shop should be ashamed of themselves for daring to attempt to protect their village.

Perhaps the villagers were expected to tug their forelocks, bend their knees and support the gross over development of a site that is obviously already so monstrously over developed that it causes traffic, noise and parking chaos every weekend.

The hotel should never have been approved and all of those matters raised in opposition to the original development are now being shown to have been correct.

Despite the public road, the public footpath and public beachfront immediately adjacent to the site, undergoing expensive alterations (at rate payer's expense) in an attempt to accommodate the traffic and to provide parking for those visiting the hotel the area at peak traffic times, is an unmitigated disaster

that must eventually produce a serious accident.

The hotel does not even provide parking for its staff or overnight visitors let alone patrons and has virtually no provision for delivery trucks to unload which then have to further exacerbate the traffic problems by unloading in the street.

The reported comments of someone at the hotel indicating the people of Patonga will rue the day they chose to oppose the expansion of the site and that the hotel will probably be bought by a large corporation which will be unsympathetic to the needs of the people of Patonga are amazing.

Similarly the same person's prediction that the new owner will fill the pub with poker machines is, in a word, bizarre and only indicates that the whole place is in essence a blight on what was one of the last unspoilt and most beautiful parts of the entire Central Coast.

Email, Aug 26, 2016
Vic Jefferies, St Huberts Island

Colourful characters fondly remembered

A friend said to me one day that all the colourful characters of Woy Woy are gone.

Gone perhaps, but fondly remembered.

There was a lady who lived in Waratah St, who dressed in rainbow coloured tops and full length skirts to go to town.

She looked like a Hollywood style gypsy or an extra from an operetta.

She certainly stood out from the drab clothing of the time.

A little scrounger from Victoria St was another character.

He would always give us, in

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the post office, a few homilies and white powder, which he carried in a small cloth bag.

Someone asked him about the white powder.

He said: "To keep away the elephants."

"But there's no elephants in Woy Woy," we said.

"It's working then," he said.

Three ladies used to visit the post office and they were great talkers.

They were Ms Milligan, (Spike's mum), who used to regale us with funny stories about Spike and India,

Ms Campbell, who ran a shell and rock museum in Blackwall Rd. and Ms Arnoldus who ran a general store (still standing) in Railway St.

Ms Arnoldus would not sell you milk or bread unless you bought something else.

She was paranoid and believed everyone was spying on her, including the PMG (now Telstra).

When the three came into the Post Office everyone cleared out except one postal clerk who kept them calm by agreeing to everything they said.

"That's right," he would say, "That's right".

Email, 29 Aug 2016
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

Texting on horseback

It was lovely to see two female police officers on horseback patrolling the streets of Ettalong on August 18.

As they were crossing the roundabout at Blackwall Rd and Picnic Parade two-abreast, I noticed that one of the officers was texting on her mobile phone.

I pulled up alongside them, rolled down the window and informed them that it was just as

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dangerous to use a mobile phone whilst riding a horse as it was when driving a car; probably more so, as animals are unpredictable.

All I got was: "Move on, Sir. You are holding up the traffic."

Never mind them riding two-abreast in the middle of the carriageway holding up the traffic.

Email, Aug 18, 2016
Robert Mumford, Daleys Point



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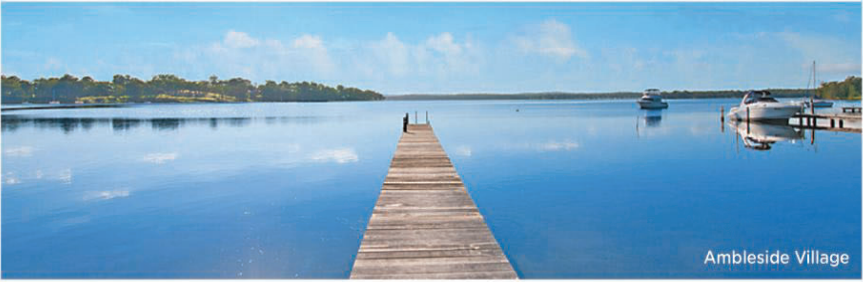
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Congratulations from Chamber of Commerce

Congratulations to Peninsula News on its 400th edition.

This is quite a remarkable achievement for a local newspaper which has consistently been at the forefront of local news and opinion.

Over the 17½ years that

Peninsula News has been in publication, I have served as President of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and as head of that organisation, local business has always recognised the importance of the newspaper

Congratulations from Lucy Wicks

I would like to extend congratulations to Peninsula News on reaching 400 editions on August 15.

This is a milestone for a community newspaper that has worked hard to give the people of the Peninsula a voice ever since its inception.

In its first edition, back in June 1999, it was quickly celebrated by becoming the first paper for a quarter of a century to give exclusive coverage to this important region of the Central Coast.

Since then, its journalists, editors and contributors have endeavoured to convey the heartbeat of the community and raise issues that matter to locals,"

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she continued.

Indeed, the full title of the publication is the Peninsula "Community Access" News.

That shows a determination not just to tell its readers what is making news, but also encourage them to engage and build a stronger local community.

It is an honour to serve the people of the Robertson electorate, including everyone who lives, works and travels on the Peninsula, and I join with this community to say Happy 400th to the Peninsula News.

Email, 15 Aug 2016

Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson

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which often covered important stories that the mainstream press overlooked.

