



The Westpac branch in West St, Umina, and (inset) the notice in the window announcing the closure

Another major bank withdraws from Umina

Another of the big four banks in Umina will close its branch before Christmas this year, leaving just one major bank branch in Umina.

The Umina Westpac Bank Branch will close its doors on December 9, due to steadily declining numbers in over-the-counter transactions.

"Fewer customers are visiting our branches these days, as more and more people choose to use digital banking channels like mobile banking, internet banking and smart ATMs," said Westpac Group spokesperson Ms Lucy Wilson.

"With over-the-counter transactions accounting for less than five per cent of total transactions, we are closing the Umina branch and merging it with another Westpac branch at Woy Woy," the spokesperson said.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said the decision was corporate greed by one of the big four banks.

"I am sick and tired of the big banks' attitude to local retail centres and this decision by

Westpac reinforces my view that the big banks are out of touch with local communities," Mr Wales said.

"The Westpac regional manager Mr Adam Wilson has confirmed that the Umina branch will close in December, with all Peninsula banking operations being shifted to the Woy Woy branch in Blackwall Rd.

"Unfortunately, I find it increasingly typical of the big banks that they seem to know best when it comes to customer service in main street shopping strips," he said.

According to Mr Wales, Westpac made the decision to close their Umina branch following a review that found the branch lacked sufficient customer support to justify keeping a shop front presence.

"It is my view that once again the big banks are putting profits ahead of local services as a way of adding to the billions of dollars they already rake in from customers.

"That's all very good if you are a Westpac shareholder but the closure will leave Umina with one less bank, a vacant shop and the loss of a dozen jobs in the main

street.

"The departure of Westpac will leave Umina with only the Commonwealth Bank and we now have grave concerns as to its future in the main street," Mr Wales said.

Mr Wales also said this was not the first time Westpac had let down customers in Umina, having closed the Umina St George Bank branch when they took over the company in 2008.

"When Westpac took over St George, it subsequently closed the Umina branch, stripping the main street of front line banking services and forcing St George customers to go to Woy Woy to do their banking.

"Westpac assured the local business community that they would maintain a presence in Umina.

"Now years later they are pulling the same stunt and forcing Umina customers to travel into Woy Woy to do their banking again."

Ms Wilson said that Westpac's decision to close the branch was not made lightly.

"The Westpac ATM at Umina will remain in place.

"In the meantime, we encourage customers to visit the branch to get a free demonstration from staff on how to use online banking and the ATM if they wish.

"Customers can also still access free face-to-face banking services at the Umina Australia Post office including the depositing of cash or cheques, cash withdrawals and balance enquiries."

Mr Wales said: "It is the height of arrogance to suggest that an automatic teller machine is sufficient for local customers in what has become one of the busiest main street retail centres on the Central Coast.

"I can only hope that Westpac customers will shift their accounts to the Commonwealth Bank and keep local dollars in Umina," Mr Wales concluded.

Westpac did not state whether or not Umina branch staff members would be redeployed or made redundant.

Ettalong resident Mr David White, who has been banking with Westpac Umina for over 20 years, said the implications the branch closure would have on the Peninsula's aged population were

huge.

"It's very inconvenient for me as a vehicle owner to have to make the drive to Woy Woy and deal with the traffic in the area just to do my banking," Mr White said.

"So how inconvenient will it be for pensioners who rely on public transport to get around or who can't use technology to do their banking?"

"I use a passbook.

"I don't own a credit card so I'm reliant on over-the-counter transactions to do my banking.

"How many other people on the Peninsula are in this situation too?"

"It seems like Westpac just doesn't care about its Umina customers.

"The Umina Branch staff are very friendly and nice but the closure seems to be more about lining Westpac's profits then customer service," Mr White said.

**Media release, 19 Nov 2016
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Interview and documents,
21 Nov 2016**

**David White, Ettalong
Interview, 21 Nov 2016**

**Lucy Wilson, Westpac Group
Reporter: Dillon Luke**

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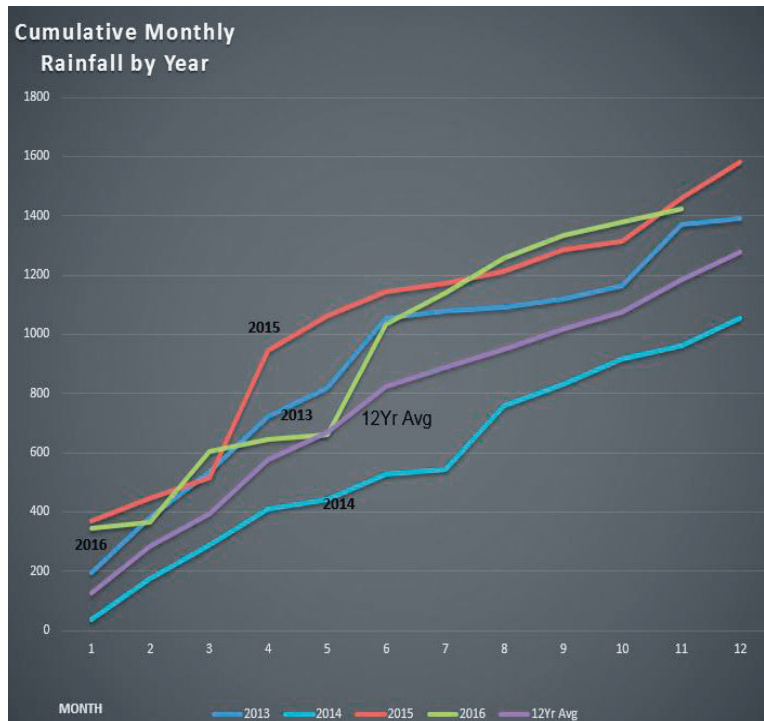
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Peninsula records 3.1mm rain in two weeks



Only 3.1mm of rain has fallen on the Peninsula in the last fortnight, according to figures provided by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

The rain which was recorded in the 24 hours to 9am on Thursday, November 24, was the first fall since November 11.

The total for the month now stands 46.5mm, which is 62.5mm or 57.3 per cent below the monthly average of 109mm.

No significant rain has been forecast for the rest of the month.

The cumulative total for the year stands at 1424.8mm, which is 20.2 per cent above the average cumulative figure for the end of November of 1185mm.

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Spreadsheet, 25 Nov 2016
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

The Central Coast has its very own themed, interactive Christmas Lights Display in the Mount Penang Gardens and it is getting bigger and better every year.

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of the five family passes, write your name, address and daytime phone number on the back of an envelope and mail it to Peninsula News Christmas Lights in the Gardens Competition, PO Box 1056, Gosford, NSW, 2250.

Entries close 5pm December 6.

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Opposition calls for clarity on underpass future

The NSW Opposition is calling on the Government to clarify what the future is for the Woy Woy rail underpass project.

In late October, the Baird Government scuttled the Woy Woy rail underpass project, due to cost blowouts.

The decision came after stage one of the project, a pedestrian underpass under the Rawson Rd level crossing, was finished at a cost of \$16 million.

NSW Roads Minister Mr Duncan Gay was criticised by the Labor Opposition in the NSW Legislative Council after he scuttled the project without any detailed explanation of why or what the government now intends to do in the area.

Shadow Minister for the Central Coast, Mr David Harris, and Shadow Minister for Transport, Ms Jodi McKay visited the level crossing on Tuesday, November 22.

They condemned the Government's poor decision-making and for abandoning the project.

They also demanded the



NSW Shadow Minister for the Central Coast Mr David Harris with Shadow Minister for Transport Ms Jodi McKay at the Rawson Rd level crossing

Photo: Noel Fisher

Minister come clean about why the project's cost had increased so significantly, and when the decision had been made to abandon the

work.

"The Peninsula is too often put in the too hard basket of infrastructure projects," said Mr

Harris.

"This is a Government that is spending billions on infrastructure in Sydney," he said.

"Despite massive blowouts in cost, these projects continue, so why should the Peninsula be treated any differently?"

"We simply can't abandon fixing this problem, and we want to work with the Government to address the issue.

"All they have done is scuttle the project and walk away."

Ms McKay called the current state of play "a complete debacle".

"It shows the Government cares little for fixing problems outside Sydney.

"Tens of millions of tax payer dollars have been wasted and now the Government simply walks away without any explanation of how this happened and what it now intends to do about the situation," Ms McKay said.

"The decision to walk away from this project shows the complete disregard the Government has for the Coast.

"This is mismanagement of the highest order."

Media release, 22 Nov 2016

David Harris, Shadow Minister for the Central Coast

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Wet weather speed limit for Woy Woy Rd

Roads and Maritime Services has advised motorists that a reduced wet weather speed limit will come into effect from Tuesday, December 6, on a section of Woy Woy Rd between Kariong and Woy Woy Bay.

After a recent speed safety review, a dual speed limit of 60 km/h during wet weather and 80 km/h at other times will be installed on a 3.3 kilometre section of Woy Woy Rd between the Scout Camp fire trail and 1.19 kilometres north of Woy Woy Bay Rd to reduce

the number and severity of wet weather crashes.

In the five years to December last year, there were 69 crashes along this section of Woy Woy Rd, including one fatal crash and 38 injury crashes, according to the government agency.

Almost 80 per cent of crashes along this section of the road involved a wet road surface.

Electronic message signs will be in place on Woy Woy Rd to advise motorists of the changes and will remain for at least a week after the new speed limit signs

have been installed.

The review assessed a number of factors along the road including the road geometry, traffic characteristics and crash data.

Motorists are reminded to observe the new speed limit and are advised to drive to conditions.

Members of the community can sign up at the Safer Roads NSW website to receive updates about changes to permanent speed limits in their nominated area and have their say on speed limits.

Media Release, 18 Nov 2016
Media unit, NSW Roads and Maritime Services



Woy Woy hotel extensions

Historic water tanks discovered at hotel site

A Woy Woy supermarket has confirmed that it will close next month.

However, Melbourne-based Ritchies Supa IGA have not disclosed their reasons for closing the store.

Store employees confirmed they have been told the Deepwater Plaza supermarket will close on December 11.

They could not confirm how many employees would lose their positions when the supermarket closed and were not authorised to answer any more questions.

IGA took over the retail space when it was vacated by Franklins.

Ritchies head office informed Peninsula News that the company's chief executive officer, Mr Fred Harrison, was its only authorised

media spokesperson and was not available for comment.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said the closure announcement was "deeply concerning" for the Woy Woy town centre.

"We obviously do not believe reduced supermarket competition is good for Woy Woy," Mr Wales said.

"The loss of such a major tenant will also be a big issue for Deepwater Plaza as there are not a lot of major players in that market sector who could fill such a big retail space," he said.

"I would like to know Ritchies' reasons for closing the store but I would imagine it has something to do with stiff competition from both

Woolworths and Coles."

Mr Wales said he believed parking and congested access around Deepwater Plaza may have also contributed to Ritchies re-examining their commitment to Woy Woy.

"This once again reinforces the need for a review of the Woy Woy Town Centre in conjunction with the Central Coast Council," he said.

The revitalised Umina Town Centre, which now has Coles, Woolworths and Aldi stores, may also be a factor in the demise of the Ritchies supermarket in Woy Woy, according to Mr Wales.

Interview, 23 Nov 2016
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

Extensions to a Woy Woy hotel have been delayed as major obstacles were discovered during the groundwork stage.

Work on the Bayview Hotel were slowed when workers encountered historic underground water tanks.

"We discovered some pretty crazy underground water tanks that were apparently used for the steam trains," said Mr Jordan Harris, group general manager at Harris and Narvo Hotels.

"The footings were filling up as the tides came in and out," he said.

Mr Harris said he expected the new bar and beer garden would be opened in December, with work on the rooftop and internal refurbishments to be completed early in the New Year.

Mr Harris said: "We are hoping to attract a completely new range of customers while still keeping our old regulars content."

"We have had the pub for over a decade now," he said.

Interview, 14 Nov 2016
Jordan Harris, Harris and Narvo Hotels
Reporter: Jasmine Gearie

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Wicks speaks of need for mobile coverage

Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks has spoken in Federal Parliament about the need for better mobile phone coverage in the area.

Ms Wicks said improving mobile coverage in the Federal electorate of Robertson was a vital issue.

"In the months leading up to the recent federal election, I heard from hundreds of local residents from our region who told me why a lack of mobile coverage in certain areas is such a critical issue," Ms Wicks said.

"Together, we have been working and fighting hard to see this issue addressed through our \$220 million Mobile Black Spot Program," she said.

During the July Federal election campaign, the Government made a commitment to improve coverage in Killcare among other locations.

Ms Wicks said the community had "struggled for many years with poor or, in some cases, non-existent mobile coverage.

"For communities like Killcare, their limited mobile coverage means that down on the beach and at the Killcare Surf Life Saving Club, for instance, there is little to no mobile coverage.

"That is something that club



Federal Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks (standing) with community members at the Killcare forum

representatives and volunteer lifesavers have indicated to me and expressed their concern about.

"I visited them on the weekend [Saturday, November 19] for a community forum and spoke with a number of residents about their challenges and frustrations.

"Community feedback is important to delivering the best possible outcome, including for instance locations where the mobile tower could possibly be replaced and where some of the worst blackspots are.

"Sam from Fraser Rd in Killcare

told me that his home does not have mobile coverage and that, as a small-business owner, he has to rely entirely on his landline.

"Colin, who lives on the same street, has a similar story.

"Nearby neighbours Jean and Peter have no mobile coverage in their home.

"After the severe storms in April last year, their family were left with no power or phone connection for at least four weeks.

"Cut off from mobile networks, it was nearly impossible to contact family, friends, insurance

companies and contractors for repairs.

"Not only is this a safety issue, of course, but it prevents families from keeping up-to-date with smartphone technology and innovative technologies.

"Michael, a resident of a nearby street in Killcare... is unable to access mobile coverage from his house.

"He also wanted to register his frustration at our community forum.

"Frances, Quentin and Caroline all shared very similar issues, telling me that in some parts of

Patricia Place at Killcare coverage is so poor that not even emergency SOS calls can be made and this to an area that would be considered to be fairly urban on the Central Coast.

"Thanks to the advocacy of the Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association, we know that this is a long-running experience that has, in some ways, united the community in their frustration.

"Ian Bull, the secretary of the association, has been in regular contact with me on this issue.

"This week, I was able to share these stories and many more with the Minister for Regional Communications to highlight the urgency of this situation and to ensure that we deliver the best possible outcome for these communities as soon as possible.

"We know that this is going to take a little bit of time because mobile network operators are an integral part of the process to ensure that the best solutions are found for this region but this government has heard this message.

"We will work to deliver on our commitment to the residents of Killcare."

Submission, 22 Nov 2016
Tim Sowden, Office of Lucy Wicks



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Inquiry into fishing industry welcomed

Broken Bay and Brisbane Water commercial fisherman and other members of the public have until December 9 to make submissions to a new inquiry into the NSW Government's proposed fishing industry restructure.

NSW Shadow Minister for Primary Industries, Mr Mick Veitch, said he welcomed the announcement of the inquiry.

Two public hearings will be held on December 12 and 14.

The committee will table an interim or final report by February 28.

The inquiry's terms of reference include the social and economic impacts of the restructure, the scientific underpinnings of the changes, as well as the economic modelling used by the Government.

The inquiry announcement came in the same week that Labor MPs received a petition of more than 10,000 signatures calling on the NSW Government to rethink its restructure of the State's

commercial fishing sector.

The petition will be debated in Parliament early next year.

"I have been calling for an inquiry for months now and I welcome the opportunity for the community to make submissions and have their say on the future of this important industry," Mr Veitch said.

"This is a good chance for fishers and other concerned stakeholders to highlight what they see as the problems of the restructure," he said.

"The committee will investigate the rollout of the restructure, the assumptions and modelling used, as well as the social and economic impacts of the restructure."

The NSW Opposition is also calling on the Government to respect parliamentary processes and extend the December 3 deadline by which fishers are required to hand over unused shares as part of the proposed restructure.

**Media release, 18 Nov 2016
Mick Veitch, Shadow Minister for Primary Industries**

Peninsula left exposed to bushfires, union claims

The Peninsula will be left exposed to bushfires at the peak of summer due to the loss of the National Parks regional manager for the Hunter Central Coast, Mr Geoff Luscombe, according to the Public Service Association.

His departure, scheduled for December 16 unless he decides to leave earlier, is due to a restructure of National Park operations by the Office of Environment and Heritage.

The number of National Park regions across NSW was reduced from 14 down to eight.

All Regional Managers, critical in fire management and hazard-reduction burns, were required

to apply for their positions in the shake-up.

A large number were unsuccessful which will see up to 300 years of expertise walk out of NSW National Parks by Christmas, according to the association's general secretary, Mr Stewart Little.

Mr Luscombe was one of those casualties.

"This decision to remove dedicated, highly experienced staff from the organisation without transition arrangements in place at the start of the fire season is nothing short of grossly irresponsible," said Mr Little.

"The Government's assault on this workforce is nothing less than a direct attack on public safety with bush firefighting plans either never

being approved or hastily signed off with insufficient care due to staff shortages.

"National Parks' staff are front-line fire fighters all over the state protecting lives, private property, forestry, homes, pastures - the lot.

"They stand shoulder to shoulder with Fire and Rescue and the Rural Fire Service.

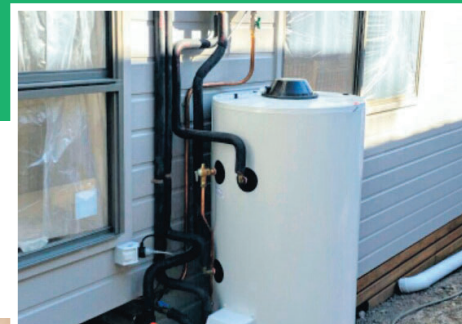
"As well as fire-fighting skills, the departing managers take with them a wealth of knowledge regarding the operations of the State's national parks.

"These skills are learned on the ground, not in a classroom, so it will take years to replace the knowledge we are about to lose," said Mr Little.

**Media release, 21 Nov 2016
Ali Donaldson, Public Service Association**



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“Unfortunately, the truth is that this litany of broken promises by the member for Robertson is not a surprise; it is a signature of the Abbott-Turnbull government.”

Senator Deborah O'Neill
Senate Hansard, 9 November 2016

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Revitalise Gosford CBD

To the utter dismay of residents, Ms Wicks put the ATO on prime public land on the waterfront and not in the CBD where it is needed.

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F3-M2 Link

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Promise to help businesses employ

Unemployment on the Coast is 5.9% and youth unemployment has rocketed to 15.8%. Another Liberal lie.

Only Labor will fight for the Central Coast.

Community housing provider starts affordable studio apartments project

The construction in Woy Woy of modern and affordable studio apartments owned by a community housing provider is well under way.

Pacific Link Housing chief executive officer Mr Keith Gavin said the Chambers Place boarding house would provide affordable housing options for Coast residents at risk of homelessness due to the NSW rental market blowout.

The development, also known as the Woy Woy Studio Apartment project, aims to provide modern and affordable studio apartments for low income earners, the disabled and the elderly, he said.

Mr Gavin said the project was a landmark initiative for the Coast with the whole design tailored to meeting the need for smaller more affordable housing on the Peninsula.

"In the past, housing supply has consistently been shaped by the Australian dream of owning or living in a family home but this is no longer appropriate at a time when the growth of single person households outstrips all others in the general population, and unit living is preferred by many.

"The Woy Woy Studio Apartments project addresses these new realities: that more and more people are in real housing stress; that single people need housing for single people, not family homes; and that there's a very urgent need for new housing options to meet the needs of ordinary people now in danger of displacement," Mr Gavin said.