On many occasions, Peninsula News led with stories that other press outlets took up later so important were the events.

I can confidently say that the newspaper has consistently been an important vehicle for promoting the Chamber's business agenda as it does with other community organisations.

This is important especially when we are increasingly moving towards a regional based society as has been demonstrated with the recent merger of the Gosford and Wyong Councils.

The Chamber believes that locally-based views are still vitally important and this is the true value of Peninsula News as it is truly locally-based.

Over the life of the newspaper we have seen many changes in our local society which on the whole have been very positive for our community.

The emergence of the Peninsula as a lifestyle choice for younger people and families is probably to me one of the fundamental changes that has brought about a resurgence in our local retail centres.

This is especially so with the Umina town centre and its position as one of the best retail strips on the Central Coast.

The changing demographics have also improved opportunities and services and seen a remarkable increase in property values especially in recent years.

This period has also seen the Ettalong Beach Diggers/Mantra Hotel emerge from the shadow of the old Ettalong Memorial Club and upgrading of the Ettalong Beach Foreshore which has now become one of the most popular beachside destinations for families on the Coast.

However, with progress comes infrastructure problems highlighted by the continual battle over roads, drainage and footpaths.

The newspaper has been especially effective in the fight for

local, State and Federal funding and I doubt that the success to date on key projects could have occurred without the assistance of Peninsula News in pushing the issues into the spotlight.

Not everyone likes change.

I do.

Change is a vital part of the renewal process which ensures that business prospers and grows.

Peninsula News has been at the forefront of those changes and always afforded the community the opportunity to express their views.

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce wishes the newspaper every success for the future and looks forward to working with the local media to push for a better deal for the Peninsula in the years to come.

This has never been so important as now with the formation of the new Central Coast Council and the upcoming Local Government Elections in September 2017.

Email, 18 Aug 2016

Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

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Independent Commission Against Corruption finds

The former Member for Terrigal, Mr Christopher Hartcher, has been found by the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) to have acted with the intention of evading election funding laws by: failing to properly disclose political donations worth "hundreds of thousands of dollars"; accepting donations from property developers; and breaching caps on political donations that applied after January 1, 2011.

The ICAC also wanted consideration given to seeking advice from the DPP to prosecute Mr Hartcher for an alleged offence of larceny.

The ICAC's Operation Spicer

investigation exposed prohibited donations, fund channelling and non-disclosures in the NSW Liberal Party's 2011 state election campaign and identified Mr Hartcher as a key player in a considerable number of transactions relating to the party's Central Coast campaign.

The Commission did not uncover any irregularities in the seat of Gosford, at that time held by former Gosford mayor Mr Chris Holstein.

The Commission's report, Investigation into NSW Liberal Party electoral funding for the 2011 state election campaign and other matters, was made public on Tuesday, August 30.

The ICAC made factual findings but could not make findings of Corrupt Conduct in relation to conduct that "only

relied on a breach of the Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981".

Outcomes from the ICAC findings are also expected to be limited because the time limit on prosecutions has expired.

In relation to the alleged offence of larceny, the ICAC report said: "The Commission is of the opinion that consideration should be given to obtaining the advice of the DPP with respect to the prosecution of Mr Hartcher for an offence of larceny in relation to his dealings with ... three bank cheques payable to the NSW Liberal Party totalling \$4000," it said.

"The Commission notes section 116 of the Crimes Act 1900, which provides that, 'Every larceny, whatever the value of the property stolen, shall be deemed

to be of the same nature, and shall be subject to the same incidents in all respects, as grand larceny was before the passing of the Act seventh and eighth George the Fourth, chapter 29'.

According to ICAC, in March 2011, Mr Hartcher received three bank cheques payable to the NSW Liberal Party totalling \$4000.

"They were received by Mr Hartcher for the benefit of the NSW Liberal Party for the March 2011 state election campaign.

"In November 2011, some eight months after the election, Mr Hartcher arranged for the cheques to be paid into the trust account of Hartcher Reid, a legal firm, and for that firm to draw a cheque for \$4000 in favour of Mickey Tech, a business owned by the partner of Mr Raymond

Carter, an electorate officer working for Mr Hartcher.

After the \$4,000 was deposited into the Mickey Tech account, it was withdrawn in cash by Mr Carter and given to Mr Hartcher.

"These steps are inconsistent with an intention on the part of Mr Hartcher to apply the \$4,000 for the benefit of the NSW Liberal Party," the ICAC report said.

Mr Hartcher's own evidence to ICAC would be inadmissible in any larceny case but the Commission's report said other evidence would be admissible, "including the evidence of Mr Carter, ... Mr Sriwattanaporn, ... Sebastian Reid, ... Marie Neader, ... Annette Poole, associated bank records, and internal documents of Hartcher Reid," the ICAC report said.

In addition to the larceny allegation, the key factual findings in the ICAC report included the use of the business of Mr Timothy Koelma (an electorate officer for Mr Hartcher), called Eightbyfive, to receive and channel political donations for the benefit of the NSW Liberal Party, Mr Hartcher, and other Central Coast Liberal candidates for the 2011 Central Coast election campaign.

The use of Eightbyfive, according to ICAC, was with the intent of evading the election funding laws.

According to the ICAC report, Mr Hartcher was involved in the establishment of Eightbyfive and took an active part in using it to channel political donations from Australian Water Holdings Pty Ltd (\$183,342.50 between April 2009 and May 2011), Gazcorp Pty Ltd (\$121,000 between May 2010 and April 2011) and Patinack Farm Pty Ltd (\$66,000 between July 2010 and March 2011) for the benefit of the 2011 campaigns of NSW Liberal Party, Mr Hartcher and other Liberal candidates and with the intention of evading the election funding laws.

Each time payments were made to Eightbyfive, ICAC found they were ostensibly for the provision of services by the business to the donors, but were, in fact, political donations.

According to ICAC, payments from each arrangement made after January 1, 2011, exceeded the applicable cap on political donations.

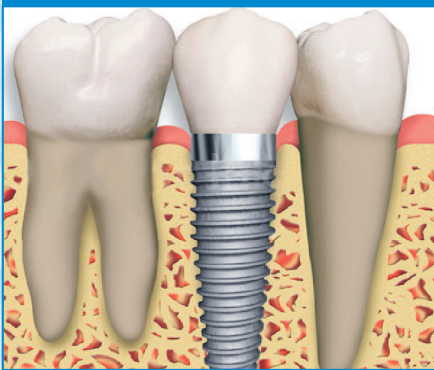
In the case of Patinack Farm, the payments to Eightbyfive were made by Patinack Farm but the arrangement was organised through Buildev, a property developer and therefore a prohibited donor.

Another of the factual findings in the ICAC report related to Mr Hartcher being involved in an arrangement in late 2010 with the Hon Michael Gallacher and Buildev director, Mr Darren Williams, whereby two political donations totalling \$53,000 were provided to the NSW Liberal Party for use in its 2011 election campaigns for the seats of Newcastle and Londonderry.

"Each of Mr Gallacher, Mr Hartcher and Mr Williams entered into this arrangement with the intention of evading the Election

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Funding Act laws..." ICAC said.

The chapter of the ICAC report dedicated to the Central Coast 2011 Liberal Party election campaign said Mr Hartcher entered the Legislative Assembly in 1988 as the member for Gosford.

"He continued as a Member of Parliament until March 2015.

"Following a re-distribution, in 2007, Mr Hartcher contested, and won, the seat of Terrigal.

"After the Coalition success in the March 2011 election, Mr Hartcher was appointed concurrently to three Ministries, Special Minister of State, Resources and Energy, and the Central Coast.

"He held these ministries until December 2013.

"By 2011, Mr Hartcher was a significant and influential member of the NSW Liberal Party.

"He had given long service and he was a key member of the leadership group within the NSW Liberal Party.

"Simon McInnes recounted a discussion when Paul Nicolaou said, 'What Hartcher wants Hartcher gets'."

Before the 2011 election, Mr Hartcher held the seat of Terrigal, and the other three seats were held by the NSW Labor Party.

"As a Shadow Minister and an experienced and successful

campaigner, Mr Hartcher was regarded as the NSW Liberal Party leader on the Central Coast.

"There is other evidence, which the Commission accepts, indicating that Mr Hartcher had a strong personal role in raising funds for the Central Coast."

In relation to his understanding of the law relating to political donations, the report said: "The Commission is satisfied that, at all relevant times, Mr Hartcher was aware of the requirements of the Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981 relating to the need for accurate disclosure of political donations, the ban on accepting political donations from property developers, and the applicable caps on political donations."

The ICAC report also said: "Following a careful consideration of Mr Hartcher's evidence, the Commission is of the view that it is unreliable.

"His evidence on various matters was inconsistent with the objective facts," ICAC said in its report and cites several examples.

Since the release of the ICAC report, Mr Hartcher has stated publicly that he intended to fight any further actions in relation to his conduct coming from its findings.

Media release, 30 Aug 2016
Nicole Thomas, Independent
Commission Against Corruption

New branding for registered club

Woy Woy Leagues Club will get a new logo as part of new branding for the Easts Group of licensed clubs.

"The new branding keeps our vision and purpose front and centre, while highlighting to our members and patrons visiting any venue belonging to the Group that we are proudly part of and dedicated to our Roosters family," said Easts Group CEO Mr Scott Bennetts.

"The rebranding represents a unified brand which reflects the ties to the Sydney Roosters, instilling in our Roosters family a deep appreciation of the continuing history our members and staff are a part of while forming a sense of belonging and pride towards our club and our team.

"There is no denying the important role clubs play in the community, bringing people together," Mr Bennetts concluded.

With a membership of over 42,000, a history spanning over 50 years and a proud sponsor of the

local community, the Easts Group claims to be a market leader within the club industry.

"The organisation began with its first site, Eastern Suburbs Leagues Club, at Bondi in 1958 and due to its success has expanded to include Waverley Bowling Club,

Berkeley Sports Club, Kingswood Sports Club, and Woy Woy Leagues Club," Mr Bennetts said.

Media release, 22 Aug 2016
Steve Brickley, Easts Group

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Students develop professional skills

A group of 21 students from Year 9 at Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus spent a day at the University of Newcastle Ourimbah Campus on August 18 to develop their long-term professional and social skills.

College careers adviser Ms Nerrida Lewis said she had successfully applied for a grant under the NSW School-to-Work Funding program to work with the students to improve their skills in preparation for the college's annual mock interviews.

"Last year I had discovered that some of the students felt like they needed better preparation for the mock interviews not in terms of things like their CV and answering questions but in terms of what to wear, grooming and body language," Ms Lewis said.