The development was originally approved for construction by Gosford Council in 2011 and hailed as a "game changer" for the precinct.

One of the people behind the original application, Mr Phil Nossiter, said at the time that the development would help to revive Woy Woy.

"The intention is to offer a nice place to live within the CBD," Mr Nossiter said.

The original development proposed a cafe on the ground floor but this has been altered to commercial space.

The property was purchased



The Woy Woy Studio Apartments project is expected to be completed by April

by Pacific Link in 2013-14 with the development approval in place.

Council has passed a number of Section 96 applications to amend the original approval to comply with the State Government's affordable housing planning policy and to provide 10 units approved for disabled living.

Pacific Link received State Government funding for the social housing element of the project.

Mr Gavin said: "Not only singles, but whole groups of people are now suffering rental stress across the Central Coast where rental rises have effectively reduced the availability of affordable properties to near zero for people on low to moderate incomes.

"Single people on benefits including the disabled and, sadly, a growing number of aged pensioners, are now amongst those most at risk.

"So are large groups of working people on low incomes, including minimum wage earner workers in child and aged-care, retail workers,

hospitality workers and people who have only part time work.

"With waiting times for all forms of social housing on the Central Coast now out beyond 10 years, many people, and single people in particular, may never have a home.

"The Woy Woy Studio Apartments project addresses these needs and for the first time in our region, redefines the way affordable housing is delivered," Mr Gavin continued.

The development will provide 30 modern, fully self-contained studio apartments to community members in need of affordable housing and will also contain an additional manager's apartment, office, common areas, a retail or commercial space on the ground level, a landscaped second-floor terrace and off-street parking for 10 vehicles.

Of the apartments, 10 have been designed for use as disability housing.

According to Mr Gavin, Pacific Link will also continue to manage

the apartments along with Evolve Housing and a network of service partners to provide additional medical, social and disability support to tenants if and when required.

Mr Gavin also said the on-going management of the project would include a live-in manager on site and a policy of zero tolerance towards any form of anti-social or illegal behaviour with swift evictions and police intervention, if required.

Potential tenants are expected to include working people and people on benefits including minimum or low wage workers, part time workers, aged pensioners, people with disabilities and others of good character in need of assisted housing.

Mr Gavin said as the project was designed to provide high quality, affordable, long term housing no short term stays would be permitted on the site, with all leases being long leases with applicants needing to provide evidence of good character before being considered for tenancy.

Mr Gavin said the term "boarding house" was outdated and that the negative connotations associated with the term did not reflect the quality or community benefit of this project.

"While the development is approved under a planning legislation that continues to use the term boarding house, this development is in fact a brand new studio apartment project of the same quality as any commercial project.

"The term boarding house continues to remain in legislative use only because it hasn't been replaced in an Act first framed many years ago and subsequently amended many times.

"Even the State Government has moved away from the inherent negative connotations contained in this descriptor by adding the words 'new generation' to make 'new generation boarding houses.'

"The continued use of the term is unfortunate in that it fails to recognise the very real improvements in housing design and management that now define the modern era, or the stable and

responsible management provided by community housing providers like Pacific Link and Evolve Housing.

"It goes beyond the highest standards of commercial residential developments by including 10 disability suites, seven days a week, 24 hours a day live-in management, and providing for the long-term support of all tenants by both joint venture partners.

"This is a modern, progressive, and important project that redefines standards of quality around the design, construction and long-term management of affordable housing for the future," Mr Gavin said.

The building will stand three storeys high with Roads and Maritime Services assessments indicating that the development would not have any significant impact on traffic management in the area with most movement to and from the site predicted to be pedestrian traffic.

"The project has received the positive support of all levels of government and is recognised as a leadership model for the future provision of affordable housing working to address the needs of those in rental stress in urban centres.

"It's a very important project that recognises the rapid growth of single person households and the need to provide appropriate and affordable housing for this group.

"In doing so, it brings the provision of affordable housing into line with existing trends in private sector supply.

"It also illustrates the essential role now played by regional not-for-profits in the long-term provision and ongoing management of future community housing projects for the greater public good," Mr Gavin added.

Construction at the site has begun with the building's concrete structure fixed and awaiting architectural development.

The development is being constructed by local builders and contractors and is expected to be completed by mid-2017.

Media statement and Interview, 21 Nov 2016
Keith Gavin, Pacific Link
Housing Gosford
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Rotary projects benefit from tree sales

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and other Rotary projects will be the recipients of funds raised from Christmas tree sales this year.

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy will be selling Christmas trees at the Woy Woy railway car park.

The sales will take place on the weekends of Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4, and 10 and 11.

Trees will be on sale each day from 7am until sold out.

Media release, 24 Nov 2016

Joan Redmond, Woy Woy Rotary Club



Remembrance Day ceremony at the Empire Bay Village Cenotaph

Construction certificate issued

A construction certificate has been lodged with Central Coast Council enabling the commencement of work on a residential flat building in Blackwall.

The construction certificate for the three-unit development in Gallipoli Ave was lodged on November 17.

The estimated cost of the project is \$483,000.

The development was approved by Central Coast Council in June.

The building will include three residential units, two single storey and one two storey, with lock up garages and courtyards.

One unit will have three bedrooms and the other two will have two bedrooms.

Website, 24 Nov 2016

Central Coast Council DA tracker, DA49360/2016

Inaugural Remembrance Day ceremony

An inaugural Remembrance Day Ceremony was held at the Empire Bay Village Cenotaph on November 11.

In attendance were Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch and Mr Craig Hillman, representing Federal Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks,.

The Ode to the Fallen was recited by students from Empire Bay Public School and the flag ceremony was conducted by students from Coast Christian School.

One minute's silence was observed at 11am and wreathes were laid to remember those Australians who never returned

from conflicts since the First World War.

The ceremony was conducted by Lt Col Ralph Johnson of the Salvation Army and the master of ceremonies was Mr Tony Thorrrington.

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Geoff Melville, Empire Bay Progress Association

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Regional planning panel to assess village extension

The Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel will be charged with assessing a development application for a new \$24.5 million 120-bed residential aged care facility in Umina.

The development application for the three-storey building was lodged with Central Coast Council in October by Peninsula Village Ltd to be located at 85 Pozieres Ave, Umina.

The gross floor area of the new building will be 7500 square metres and will take the form of an extension to the existing Peninsula Village aged care facility.

The original development consent for an aged care facility in Pozieres Ave was granted in the 1970s according to a statement of environmental effects submitted with the application.

Consent was given for subsequent alterations and additions in 2008, 2012 and 2013.

In May 2014, Peninsula Village Ltd provided Gosford Council with a Village Master Plan consisting of a new high care facility, a hospice, medical centre, self-care apartments, child care and villas.

At that time, Council raised issues about the proposal's non-compliance with floor space ratio and height, which "substantially exceeded" the requirements of the Gosford Local Environmental Plan 2014, according to the statement of environmental effects.

In August 2015, a pre-lodgement meeting was

held to discuss a two-staged development within the Peninsula Village precinct.

Recent acquisitions of lots adjoining the existing Village has meant the site has formed a residential aged care facility precinct that is roughly the size of a suburban block.

"In this case the site is bordered by Lone Pine Ave to the north, Bapaume Ave to the west and an unnamed lane to the south."

According to the statement: "The overall view of Council expressed at this initial meeting was extremely positive... acknowledging the social and economic benefits the proposed development would bring to the Local Government Area and indicating that the proposal would provide a much better design outcome for the site".

Accordingly, a pre-lodgement meeting was held in March and a scaled-back proposal for a three-storey building attached to the Don Leggett building via a suspended walkway was discussed.

"The succession of pre-DA meeting demonstrates the willingness of Peninsula Village and the relevant consultants to co-operate with Council to provide a proposal that could be assessed under the relevant planning controls to assist in streamlining the assessment process.

"Peninsula Village currently provides residential care with 347 bedrooms throughout the site.

"The proposed building offers three distinct levels of service including aged care, palliative care and self-care and also provides care for people with dementia.

"Peninsula Village has 283 fully accredited aged care beds covered by Commonwealth funding plus 31 beds allocated for future development."

According to the statement, the three-storey residential aged care facility would provide a ground floor with a new dementia unit and an additional 39 single bedrooms with en suites, living and dining areas, kitchen, service rooms,



An artist's impression of the new Peninsula Village residential aged care development



Aerial view of the Peninsula Village residential aged care precinct and surrounds

main entry and administration. The first floor would include 42 bedrooms with en suites to cater for aging in place care and a server, dining, sitting areas with adjoining balconies, reception, kitchen service and therapy rooms.

The second floor would include 39 aging in place bedrooms to provide a service that is focused

on residents' care requirements, similar to the first floor but with a hydro bath, physiotherapy room and hairdressing room.

"The additional accommodation will allow the facility to manage the growing demand of dementia care in specialised units.

"Peninsula Village obtained approval from the Commonwealth Government for an additional

31 beds in 2013 and with the reallocation of Jack Aldous house will have enough approved and funded beds as approved by the Commonwealth.

"All beds will be aging in place which enables the facility to provide all levels of care.

"The proposal would allow the extension of a seniors living accommodation that is in high demand due to the ageing demographics of the area.

"The proposal would continue to cater for the community needs on a site that has already been established for such a facility.

"From a social perspective, the height and scale of the development is acceptable as the building will allow additional residential aged care beds in an area that has a high demand of aging in care accommodation without impacting on the surrounding low density residential development.

"The Peninsula area includes a high percentage of over-60 year old cohort that entails an extremely high demand for aging in care accommodation.

"The limited availability of land on the Woy Woy Peninsula necessitates that existing facilities of this type maximise the amount of land that is available.

"The proposed residential aged care facility extension promotes ecologically, socially and economically sustainable development.

"Appropriate studies have been undertaken to assess the environmental, social and economic impacts which indicate the proposed extension of the facility within the locale.

"The proposal will provide best practice in the design of a facility," the statement of environmental effect said.

The application is currently on exhibition and submissions will be accepted by Central Coast Council until December 9.

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Self-care seniors housing proposed

A new development application has been lodged with the Central Coast Council for self-care seniors housing in Rawson Rd, Woy Woy.

The \$500,000 proposal is for a five-unit development and demolition of existing structures at 19 Rawson Rd.

"The proposal is permissible on the land due to its R2 residential zoning pursuant to both State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing for Seniors of People with a Disability) 2004 and the ... Gosford LEP 2014," a statement of environmental effects submitted with the application said.

"In addition the development complies with all design, access, location and support service requirements of the SEPP Seniors Living as well as the specific development standards pertaining to self-care housing," the statement said.

The site has an area of 1223 square metres and is located on the southern side of Rawson Rd.

It is relatively flat and contains a single dwelling house and ancillary structures and has direct vehicle access to Rawson Rd, according to the statement.

"The surrounding residential development is characterised by an eclectic blend of one and two storey dwelling-houses, ranging from modest, post-war design to dwelling houses of a contemporary appearance and medium density development to the north."

It claimed the location was close to public transport, recreational reserves, retail facilities, medical centres and sporting grounds.

"It is considered that the proposal is located in a suitable location for the proposed seniors living development," the statement said.



The view of the site from Rawson Rd

The application is for the erection of five self-care seniors housing units, each with two bedrooms, bathroom, living room, dining and kitchen, a single car space and a small garden or private open space area with timber fencing around the perimeter.

"Each dwelling would have sufficient areas within the curtilage of their properties to include moveable garbage bins to be presented to either Rawson Rd for kerbside collection.

"The site would include vehicular access via a driveway from Rawson Rd... landscaping and rainwater tanks for water re-use.

"The development is to be designed in a residential style with a range of finishes and materials including face brick walls, and colourbond roofs to match the existing residential development within the residential zone.

"Detailed landscape plans have been prepared by Knight Mapleton and forms part of the plans submitted for the development application.

"The proposal would not result in any adverse environmental, amenity, social or economic impacts to the site and surrounding

area.

"The proposal would allow the erection of a seniors living accommodation that is in high demand due to the ageing demographics of the area.

"The use of the land would not adversely impact on the surrounding properties and would

allow the existing environment to be adequately protected whilst allowing suitable and appropriate development to proceed.

"Careful consideration has been given in the design of the senior living development to ensure that the amenity of the surrounding residents will not be compromised and that the works provide a high standard of development that would be compatible with the existing and likely future built environment."

The proposed development would require the removal of trees located within the centre and rear of the allotment.

"The proposal is consistent with the seniors living precinct that has been established in the residential zone and is commensurate with the character of the area.

"Given the proposal meets the objectives of the applicable planning instruments and the overarching strategic goals for the Central Coast Local Government Area, it is considered that the proposal is suitable for the site."

Website, 23 Nov 2016
Central Coast Council DA
tracker, DA51060/2016

Aboriginal history evenings at Pearl Beach

The Pearl Beach Aboriginal History group has scheduled five evenings of film and question-and-answer sessions to discuss their booklet called *The Garigal Clan of Pearl Beach and Patonga*.

The booklet addresses the early Aboriginal history of Pearl Beach.

To provide broader context and explanation, each session will roughly equate to different sections of the booklet.

The film evenings will be held from 7pm on Fridays in December and January in the community hall.

A coin donation will be required for entry to cover costs.

They will be held on December 30, First Footprints parts 1 and 2; January 6, First Footprints parts 3 and 4; January 13, First Australians; January 20, Pemulwuy; and on January 27, Lousy Little Sixpence.

Email, 5 Nov 2016
Van Davy, Pearl Beach



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Cubs and Scouts outside Taronga Zoo

Cubs visit Taronga Zoo

Broken Bay Scout Group Cubs and their families visited Taronga Zoo on Sunday, November 6.

The visit coincided with Cub Scouts Out and About theme, as well as 100 years of Cubs and 100 Years of Taronga Zoo.

Once at the zoo everyone briefly went their separate ways, encountering many other Cub

Scout Groups from Sydney's surrounding area.

The weather was perfect with blue skies, green water and the cityscape backdrop a photographer's dream.

The group re-joined in an area with views over Sydney Harbour for a special "Going Up" ceremony held to mark three Cub Scouts joining the Scout troop.

They then watched the free flight bird show which featured trained birds including doves, chickens, a wedge tailed eagle, a condor, galahs, black cockatoos, and owls – many flying right overhead.

This was followed by a seal show.

Email, 11 Nov 2016
Ailsa Davies, Broken Bay Scout Group

No plans for Peninsula infrastructure within two years

The infrastructure projects for the Peninsula are not mentioned within the next two years for a project plan by Central Coast Council to implement the Central Coast Regional Plan.

Work on establishing northern and southern growth corridors will be the main planning priorities of the Central Coast Council for the next two years, as well as a housing policy.

The Southern Growth Corridor takes in Somersby as the "regional gateway", West Gosford, Gosford City and Erina.

The Peninsula is not part of the growth corridor.

"This project requires Council undertaking the necessary planning to establish these corridors as key locations for economic development, residential growth and investment in health,

education, research, knowledge-based industries, professional services, sport and leisure, agribusiness, food manufacturing, high tech manufacturing and clean technologies," according to a report prepared by council staff.

Actions that the Council will be required to oversee during the next two years include precinct planning for Somersby Business Park, Mt Penang and Kariong, a renewal plan for the Gosford City centre, and supporting revitalisation of East Gosford and Erina.

The report, considered by Council administrator Mr Ian Reynolds at a meeting on November 23, recommended that Council prepare a project plan for the delivery of projects identified as immediate priorities in the Central Coast Regional Plan Implementation Plan.

Central Coast Council agenda 2.6, 23 Nov 2016

Work to start on housing development

Work is due to start on the construction of a two-storey multi-dwelling housing development on The Esplanade, Ettalong, following the lodgement of a construction certificate.

The site 864 square metre

site is located in The Esplanade, Ettalong.

The development site is surrounded by medium density housing and a blend of one and two-storey dwellings.

Consent was given for the demolition of the existing house on the lot and the erection of a multi-

dwelling housing development in August.

The proposal was for three townhouses with living areas orientated to water views.

The first unit will have four bedrooms and a double garage; the second will have three bedrooms and a double garage; and the third three bedrooms and a single garage.

Rear garages will be built to adjoin an unnamed laneway.

The cost of work was estimated to be \$900,000.

A Central Coast Council assessment of the development concluded: "It is considered that the proposed development will complement the locality and meet the desired future character of the area".

Website, 24 Nov 2016
Central Coast Council DA tracker, DA49404/2016

Application for 'pop-up' cafe

A development application has been lodged for a new "pop-up cafe and takeaway" business in Ettalong.

The site is a 1061 square metre block in a commercial area of Ettalong on the northern side of Ocean View Rd.

The property is adjoined by the ambulance station to the west and the Ettalong Beach Tourist Resort and Cinema to the east.

A two storey flat building and a detached garage currently occupy the site but they are located towards the rear of the land.

The development application

proposes a detached pop up cafe and takeaway to be constructed at the front of the site/

"The proposed development is to be constructed with a timber-framed structure on a timber floor with selected colourbond roofing and fascia to complement the existing resort," according to a statement of environmental effects submitted with the development application.

The applicant estimated the cost of the project to be \$10,000.

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Central Coast Council DA Tracker, DA51112/2016

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Final Gosford Council report mentions Peninsula

A final "delivery report" mentioning Gosford Council achievements on the Peninsula for the period January to May has been tabled in a Central Coast Council meeting.

The report highlights the former Council's achievement in being part of the redevelopment of the Woy Woy Oval.

"Council welcomed news that the Australian Government is set to provide \$304,000 in funding towards upgrade works at McEvoy Oval in Umina," the report said.

"Council had previously allocated \$220,000 to the project, and secured an additional \$220,000 from the NSW Government for the works.

"A major component of the project will be the construction of a new amenities building, which includes improved storage facilities, canteen, club room and toilets."

Another achievement outlined in the report was the Deadly Young Aboriginal surf program at Umina Beach held in January.

"The free program included beach safety and three learn-to-surf workshops for local Aboriginal children aged between eight and 16 years," the report said.

"Twenty one participants took part in this event, which also included a sausage sizzle from council's Youth Engagement Strategy team."

In terms of environmental achievements, the Woy Woy tip rated a mention.

"Council previously operated a temporary resource recovery and waste transfer facility at Woy Woy landfill," the report said.

"This was assessed as a possible work health and safety risk to both council staff and

customers.

"As such, council resolved to construct a new \$2.4 million waste transfer facility at the Woy Woy landfill site.

"Incoming products include general hard rubbish such as green waste, cardboard, scrap metal and hazardous metals such as batteries, motor oils and tyres.

"The new permanent facility was commissioned on April 18."

The management of the Peninsula Leisure Centre also met its objectives according to the report.

Its key business performance measure was to achieve direct expense recovery of 80 per cent while providing low cost services and programs to the community.

The centre's customer service satisfaction target was 75 per cent of users satisfied with the level of service and quality of the facilities.

The centre achieved 78.5 per cent cost recovery and 75 per cent user satisfaction, the report said.

According to the report, the new Central Coast Council Operational Plan for 2016-2017 was prepared as a composite of the existing operational plans of the former councils.

"As such [it] is considered an interim plan to guide the new council through the first year of the transition.

"The requirement in the Act for all councils to have a delivery program and community strategic plan will be fulfilled by the Delivery Programs and Community Strategic Plans of the former councils until a new program and plan is prepared by the incoming Council after its first election.

"Early in 2017, Central Coast Council will commence community engagement to inform the development of the new

Community Strategic Plan and Resourcing Strategy, as well as the 2018-2021 Delivery Program.

"The new Community Strategic Plan, Resourcing Strategy, Delivery Program and Operational Plan will be completed and adopted by the newly elected Council no later than July 1, 2018."