"Before the day, I asked our 14 team leaders (head teachers) to put forward the names of students they thought would benefit from the day at Ourimbah and it was basically invitation-only," she said.

"We worked through topics like interview dress sense and what it was appropriate to wear to an interview, hygiene and grooming and body language," she said.

The students learned the importance of shaking hands and more practical skills such as how to put a neck tie on and how to iron their interview outfit.

"Then we all sat down to a three-course lunch and the students learned table etiquette including what cutlery to use and when," Ms Lewis said.

"At the end of the meal, the whole cook and wait staff came out for a question and answer session to give the students an understanding of what staff were involved in the preparation and service of their meal and it was an

opportunity for them to get some careers guidance on the hospitality industry," she said.

"The day was an opportunity to get the students motivated and ready for the mock interview day later in the year.

"Some students will already have jobs by the time they get to the mock interview day but most of the application processes for casual jobs are online these days so the mock interview day is a different experience.

"Our mock interviews are with an interview panel of two or three people for 20 minutes and that requires a different set of skills," she said.

Ms Lewis said she'd considered the day at Ourimbah Campus a success.

"They students may not have even realised the skills they learned during the day and may not realise until in a few years' time when they get taken out with the team they are working with and at least then they will have some basic skills.

"It will help the students to gain confidence in a social or professional environment; they have been given some long-term life skills," she said.

**Interview, 30 Aug 2016
Nerrida Lewis, Brisbane Water Secondary College
Reporter: Jackie Pearson**

Grant for sporting uniforms

WoyWoy South Public School was recently successful with a submission for a grant for \$4000.

The grant was part of the Everglades Country Club's ClubGrants Category 2 expenditure, which saw the Everglades Country Club donate more than \$61,000 to local schools

and sporting clubs.

This grant will see the school purchase new representative sporting uniforms so it can better showcase its teams and athletes when they represent the school at sporting events.

"The uniforms are ordered and we can't wait to see our pupils in them," said principal Ms Kim

Whealey.

**Media release, 24 Aug 2016
Tanja Brad, Woy Woy South Public School**

School spelling bee

Ettalong Public School held a school spelling bee on Thursday, August 18.

Children from all classes in Years 1 to 6 competed in the spelling bee to become their class representative.

Winners from each stage will go on to represent Ettalong Public School at the next stage of the competition.

**Newsletter, 23 Aug 2016
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School**

Playgroup looks for members

Umina Kids Playgroup is looking for new members.

The group meet on Wednesdays from 10am to 12pm during school terms at the Umina Uniting Church on the corner of Neptune St and Ocean Beach Rd.

The cost is \$4 per week

per family and \$40 payable to Playgroup NSW for insurance after your first two weeks (\$20 if you have a health care or pension card).

**Newsletter, 30 Aug 2016
Paul Farrugia, Umina Beach Public School**

High distinction for Mitchell

Mitchell Tomlinson from Year 3 at Ettalong Public School has achieved a High Distinction in the 2016 ICAS University Science Test.

The ICAS University tests provide children with opportunities to compete academically against other students of the same age.

Ettalong Public School's students are highly competitive and consistently receive pleasing results in these tests.

Mitchell Tomlinson's High Distinction placed him in the top one percent of NSW in his age cohort for the test.

**Newsletter, 23 Aug 2016
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School**




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Two schools listed as overcrowded

Umina Beach and Woy Woy Public Schools have been included on a list of the Central Coast's most overcrowded public schools.

Both schools have reached full capacity, according to Shadow Minister for the Central Coast Mr David Harris.

According to documents obtained by the NSW Opposition under freedom of information, around one third of public schools on the Central Coast are above 90 per cent of capacity.

"The Baird Government is failing to provide the classrooms needed for NSW's rapidly growing population," said Mr Harris.

"Across the Central Coast, there are 16 schools sitting on 100 per cent or more, including Woy Woy Public and Umina Beach Public.

"Twenty one schools were bordering their capacity point at 90 per cent capacity or above," Mr

Harris said.

"Parents send their kids to school expecting a standard to be met and in some of these schools that's very hard to do due to overcrowding," he said.

Member for Gosford Ms Kathy Smith said: "Nearly half of the schools in the Gosford electorate are at capacity.

"This needs to be addressed urgently to make sure our children aren't left behind as our region continues to grow."

"Two of the schools that have reached full capacity are on the Peninsula.

"The population here is growing and the Baird Government is either taking services away or letting them decay.

"This is unacceptable," Ms Smith said.

**Media Release, 30 Aug 2016
Zachary Harrison, Office
of David Harris MP**



Students play at Opera House concert hall

Eleven students in Years 4 and 5 at Pretty Beach Public School participated in the NSW Department of Education's Festival of Instrumental Music at the Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House on Thursday, August 25.

The six cello and five violin students were part of the strings program run at Pretty Beach Public School.

This concert was the culmination of countless hours of rehearsing works at home and a special ensemble practice at school each week to focus on the FOIM performance.

Students were required to learn their pieces from memory as no music stands were allowed on stage at the Concert Hall.

The Mimosa Concert was the final in a series of four concerts, which aimed to highlight the musicianship and achievements of students in NSW Public Schools.