The report was tabled at the Wednesday, November 23 ordinary meeting of the Central Coast Council and outlined the former Gosford Council's progress against the objectives outlined in the four year Delivery Program 2013/14 to 2016/17 and the Community Strategic Plan 2025.

"While there have been no specific instructions from the NSW State Government regarding the need to complete a Progress Report for the former Councils, this final report is deemed necessary in order to close-off on a number of actions that did not flow into the new Operational Plan, having been completed, cancelled or superseded," the report said.

"Central Coast Council considers that from a governance perspective, and in order to ensure transparent and accurate reporting to the community, this final Progress Report is essential.

"It should be noted that a high number of actions have been deferred due to the amalgamation of the former Wyong and Gosford Councils on May 12."

Central Coast Council agenda 4.3, 23 Nov 2016

Extension sought for Gosford Council audit

The Central Coast Council has applied to the NSW Office of Local Government for an extended deadline to audit the former Gosford Council's accounts for the period July 1, 2015 to May 12, 2016.

As part of the amalgamation process Council was directed by the NSW Government to put out a tender for one audit firm to look at the finances of both Gosford and Wyong Councils.

Price Waterhouse Coopers were awarded the tender and started work in June.

The NSW Government required both sets of books to be audited by December.

The former Wyong Council finances were presented to Council on Wednesday, November 23 highlighting a \$26.7 million surplus for the 2015-16 financial year.

Council Administrator Mr Ian Reynold said that while the report highlighted a healthy surplus it needed to be kept in perspective in light of the cut-off date for the merger.

"The financial year for the former Wyong Council was cut off on May 12 so it effectively means 12 months of revenue were matched with 10 and a half months of expenses," Mr Reynolds said.

"That should not take away though from the great work Wyong Council did to get their finances in order to be able to deliver valuable services to residents," he said.

The former Council had reported a small surplus for the 2014-15 financial year.

Mr Reynolds said Price Waterhouse Coopers was familiar with Wyong Council's

books because they had been the council's previous external accountant.

"They were not familiar with the structure at Gosford Council so they had to ask lots of questions and staff have been answering those questions," Mr Reynolds said.

He said Council was in the process of writing to the NSW Office of Local Government to request an extension on the deadline for the audit of the Gosford accounts and that he had already spoken to the Office of Local Government about the need for more time.

Mr Reynolds said Gosford Council was a "new world" for Price Waterhouse Coopers and the auditors needed "time to really understand the different systems".

Those differing systems and structures included information technology and ledger structures.

Mr Naven said he expected the audit to be complete by February or March.

He confirmed the accounts of both former councils were governed by the same Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

It was too early for anyone to be making suggestions about the outcome of the Gosford Council audit, he said.

"The auditors are doing their assessment testing now and the same process will happen as has happened with the Wyong Council accounts."

Interviews, 23 Nov 2016

**Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council
Stephen Naven, Central Coast Council
Reporter: Jackie Pearson**

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Council calls for infrastructure plan discussion

The NSW Minister for Planning, Mr Rob Stokes, will be asked to meet with Central Coast Council to discuss an infrastructure plan for the region and the council's input into its content and expected release.

The resolution to call for the Minister's input and backing for an infrastructure plan was made by Council Administrator, Mr Ian Reynolds, at the ordinary council meeting on Wednesday, November 23.

Council's Department of Environment and Planning presented Mr Reynolds with a report responding to the NSW Government's Central Coast Regional Plan 2036 and Implementation Plan, which were released in October.

According to the report: "There are nine priority actions identified in the Implementation Plan to be overseen by the Central Coast Delivery, Coordination and

Monitoring Committee.

"Direction 17 of the Plan is to align land use and infrastructure planning.

"It is recommended that an Infrastructure Plan be prepared to ensure that the roll out of infrastructure is aligned to land use priorities.

"It is recommended that discussions be held with the Minister and the Department to determine Council's role in the preparation of an Infrastructure Plan for the Central Coast.

"The Central Coast Regional Plan 2036 and accompanying Implementation Plan 2016-18 will provide the framework for land use planning decisions in the region.

"It is essential that Council ensures that it has a strong role on the Delivery, Coordination and Monitoring Committee.

"Council also needs to play a strong role in preparing an Infrastructure Plan for the Central Coast," the report said.

Central Coast Council agenda item 2.6, 23 Nov 2016

Use path to hall

Stairs from Woy Woy Bay Rd to the Bays Community Hall have been declared unsafe by the Bays Community Group.

"At a recent Bays Community event, one of our local residents was using the stairs from the road down to the hall, took a fall and sustained some minor injuries," said group president Mr Bob Puffett.

"These stairs are unsafe and are due for replacement soon, when the new drop off area is constructed," Mr Puffett said.

"In the meantime, in the interests of safety for all, can all visitors to the hall please use the path on the left hand side rather than the stairs on the right hand side," he said.

Newsletter, 14 Nov 2016

Bob Puffett, Bays Community Group

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Consultation is insufficient for Coastal Management Plan

Waterfront landowners in the suburbs of Kincumber South, Yattalunga, Saratoga, Davistown, MacMasters Beach, Copacabana, Avoca, Terrigal, Wamberal and even parts of East and ...

Crane collapses at a major building site

An operator escaped without injury following a crane collapse at a major building site at 18 to 20 Kendall St, Gosford, on Monday, November 14.

Wamberal Beach referred to as "the forgotten twin"

A paper presented to the 2016 NSW Coastal Conference on Thursday, November 10, by Coastal Engineer, Mr Doug Lord, referred to Wamberal Beach as "the forgotten twin".

Residents warned not to act without approvals

The Community Environment Network (CEN) has called for action on the implementation of plans to help resolve coastal management issues at Wamberal Beach following claims ...

"Analysis paralysis continues" - Central Coast Taskforce

The John Singleton-backed Central Coast Taskforce has labelled the Central Coast 2036 Regional Plan the Good, the Bad and the Ugly.

"Lucy's Lane" is a gazetted public road

Mr Gavin Edgar, the Doma Group's General Manager of Development, has rebutted some of the claims made by NSW Senator, Ms Deborah O'Neill, regarding ATO site in Baker St, Gosford, in ...

A fair share of the Ausgrid lease revenue should come to the Central Coast

The Central Coast does not appear to be getting its fair share of the \$16.18 billion dollars raised by the NSW Government's 99-year lease of half of Ausgrid, according to the region's ...

Crime account funds cameras

Federal Minister for Justice, Mr Michael Keenan, and Federal Member for Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks, have announced that the funding agreement to deliver CCTV cameras for ...

Moving hearings to Newcastle is unreasonable

The NSW Department of Justice should be holding more, not less, NSW Consumer and Administrative Tribunal hearings on the Central Coast, according to NSW Shadow ...

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

Public-private partnership will provide a better hospital

The Wyong community will get a bigger and better hospital as a result of the NSW Government's proposed public-private partnership, according to the NSW Minister for Health, Ms Jillian Skinner.

Concerns raised over consultation quality in Wyong Hospital plan

Opposition is galvanising across the state to the NSW Government's plans to enter deals with the private sector to redevelop and operate public hospitals, including Wyong Hospital, according to ...

Fishing industry inquiry open for submissions

Tuggerah Lakes commercial fisherman and other members of the public have until December 9 to make submissions to a new inquiry into the NSW Government's proposed fishing ...

Council workers make bullying claims

Three former Wyong Council employees have written to the Member for Wyong, Mr David Harris, claiming they are being bullied to leave their jobs at the new Central Coast Council.

Warnervale town centre is still a long way off

UrbanGrowth NSW has announced the sale of its 134-lot residential development site but the development of a long-awaited new town centre at Warnervale is not likely to emerge for at least the next five years.

Proposed Toukley service station not welcomed

Toukley residents and shop keepers cannot understand why the Central Coast Council would consider approving the development of a service station at 356 to 358 Main Rd that is completely at odds with the master plan for the village ...

Post code areas make top 10 for wrong reason

Three northern Central Coast post codes are in the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman's (TIO) top 10 areas for complaints across Australia in 2016.

Attempted assault of a woman at Buff Point

Detectives investigating the assault of a woman at Buff Point have released a likeness of a man they believe can assist police with inquiries.

Man arrested after lighting a fire in scrubland

A man appeared in court on November 14 after allegedly lighting a fire in scrubland near Soldiers Beach, Norah Head, on November 13, despite a total fire ban in place due to weather conditions.

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Another side to a long-running duck story

I wish to reply to the letter "Respect deserved for duck rescuers" from Ms Susan Keatinge that was published in the Peninsula News on November 14.

I would like to provide another side to Ms Keatinge's duck story.

The duck issue on St Huberts Island and the disputes with Ms Keatinge's neighbours actually goes back to 2008.

Ms Keatinge, supported by her husband, has been feeding and breeding ducks at their property ever since.

I would like to appeal to people who believe this is doing a good thing for the ducks and the environment.

Ms Keatinge is not looking only after the injured ducks, but is feeding healthy ducks, along with pigeons, lorikeets, corellas and numerous cockatoos.

I am attaching a couple of images that show 40 to 50 ducks near their property as well as nearby houses and, at the time of these images being taken, none of the ducks appeared to be having an injury or recovering from one.

Ms Keatinge and her husband were issued with an order by Gosford Council in 2013 to remove feeding bowls and pools from their backyard.

After this order being issued, we had relatively quiet 12 months, being almost duck-free in our street.

Once the order expired, the feeding ducks and birds resumed twice a day.

Many of the ducks have become dependent on the food provided, so I am not really sure how that helps the environment.

The ducks have sought to find a territory of their own, which usually

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means neighbours' swimming pools.

Some neighbours have found dead ducklings in their pools.

Some have backyard veggie patches and because of the availability of food we have had an influx of vermin.

A neighbour has complained of bite marks in a lot of the tomatoes and seedlings that have been eaten of at ground level.

Last year my then two-year-old daughter was attacked by a male duck that was building a nest along with a female in our garden, next to our front door.

I do not need to describe how distressed my daughter was by the attack.