The four works played by the Pretty Beach students, as part of Combined NSW Public Schools Strings Ensemble were: Autumn, third movement from The Four Seasons by Vivaldi, Mala Rain by Wendy Ireland, Terra Nova by Richard Meyer, and Pagodas by the Heavenly Lake by Stephen Chin.

The school's strings program aims to help children develop a lifelong love of music through playing stringed instruments.

Established in 2013, the program has grown to currently having 26 students enrolled in cello or violin in 2016.

All students participate in

a weekly group or individual lesson with their tutors, as well as participating in a weekly group ensemble practice.

Sally Maer (cello) and Dan Russell (violin) are internationally accomplished musicians who reside locally and provide tuition for the program at the school one day a week.

The program is funded solely by parents of the strings students at Pretty Beach.

Earlier this year the program was fortunate to receive \$1000 of scholarship funds from the Bouddi Society.

These funds have enabled the Strings Program to offer three half-tuition scholarships for the first time.

**Media release, 30 Aug 2016
Helen Burchell, Pretty
Beach Public School**

School holds multi-cultural expo

Woy Woy Public School will hold its 13th Multicultural Expo on Wednesday, October 12, from 10am to 1pm at the Erina Centre.

The expo will provide information on rights to a fair and equitable service when asking for information or assistance from government and non-government

agencies, including using interpreters.

There will also be information about all the services providers on the Coast.

For more information, call 4334 3877 or email sgccc@nsserved.com.au

**Media Release, Aug 30, 2016
Tracy Forbes, Woy Woy
Public School**

Students excel for school

Woy Woy South Public School students have represented their school in academic pursuits, athletic skills and performing arts.

In the Australasian Writing competition, two Year 6 pupils achieved a distinction and a high distinction.

Both these students, are heading off to Gosford Selective High School next year to continue their pursuit of academic excellence.

Student athletes from Woy Woy South Public School travelled to Mingara to compete in the zone athletics carnival on Monday, August 22.

A number of students progressed to the Sydney North Carnival to be held at Homebush.

In performing arts, Woy Woy Public School ukulele players, singers and Pacific Island dancers excelled in their item at the Central Coast Showcase

**Newsletter, 30 Aug 2016
Karen Larsen, Woy Woy
South Public School**

Ex-students attend 60th anniversary

A number of ex-students attended Umina Beach Public School on August 26 for a special visit marking the school's 60th anniversary.

They were treated to an art show, a walk around the school

to note all the changes, some performances and questions from students about how the school has changed and a morning tea with current staff members.

**Newsletter, 30 Aug 2016
Paul Farrugia, Umina
Beach Public School**

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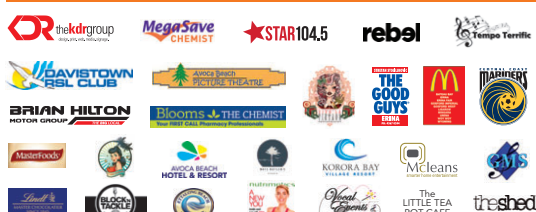
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Fashion parade success

The Bays Community Group has raised \$750 through a fashion parade held at the Bays Community Hall.

The evening was a successful,

according to The Bays Community Group president, Mr Bob Puffett. "The recent fashion parade saw some 48 residents and visitors enjoy the wonderful and creative

fashion styles of Distant Traveller," he said.

Newsletter, 1 Sep 2016
Bob Puffett, Bays Community group Inc



The Bays Community Group fashion parade was attended by 48 residents and locals

Author visits

Umina Beach Public School's Years 1, 2, 3 students and some Kindergarten classes had an entertaining visit with author, Mr Baz Parker, on August 23.

Children took the opportunity to purchase his book and he agreed

to drop in and sign more copies last week.

The school's next author lunch visit is with Ms Aleesah Darlison on September 8.

Newsletter, 30 Aug 2016
Paul Farrugia, Umina Beach Public School



Gabe Scott, Ethan Barry, Rafferty Wilkins and Daniel Fraser will represent Pretty Beach Public School at the Sydney North Athletics Carnival

School fields 40 athletes

Pretty Beach Public School was represented by 40 students at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Monday, August 22.

Following their success in Zone events, students Gabe Scott, Ethan Barry, Rafferty Wilkins and Daniel Fraser will be competing at

the Sydney North district carnival on September 12.

Gabe Scott was also presented with a special certificate at zone for breaking the record for the senior boys 800 metre run.

Newsletter, 25 Aug 2016
Jan Tochowicz, Pretty Beach Public School

Planting to celebrate tree day

Woy Woy South Public School celebrated National Tree Day on Thursday, August 25.

Students wore green to celebrate the occasion and raised money to buy vegetable and native

plants for the school gardens.

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Newsletter, 30 Aug 2016
Karen Larsen, Woy Woy South Public School

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Media release, 31 Aug 2016
Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club



Mimosa Duo

Local artist opens studio doors

A local artist will open her doors as part of a program of Open Studios in September.

Umina artist Ms Judith Hoste will be taking part in The Combined Art Societies of Sydney program.

"I hope that I have a lot of people visiting, not only other artists, but someone that might be thinking of getting into art," she said.

"I will talk about my different paintings and what my students are working on."

"I have lived in Umina Beach since 1973.

"Working from home has worked very well for me, I can work in my studio when I don't have classes, doing my own paintings or planning lessons.