If you have children, you can imagine the horror, the tears and the shock after being attacked on our own property.

However, the saddest part is that this has already forced two families to move out of Attunga Close, as they could no longer bear the disgusting environment.

Would you like to: have to wash your clothes again due to duck faeces as they fly over your property?

Consider the amount of water being wasted having to rewash the

clothes.

Would you like to have to regularly wash your car, house roofs, windows, driveways, swimming pool covers, letter boxes, and anything else that gets duck faeces on it?

Would you like to have to pick up duck faeces from your front lawn if you do not want to walk into your house?

Picking up duck excrements has turned into almost a daily activity for many of our neighbours.

I have recently collected a bucket full of duck faeces after coming home from a long weekend break.

We have been woken by ducks fighting and mating on our lawn at 2am, and have put up with strong smell of excrement.

I suffer from severe allergy to feathers and have had a couple of episodes of nose bleeds and difficulty breathing whilst working in the front garden of our property.

I have to deal with vermin that have become more prevalent.

Rats have been seen scurrying along the tops of fences at night.

It is bringing some serious issues into the neighbourhood.

We have tried to settle our neighbourhood dispute via the Community Justice Centre in June this year, but Ms Keatinge and her husband refused mediation.

The message we have is please be considerate of neighbours.

If you wish to continue with your "duck rescuing" mission, do so somewhere else and not in a residential area.

There are a lot of farms and acreage more suitable.

If you have had similar experience, please share your story through the Forum.

Email, 21 Nov 2016
Martina O'Brien, St Huberts Island

Ducks are harmless and defenceless

In support to Susan Keatinge's letter (Forum, Peninsula News, November 14, 2016), I would also like to state that like many other people, I feel heartbroken about the absence of the ducks along our foreshores in Woy Woy, Ettalong and surrounding areas.

I have previously spent so many happy and relaxing hours whilst seated amongst them and suddenly they have all gone.

Why?

What harm have they ever done to people?

They are harmless and defenceless.

They helped to give Woy Woy a lot of character and were a great tourist attraction, whilst giving joy and delight to all those who saw them.

I don't know how they have been culled but, however the method, it has been extremely unacceptable and unnecessary, and downright cruel.

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What have we left for future generations?

"Duck" was the first word I spoke at the (belated) age of three years; not "Mummy", or "Daddy" but "duck".

Hence my close affinity for the ducks.

I don't know what my parents' reactions were, but they both had a good sense of humour and were undoubtedly relieved to (eventually) hear their daughter utter something.

Also; I am in regular collaboration with Wendy Gillespie and we are anxious to see this issue resolved.

We would like those who are responsible to come forward, admit to this horrible crime and explain why.

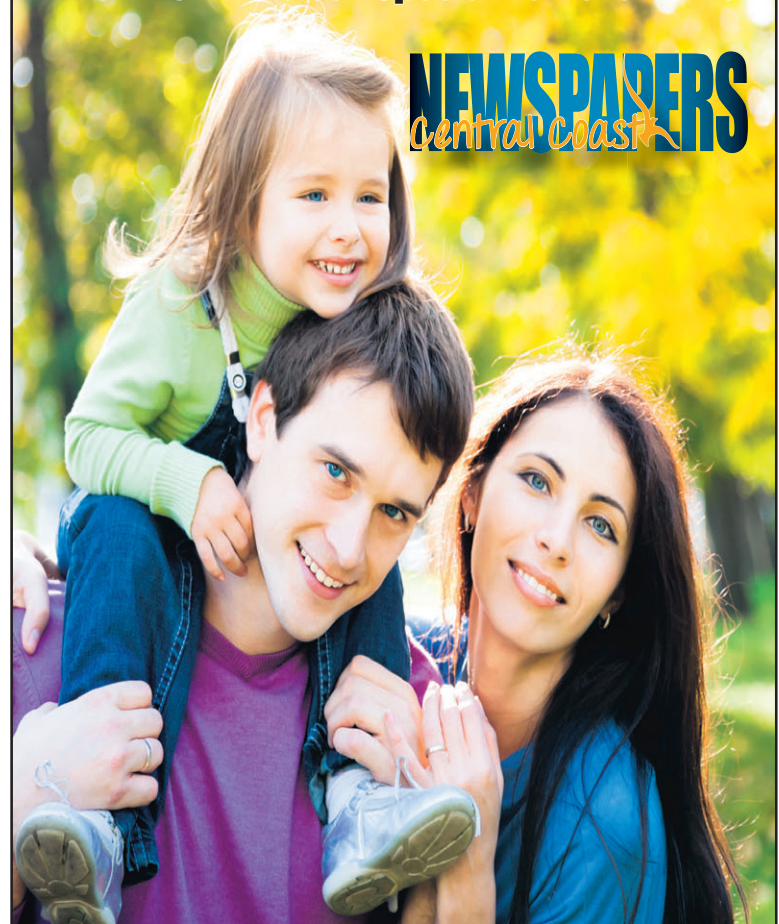
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Email, 20 Nov 2016
Fiona Hunt, Woy Woy

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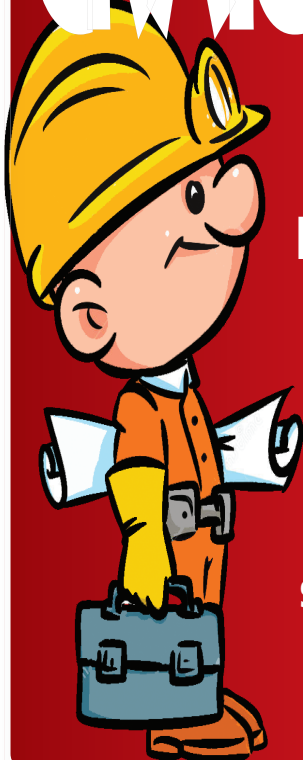
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Regional plan supports coal and denies climate change

The heading you gave my letter "Aim is to leave Woy Woy as quickly as possible" (Peninsula News, November 14, page 19) made me reconsider the future of Woy Woy.

The days of weekenders, boarding houses and ferry services are gone.

The location of the Woy Woy Town Centre was appropriate when transport was a combination of rail and ferry and climate change was a term used by Antarctic explorers.

Times have changed and the future is uncertain.

Approving a high-rise in the Woy Woy Town Centre fails to accept climate change science, education and the subjective opinion of politicians.

Professor Ian Lowes' comment in "A Voice of Reason" warns us that approving high-rise development in the middle of

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Woy Woy requires a far more rigorous assessment process than previously, with credible scientific comment replacing political spin and ignorance.

It is possible that sea level rises will increase by five metres due to Greenland's ice sliding into the ocean, according to Prof Lowe.

What impact would this have on Woy Woy Town Centre and the Peninsula?

Prof Lowes' credentials and objectivity are more reliable and trustworthy than the governments' and any politician.

Why did sea level rise and climate change fail to be adequately addressed in the Regional Plan 2036?

Is it because the plan supports the ongoing extraction and use of coal to accelerate climate change?

Letter, 21 Nov 2016
Norman Harris, Umina

Displays to celebrate Dirk Hartog's arrival

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81 years later by another Dutch seafarer and explorer, Willem de Vlamingh, who took it with him and left his own pewter plate there.

He delivered it in Amsterdam where it is usually kept in the Rijks Museum.

The Vlaming's plate was found in 1801 by the French Admiral Hamelin who decided to leave it there contrary to the wishes of a senior officer Louis de Freycinet.

De Freycinet came back with his own ship 17 years later, collected the plate and had it delivered to museum authorities in Paris.

It was lost there for quite a while but was rediscovered after World War II and the French Government then decided to donate it to the Australian Government who placed it in the Shipwreck Museum in Fremantle.

Dirk Hartog's original plate is also in Fremantle right now, on loan, from the Rijks Museum.

The Dutch had mapped around 70 per cent of the Australian coastline by 1644, after Abel Tasman's second journey.

That was quite some time before James Cook arrived in Botany Bay in 1770 and then proceeded to map the East Coast.

However, the Dutch were particularly interested in the spice trade from the Indies and found nothing of the kind in the Great South Land long known as New Holland until at least 1802 when Matthew Flinders renamed it Australia.

The exhibition of mostly Dutch maps of that period will start on December 9 in the foyer of the Erina Fair's Gosford Library Branch.

Email, 24 Nov 2016
Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach

Forum

Metallic wildebeests thunder through Woy Woy

Footpath needed on Rip bridge

I wrote to Council's Administrator, Mr Ian Reynolds, regarding the hundreds of people who would dearly love to be able to walk from Ettalong to Daleys Point and St Hubbert's Island.

Unfortunately, council or the RTA overlooked the addition of a footpath or walkway along the Booker Bay-Rip Bridge.

This means that you either attempt to walk along a very narrow ledge or share the roadway with fast moving traffic zooming along at 70 to 80kms, which unless you were contemplating leaving this planet is not a good idea.

It would be quite simple to rectify the situation by attaching steel

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supports to the bridge and with the installation of a suitable framework a timber walkway would be adequate and practical.

I would suggest the total cost would be minimal.

There is one other aspect that council should be aware of and that is council's failure to provide safe passage across the bridge to begin with.

There are a plethora of legal proceedings to support this assertion.

I hope my letter results in prompt action on council's part.

Letter, 18 Nov 2016
Fred Landman, Daleys Point

During the 1950s, Woy Woy was a sleepy holiday town.

It had plenty of banks and estate agents, two pubs a picture show and a hamburger cafe.

We used to catch a bus or walk to the local cinema.

Ettalong, Umina, and Patonga had the big screens as well.

At Woy Woy, we watched some great movies such as Gone with the Wind, The Original Planet of the Apes, Finian's Rainbow and the hilarious Carry on up the Jungle.

You would describe Woy Woy then as peaceful and sleepy, but today the city rat race has caught up.

Metallic wildebeests thunder through the urban and shopping areas at speed.

Instead of chatting in the street, many people will barge and push past you if you dare to be in front of them.

Ah, for the good old days!

Email, 24 Nov 2016

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Coastal management cannot exclude climate scientists

I agree with Mr Pat Aiken that there should be more community meetings to discuss the Coastal Management Plan.

To accept a sea level rise of 0.74m in 2100 is the same as asking any bank manager to predict term deposit rates for that same year.

My recommendation is as follows.

Stage 1: Climate scientists replace bureaucrats to discuss ramifications and latest climate change research with the public.

Stage 2: Bureaucrats and politicians discuss stage 1 with the public.

Stage 3: The government prepares draft plan for public exhibition.

Stage 4: Community rejects draft plan due to lack of detail, resources, funding, action, transparency and accountability.

Stage 5: Government resolves to sell its \$87 million Coastal Management Plan over five years to protect vulnerable areas including revetments, beach nourishment and the building of groynes.]

Repeat stage 1.

As many reputable scientists

have observed, climate change was happening in 1985.

Procrastination is still the government strategy, while coal reserves remain.

The question of coastal management cannot be answered without accepting input from climate scientists.

Letter, 21 Nov 2016
Norman Harris, Umina

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Widen Shoalhaven Dr underpass

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With respect to the Bulls Hill underpass, Chris Holstein calls on the State Government to "justify abandoning the project" ("Holstein questions level crossing decision", Peninsula News, November 14) but Mr. Holstein must be living in a parallel universe.

In the real world, it is up to proponents of proposals to justify their propositions.

Has the Central Coast Task Force carried out traffic counts, done origin and destination studies, prepared engineering estimates and calculated cost-benefit ratios?

When the underpass suggestion is more than a thought-bubble, it will be time to lobby the Government to provide funding, and I'd suggest that we are far from meeting any objective criteria for the massive public works involved.

The fact that \$15 million has already been squandered on a ridiculous vote-buying gambit doesn't justify pouring another \$115 million (at least) into an exercise for which there is no commensurate beneficial evidence.

Mr Holstein claims that, "over two decades, the railway crossing has caused several incidents and has been dangerous", but where is the evidence of this danger?

Has a single person been injured in one of the "incidents" that Mr

Holstein refers to?

If this is a criterion, I'd suggest that the improvement of Woy Woy Rd is a much higher priority: it is only necessary to examine the patchwork safety barriers along this route to see where most "incidents" occur.

However, my suggestion of widening the Shoalhaven Dr underpass would immediately improve traffic flows on the Peninsula, would cost far less than the Bulls Hill project and could defer the necessity for other capital works well into the future.

The Bulls Hill underpass will bring trucks onto Nagari Rd and allow them to filter onto Hillview, Dunbar and Veron Rds, whereas a cars-only underpass at Shoalhaven Dr will keep trucks on the main roads, to everyone's environmental benefit.

If the Council Administrator had any gumption, he would be examining possibilities like this instead of wasting time on reviews of the useless Regional Plan which he is anyway already overriding with subdivision approvals.

Incidentally, I commend to Mr Holstein an examination of Fowler's English Usage where he will find the meaning of "begging the question", a construction that he obviously does not understand.

Email, 17 Nov 2016
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

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Students visit wildlife park

Year 3 students from Umina Beach Public School went on an excursion to a wildlife park as part of their science unit Feathers, Fur or Leaves on Thursday, November 10.

Students were able to learn about the native Australian animals at the Walkabout Wildlife Park and experience some Aboriginal bush

tucker on a guided tour with the park rangers.

They even got to have lunch with some of the local kangaroos and emus who inhabit the park.

Year 3 had a day exploring and learning while accompanied by some of their teachers.

Media release, 15 Nov 2016
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School



Year 3 students getting up close with some native wildlife

Celebrating day for disability

Woy Woy Public School will celebrate International Day for People with a Disability on Wednesday, November 30.

Students will perform two short items at a morning assembly, which will then be followed by a presentation from Wheelchair

Sports NSW.

Following this presentation, all students in the school will be rostered to participate in games of wheelchair basketball throughout the day.

Newsletter, 16 Nov 2016
Michelle Pathirana, Woy Woy Public School

Charity day raises \$1260

A total of \$1260 was raised at the November Charity Bowls Day at Woy Woy Bowling Club.

The money will go to Central Coast Kids in Need, a small volunteer group which provides financial assistance to families of seriously-ill children.

The money is used to defray the costs of accommodation for the families at parent hostel rooms, while their children are receiving hospital treatment.

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

accounts for the children.

The Sporties at Woy Woy will present their cheque to the group at their next event on December 18.

Newsletter, 20 Nov 2016
Ken Dixon, Sporties at Woy Woy



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Education



Umina Beach Public School students participated in the Sydney Metropolitan water polo day

Students play water polo in Sutherland

Two Umina Beach Public School students went to the Sutherland Leisure Centre to represent Sydney North in the Sydney Metropolitan Water Polo Day on Monday, November 14.

There were many students representing their schools ranging from Manly to Gorokan Public School.

They each played three games against strong competition, with the boys teams winning two of the three games played and the girls achieving the same outstanding results.

The students experienced playing water polo against some of the best players in the State.

Newsletter, 15 Nov 2016
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School

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Principal spends night with children at camp

Ettalong Public School principal Mr Colin Wallis spent a night and a full day at the Year 5 and 6 camp at the Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre.

"I was amazed and very proud, as I am sure all parents would have been, at the achievements and personal bests our children were managing in all the exciting and challenging activities offered; from overcoming the high ropes course and rock climbing to being responsible for their own property and keeping their rooms clean and tidy," Mr Wallis said.

"Another great feature was the camaraderie and team work the children displayed to get things done and to support each other,"

he said. "This included setting up for meals and cleaning up afterwards. "They further developed independence and responsibility as they learnt that together much more can be achieved. "These were great learning opportunities, especially in the social and emotional areas as our students move further toward adolescence and adulthood.

"None of this would be possible without the dedication of their accompanying teachers who took on a 24-hour supervisory role with good nature and commitment showing outstanding care and support for the children," he said.

Newsletter, 15 Nov 2016
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

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Rules of Engagement posted on social media

Ettalong Public School recently posted Rules of Engagement to its social media webpage as required by the NSW Department of Education.

"Our school Facebook page has been very successful since it was launched almost two years ago," said principal Mr Colin Wallis.

"I would encourage those of you

who are friends of our Ettalong Facebook page to take the time to read the post and to please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns," Mr Wallis said.

"Our Facebook page has been a most important initiative for the school and we would like to see it to continue to grow," he said.

Newsletter, 22 Nov 2016
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School



The Umina Beach Public School Junior Choir performing their favourite song called Pizza

Junior choir has been active

The Umina Beach Public School Junior Choir is a group of singers from Year 1 and 2 which has been active recently.

"This year the group has performed for school assemblies,

at Grandparents Day, on Education Day and most recently at the Brisbane Water Secondary College Variety Night held at the Woy Woy Campus," said the junior choir coach Ms Catherine Conroy.

The choir meets Ms Conroy

every Tuesday morning.

"After vocal warm up, the students enjoy learning fun songs together."

Newsletter, 22 Nov 2016
Catherine Conroy, Umina Beach Public School

Students visit Armidale beef fest

Students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus participated in this year's Armidale Prime Beef Fest.

More than 20 students and two steers were taken to the event with the school having an excellent showing on the day.

Lancelot and Dusty (the school's limousin steers) both impressed the judges with Lancelot placing fifth in his class category and Dusty taking out the

coveted Champion Steer, a major feat against an exceptionally high standard of cattle.

Students were also able to visit the Alfoxton Merinos, a wool farm, and learn all about fleece and assessing the suitability of breeding rams.

Students also visited the University of New England's Animal Research Station and the Dangar Falls before returning home.

Newsletter, Nov 23, 2016
Brent Walker, BWSC Umina

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Students from Pretty Beach Public School during the Goalball training

Goalball training

Eight students from Pretty Beach Public School participated in a goalball training session recently. The session was led by coach of the silver medal winning men's team at the Rio Paralympic Games, Matt Boyle. The Pretty Beach team will compete in the NSW Goalball School Knockout Shield in December.

Newsletter, 17 Nov 2016
Ruth Hutchinson, Pretty Beach Public School

New after-school care service

Umina is set to benefit from a new after-school care program. Cubbyhouse Childcare will extend their services to families affiliated with Umina Beach Public School. Cubbyhouse is presently awaiting service approval and during this period the childcare organisation is requesting parents and carers interested in their services complete expression of interests available on Cubbyhouse's website. Cubbyhouse also offers vacation, pre-school and long day care services.

Newsletter, 23 Nov 2016
Lynn Davies, Umina Beach Public School

Challenge day held at Avoca

Students in Years 5 and 6 from Pretty Beach Public School recently participated in a science, technology, engineering and mathematics day. It was held at Avoca Beach Public School on Thursday, October 27. The day was a challenge day with the winning team taking home a gold medal. The challenges the students participated in included making planes, cars, and boats, and marble tracks, pulleys and a catapult.

Newsletter, 3 Nov 2016
Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach Public School



Grandparents Day

Students and families at Umina Beach Public School celebrated Grandparents Day on Monday, November 7. "It was great to see so many grandparents and grandfriends in our school on Monday for Grandparents Day," said principal Ms Lyn Davis. "They were treated to many wonderful performances at a special assembly run by our Year 2 students," Ms Davis said.

Newsletter, 8 Nov 2016
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School

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An oyster eating competitor relishing the moment



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Oyster Festival was biggest yet

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has recorded the biggest Oyster Festival yet with more than 30,000 visitors pouring through the event on November 13.

"We were absolutely amazed at the record crowds," said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"The reconfigured event has continued to break records each year it is held," he said.

"With the old Tesrol site closed for construction, the event layout was changed to include the Ettalong Diggers car park.

"Combined with a 30 per cent increase in stalls, the new layout

proved a huge success.

"The event also saw big increases in the number of visitors using the Palm Beach Ferry with big queues at the wharf.