Ms Hoste, who is president of the Central Coast Art Society, began her study of art in 1981 taking oils lessons in a Booker Bay studio.

After four years of study at that same studio, Ms Hoste went on to discover her love of teaching art to others when she began teaching the beginners classes.

That teaching role led Ms Hoste into her next job at the gallery in Umina CBD that Ms Hoste would come to own after a year of employment.

The gallery, Amber Arts, is still owned by Ms Hoste and her husband today.

Ms Hoste still teaches art as well from her home in Umina.



Ms Hoste classifies her style as traditional, working in fine detail or looser looks depending on the subject.

She said she worked across a variety of mediums involving different techniques throughout her career including oils, water colours, acrylics, pastels and drawings.

Ms Hoste also teaches classes in water colours for the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre and recently started teaching the

watercolour class at the Gosford Regional Gallery.

Ms Hoste will be opening her home studio on September 5, 6 and 7 from 10am to 4pm.

For more information visit The Combined Art Societies of Sydney website.

Media release, 30 Aug 2016
The Combined Art Societies of Sydney
Interview, 31 Aug 2016
Judith Hoste, Umina
Reporter: Dillon Luke

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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
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Lions Club of Woy Woy
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Wednesdays 6.30pm
Everglades Country Club
0409 245 861
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Rotary Club of Woy Woy
Tues 6pm Everglades Country Club.
Don Tee 0428 438 535

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Geoff Neilson
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Bridge
Duplicate Bridge Mon Tue Thur Fri Sat-12.15pm & Wed 9.15am
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93 McMasters Rd. Woy Woy
www.brisbane-water.bridge-club.org

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Peninsula Community Centre, McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, 7.30pm. Proceeds to Woy Woy Catholic Parish.
www.phousie@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

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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

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centralcoastveterans@bigpond.com.

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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
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RSL Club, West Gosford
4th Mon 2pm 4323 7336

Peninsula Women's Health Centre
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Annual tournament at Everglades

The Everglades Women's Bowls Club held their annual tournament on August 8 and 9 with teams coming from Marylands, Ashfield, The Entrance, Terrigal, Avoca, and Woy Woy.

First place was won by the Avoca team of Denyse Stephens, Coral Allemby, and Pat Kearston.

Second place was won by the

team from Marylands: Say Lee Jones, Jenny Clark, and Cheryl Gillard.

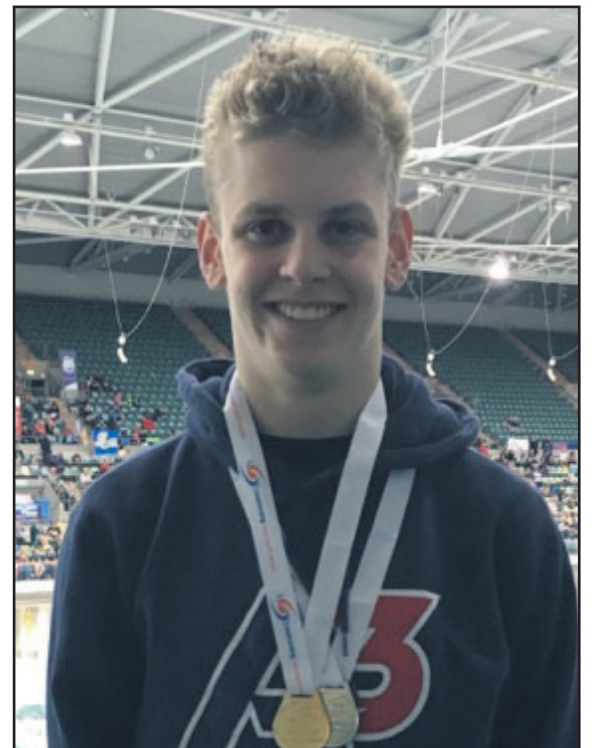
Third place was the Avoca team of Karen Croker, Margaret Smith and Judy King.

Fourth place went to the Everglades team consisting of Bev Mc Farlane, Wendy Ide and Carol Edwards.

Media release, 21 Aug 2016
Josie Goodwin, Everglades ladies Bowls Club



Lachlan Braddish sporting his two silver medals from the NSW State Swim Club Championships



Myles Bailey achieved a gold and silver medal at the NSW State Swim Club Championships

Pirates swim in great results

The Woy Woy Pirates swam in some great results at the NSW State Swim Club Championships at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre at Homebush on Saturday, August 27, according to team manager Richard Braddish.

Myles Bailey won two medals, a gold and a silver, in the 16's Freestyle and Backstroke events.

Lachlan Braddish won two silver medals in the 14's Medley and 200m Fly events.

Mimi Henderson and Kaylah Holmes also swam well, coming

close to bronze in many of their events.

Ethan Dodds and Fergus Henderson achieved top-10

Email, 29 Aug 2016
Richard Braddish, Woy Woy Swim Club



The Everglades Ladies Bowls Classic Tripes winners

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

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Taxi 131 008
Busways 4368 2277
City Rail 131 500

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

The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Thursday, Sep 8

Being A Dad workshop at Peninsula Community Centre from 6:30pm to 9:30pm with subsequent workshops on September 15 and 22

Saturday, Sep 10

Trivia night in support of Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy, at Patonga Beach Hotel from 7pm
The Country Womens Umina Branch is having a Garage Sale at 2 Sydney Ave Umina Beach from 7:30am to 12pm
Son Of A Gun, a night with Lucky Starr and Craig Morrison, Wagstaffe Hall from 6:30pm

Sunday, Sep 11

Registration day at Killcare Surf Life Saving Club from 10am to noon

Wednesday, Sep 14

Junior Book Club, Book Bazaar Umina, 327 West Street, 4pm

Thursday, Sep 15

Melina Marchetta Author Talk sponsored by Book Bazaar Umina, Kincumber Library, 6pm

Saturday, Sep 17

Col Elliott farewell tour, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club from 7:30pm
Johnny Devilseed and Old Man Rubes at Club Umina from 7pm
Col Elliott at Ettalong Diggers from 7:30pm

Sunday, Sep 18

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

Friday, Sep 23

Nia (dance and movement) Spring Retreat, Wagstaffe Community Hall and surrounds until Sep 25

Saturday, Sep 24

Food & Wine Fare at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall from 10am to 5pm
The Bays Bushcare Group, meeting point at the very western end of Taylor St, from 9am, also Oct 22 and Nov 26

Sunday, Sep 25

Bays community breakfast, The Bays Community Hall from 8:30am to 10:30am

Friday, Sep 30

Troy Kemp is playing at Ettalong Diggers from 8pm

Saturday, Oct 1

Showoffs Art Exhibition at Pearl Beach Memorial Hall from 10am to 4pm, runs until Monday Oct 3

Arts Alive's Exhibition will be showing at Umina Beach CWA Hall, until Oct 2

Sunday, Oct 2

Jazz at the Pearl Beach Arboretum, featuring the Hetty Kate Quintet, from 2pm

Saturday, Oct 8

Jimmy Barnes official book signing, Book Bazaar Umina, 327 West St, 10am

Sunday, Oct 9

Woytopia sustainable living Festival, Woy Woy South Public School, 9am to 3pm

Sunday, Oct 16

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

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

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and Brett Bowring from
Ettalong at Terrigal on

August 20.

It was a cliff-hanger with
the scores locked together
at 15, 18, 22, 28 and 29 all.

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Media release, 23 Aug 2016
Kevin Dring, Bowls
Central Coast

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- William McCorriston**
of Complete Bathroom
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- First Premier Electrical
Service** of Umina Beach
- High Thai-d** Restaurant of
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Chicken** of Ettalong Beach
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Wombats want members

The Woy Woy Wombats
water polo team
is looking for new
members.

Registration online starts
on September 10.

Registration day will be
held on Saturday, September
17, from 9am to 12pm at the
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Media Release, Aug 30, 2016
Tracy Forbes, Woy
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Sport



Woy Woy netballers to compete in Fiji

A team from the Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association will compete at the Intersport Global Grasshoppers International Netball Festival held at the Suva Sports Complex, Fiji, in December.

Association President, Ms Lisa Coakley, said the U16s team was invited to the festival and that the girls were ecstatic to be representing the Association and the Peninsula at an international event.

"The girls are extremely excited about playing abroad as they have only ever represented our Association at the State level.

"It'll be a fantastic opportunity for them to play against teams from New Zealand and Fiji and experience the talent and next level of netball at an international event," Ms Coakley said.

Ms Coakley said the Association was incredibly proud of its girls and said she hoped the most rewarding part of the trip would be the new international friendships formed

and the opportunity to represent the Association in one of its charitable endeavours.

"After talking to the girls in the team, who are such a great bunch of kids, the most rewarding part of this trip will be our visit to the orphanage to give our preloved netball items and also have a day with them to teach them some basic netball skills.

"This part of the trip that will teach the girls so much and I believe open their eyes up to how fortunate they really are," Ms Coakley added.

According to Ms Coakley, the Association had been musing over what to do with their dated equipment and preloved items for some time and the trip to Fiji represented an opportunity for the Association to make an impact on a less fortunate community.

"We had so much equipment that was still usable but not up to the current standards of play and we thought passing these items and the great sport of netball on would be a really worthwhile thing.

The Association even put the call out to sister netball organisations in Wyong and Gosford to gather as many items as possible.

Uniforms, shoes, balls and other equipment make up the bulk of the items being collected and donated to the orphanage and other Fijian communities.

Ms Coakley said the Association was also considering putting on a fundraiser as they were eager to find sponsorship to help cover the trips expenses.

"We are hoping to obtain some local companies to come on board to sponsor the side to help us along as the trip is quite expensive," Ms Coakley said.

Ms Coakley also said that the Association would be happy to include the name of any sponsors on its uniforms and share and promote any sponsors businesses or organisations through the Association's website and members' social media.

When the girls aren't hitting the courts or visiting local communities they will be experiencing some of Fiji's highlights including, mud baths, island cruises, Sigatoka visit, a Kava ceremony and a trip to the hot springs.

The girls jetting off in December include: Meggen Noakes, Jose Burraston, Lauren Jackson, Taylor Mundy, Cali Backhouse, Isabella de Vivo, Chelsea White, Hailey Raroa and Lucy Starkey.

Email, 31 Aug 2016
Lisa Coakley, Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association
Interview, 1 Sep 2016
Lisa Coakley, Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association
Reporter: Dilon Luke

Woy Woy goes through to rugby union grand final

Woy Woy defeated Ourimbah in the Central Coast Rugby Union's Premier 2 major semi final on Saturday, August 27.

Woy Woy were victorious by 13 points to 9 in the match, played at the new Woy Woy Oval.

The match was locked up at six points apiece at halftime, and it was the only try of the match, in the second half, that saw Woy Woy home.

Flanker Damien Fleming capped off a great game when he

scored the try after a strong run to the line.

Both teams put on a display of structured rugby where defence proved to be the key to the match.

The Woy Woy team will go straight through to the Grand Final in two weeks while Ourimbah will meet Avoca Beach in the Preliminary Final to determine who challenges Woy Woy for the 2016 title.

Media release, 28 Aug 2016
Larry Thomson, Central Coast Rugby Union

Summer touch football starts

Peninsula Association's summer touch football competition for men, women and children starts on October 5.

Association president Mr Rod Dillon said: "Touch is a great sport for people of all ages."

"It's fun, a great way to keep fit and being on a Wednesday it's a fantastic way to break up the work or school week during summer.

"We have women's, mixed and men's competitions from first through to fifth division, so there's a competition level for everyone,"

Mr Dillon added.

Mr Dillon said the association was also looking for referees to help out.

"If you are a current touch or rugby league referee, or would like to get into refereeing, you will be gratefully welcomed," Mr Dillon said.

Peninsula Touch holds competition games on Wednesday nights at McEvoy Oval with matches starting at 6:15pm.

Media release, 24 Aug 2016.
Matt Sawyer, Peninsula Touch Association

Floorball at leisure centre

Peninsula Leisure Centre is starting a floorball competition.

Floorball is played all year round during school terms.

The first two weeks are treated as a free trial and everyone is welcome to take part.

All equipment is supplied. Participants are required to wear joggers and bring water.

Juniors aged 5 to 10 years play on Tuesdays from 4:30pm to 6pm.

Intermediates aged 10 to 13 years play on Tuesdays from 5:20pm to 6:40pm.

Youth, 13 years and up, play on Tuesdays from 6:20pm to 7:25pm.

Adult competitions run from 7:30pm until 8:30pm.

Adult Social Newcomers play on Thursdays from 6:30pm until 8pm.

Newsletter, 25 Aug 2016
Jan Tochowicz, Pretty Beach Public School

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Lions players look forward to their grand final after securing the win against Ourimbah



The Woy Woy Lions reserve grade team celebrate their win against Ourimbah to make it through to the 2016 grand final

Photos: Nick Friend

Lions Reserves make grand final

Woy Woy Lions Reserve grade side, by virtue of a gritty win over minor premiers Ourimbah, has made the grand final for the first time in over 20 years.

This is a great result for coach, John Stokie, and his many former juniors who returned to the club this year.

In 2015 the club struggled to field a competitive reserve grade team.

By contrast, the 2016 team has been the most successful and the most disciplined.

Most players are very young and if John can keep them together many will challenge for first grade spots in 2017.

The Firsts again had a good season, making the final four for

the third consecutive time, though unable to match their efforts in the previous two years, when they were premiers in 2014 and runners-up in 2015.

The team was disappointed to lose a very close semi-final, particularly as they were the only side to beat Terrigal during the year.

The Thirds, runners-up last year, made the semi-finals again, completing the most successful effort across all grade since the 1990s.

Club president Brian Macauley spoke glowingly of the club's efforts: "Our recent aim has been to build competitive teams in all grades.

"Over the past three seasons we have achieved exactly that," he

said.

"Don't forget we did not win a game in any grade in 2013.

"It is a credit to all concerned, players, coaches and volunteers, that we have turned things around so quickly.

"There is real harmony within the club, both at senior and junior level.

"We are a club attracting players as well as producing them.

"Our juniors are among the strongest in the competition.

"We are very also pleased to be playing at the best venue in the Central Coast and already planning for 2017.

"I have every reason to believe our success will continue to grow."

Email, 1 Sep 2016

Peter Fenton, Woy Woy Lions RUC



Damien Fleming scoring the match-winning try for the Lions

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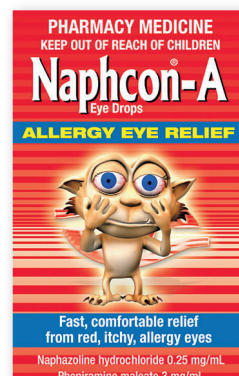
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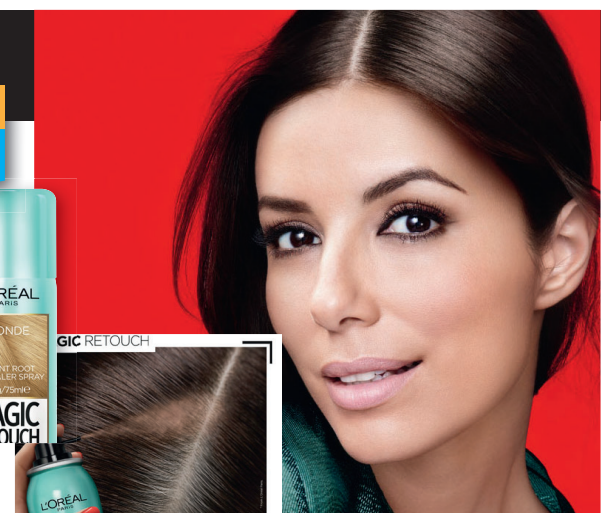
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