"The importance of such events cannot be underestimated as a way of promoting the local oyster industry, boosting the local economy and spotlighting the Woy Woy Peninsula.

"There is no doubt that the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival has become truly iconic with the capacity to showcase the local area like no other event," he said.

Media release, 13 Nov 2016
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce



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EBACC stitchery group members in their new storage shed

Stitchery group receives donation for shed

The Kariong Somersby Rotary Club has donated \$1000 to the stitchery group at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre to help with the cost of an aluminium storage shed.

The stitchery took on a new role four years ago when the members started to provide Central Coast hospitals with comfort kits for cancer patients.

The group, which is now known as the Boobs and Bags team, meets every Thursday afternoon spending their hours cutting, sewing and stuffing specially-shaped cushions with soft and

fluffy polyester filling that make up part of the kit.

This gift is "made with care and compassion" for the hospital to pass on to people when they are discharged following breast cancer surgery, according to Ms Sue Sullivan from the Centre.

With ongoing demand for supplies, the team needed to purchase bulk quantities of materials and to ensure that there was sufficient space to store everything.

The Centre's committee agreed that a shed was needed as a storage facility.

"This was the point at which Kariong Somersby Rotary came

forward with the welcome donation of \$1000 to help with the cost of installing an aluminium shed," Ms Sullivan said.

"The Rotary branch has lent the group a helping hand in the past and members of the Centre are grateful for this support that enables Boobs and Bags to continue operating as a sustainable community project.

"There will be a small engraved plaque installed in the shed as a permanent reminder of the support this community-focussed group have received from Kariong Somersby Rotary.

Media release, 15 Nov 2016
Sue Sullivan, Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre

Eateries profiled in council campaign

Eateries in Ettalong and Umina have been profiled as part of the Central Coast Council's place marketing campaign.

The campaign is an attempt by the Council to "tell the Central Coast story" through case studies to help build a brand and image for the new local government area.

Eating out on the Coast this Summer is the latest snapshot of stories in the marketing campaign and the award-winning Jasmine Greens at Umina and the Gusto Tapas Bar and Lounge at Ettalong have both been profiled.

"Fresh, local, seasonal and sustainable" was at the heart of

Jasmine Greens' operator, Ms Gabby Grayem's food philosophy, according to the Council's report.

"Jasmine Greens sources as much as it can locally and organically for a modern take on the Mediterranean.

"Gabby says food choices on the Central Coast are definitely improving," the report said.

Ettalong has also successfully established itself as one of the region's food hotspots, according to the campaign.

"Gusto Tapas Bar and Lounge is the latest must-try venue," the report said.

Website, 24 Nov 2016
Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council



Crafts, gifts and food at fair

Handicrafts, local art, food, sweet treats, gifts and books will all be on offer at a Woy Woy festive fair this December 3.

The Woy Woy Country Women's Association Festive Fair

will be held from 10am until 2pm on the day in their rooms at 30 The Boulevard, Woy Woy.

The association has a long history on the Peninsula with the funds from events like the fair helping it fund more community projects.

The fair also allows the association to stay in touch with the community and to make new connections with the people who they assist through their projects.

Email, 23 Nov 2016
Emily Bowtell, Woy Woy Country Women's Association

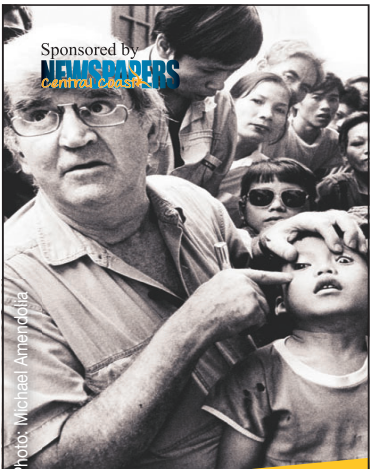
Molly receives scholarship

Ms Molly Millington, who has grown up in The Bays, has received the 2016 Bays Community Group scholarship.

Bays Community Group president Mr Bob Puffett presented Ms Millington with the scholarship during her recent performance at The Bays Community Hall.

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Newsletter, 14 Nov 2016
Bob Puffett, The Bays Community Group



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Story-telling program receives grant funds

A story-telling program that joins retirement village residents with local children has received funds through a poker machine tax grants scheme.

Peninsula Village has received funding from Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club to purchase an electronic whiteboard to support its project with Umina Kids Club.

The non-profit aged care organisation has had a longstanding partnership with the Umina Kids Club, located in Nowack Ave, Umina, according to Peninsula Village chief executive officer Mr Shane Neaves.

"For almost 10 years residents from Peninsula Village have visited the local Umina Kids Club with the purpose to provide an intergenerational relationship between the local young children and our knowledgeable residents.

"Recently through this partnership, we have commenced a special project called The Storytelling Program that aims to reignite that traditional love of sharing stories with younger generations," Mr Neaves said.

"People of all ages love stories, especially children and it seems it is becoming a lost art in this day and age," he said.

"Storytelling is an activity that develops the imagination and creative thinking and listening to stories also helps children



Umina Kids' Club is presented with an electronic whiteboard from Peninsula Village to enhance The Storytelling Program

to develop an idea of accepted behaviours.

"Our residents have many stories to tell from a life full of memories.

"Many of our residents, for a variety of medical reasons, have short-term memory loss but are able to effortlessly recall people, places and events from their past," explained Mr Neaves.

He said the Storytelling Program

had become a much-loved part of both the Umina Kids Club and Peninsula Villages social calendar.

Mr Neaves said the Village saw the value in purchasing an electronic whiteboard for the childcare centre to allow these visits to be enhanced through the use of new technology.

"Many residents have led active, social lives but now have health issues that deprive them of

their independence.

"Through storytelling, the residents discover that there are things they can still do instead of focusing on what they have lost and this is proving valuable for both residents and the pre-school children."

Peninsula Village recently presented the Umina Kids Club with this new equipment and, with one storytelling visit now

completed with the new board, it is already proving to be a perfect addition to the partnership, he said.

"After just one session with the new electronic whiteboard, we can already see that this project will extend to the children now teaching the residents about new technology and how this can be used to enhance the storytelling process," Mr Neaves said.

Media release, 22 Nov 2016
Katey Small, Brilliant Logic

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Carols to be held at Hardys Bay

Carols will be held Hardys Bay waterfront on December 18 from 6:30pm.

This annual event will be hosted by Hardys Bay Community Church, with support from the local Rural Fire Service and parents from Pretty Beach Public School.

There will be entertainment from 20-year-old singer-songwriter Natasha Lee, who will perform original and cover songs.

At 7:30pm, the carols program begins.

Guests this year include the Strings group from Pretty Beach Public School, and Loco Femme, a group of five local women who

love blending voice, harmony and fun while singing a range of contemporary and world music.

There will be an appearance by Santa who, as is now customary at this event, will not give presents but rather receive donations, to support the important work with the homeless done by Coast Shelter.

Join the hundreds who come together to relax and enjoy Christmas with family, friends and community, and to remember the reason for the season.

If there is wet weather, the event will move to nearby Hardys Bay Club in Heath Rd.

Email, 23 Nov 2016
Stephen Hinks, Hardys Bay



Opera tickets go on sale

Tickets have gone on sale for the annual Opera in the Arboretum, to be held on March 25 next year.

Event coordinator Mr John Greenway said the line-up for the 12th annual Opera in the Arboretum was "star studded".

He said tenor David Hobson would be the main attraction, supported by mezzo-soprano Sally-Anne Russell, soprano Michael Archer and baritone Andrew Jones.

"Pianist Francis Greep, cellist

Sally Maer and the Central Coast Chamber Orchestra under the baton of Patrick Brennan will support the artists," Mr Greenway said.

Primary school students are free and tickets range from \$36 for high school students through to \$70 for adults.

More information for the Rotary Club of Woy Woy's major charity event can be found at the website opera.pearl-beach.com.

Media release, 22 Nov 2016
John Greenway, Opera in the Arboretum

Members of the Bays Community came out in force and in pink recently to support Breast Cancer Research.

As part of the traditional Pink Ribbon campaign, the Bays Community Hall was the scene for a Pink Ribbon breakfast.

Many who attended wore pink and the pink cupcakes were a favourite with young and old.

Newsletter, 14 Nov 2016
Bob Puffett, The Bays Community group Inc

Pink day at the Bays

Peninsula directory of services, contacts and support groups

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Central Coast 4325 7929
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Dept. of Housing Gosford 4323 5211
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Community Centres

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

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Relationship Australia: 1300 364 277
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Woy Woy Hospital 4344 8444
Sexual Health @ Gosford Hospital 4320 2114
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The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Tuesday, Nov 29

The Good Morning Ettalong Show, at the Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club, from 10:30am

Thursday, Dec 1

Darkc3ll, Woy Woy Leagues Club

Hula for health, with the Peninsula pacific island Group, Ettalong 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre, 12pm to 1pm

Folk Art Group, Ettalong 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre, 12:30pm to 2:30pm

Saturday, Dec 3

Rotary Christmas Tree sale, Woy Woy Train Station car park, 7am until sold out and December 4, 10 and 11

Woy Woy Country Women's Association Festive Fair, CWA Rooms, Woy Woy, 10am

Black Rheno at Club Statik, Woy Woy Leagues Club

Birth of The King Christmas Carols at Woy Woy Seven Day Adventist Church, 83 Blackwall Rd Woy Woy. December 3rd 6pm to 8:30pm

Crawfish Stew Band at The Bayview Hotel in Woy Woy from 8:30pm

Sunday, Dec 4

Jam at Hardys Bay Club from 3pm every Sunday

Monday, Dec 5

Frantastics Choir performs at Peninsula Community Centre, 2pm

Troubadour Folk Club special house concert featuring Bruce Watson

Saturday, Dec 10

Community Christmas Dinner at Pearl Beach Memorial Hall from 6:30pm

Ben Woodham at Margarita Daze, Umina from 6pm

On The Track, The Life of Henry Lawson, Patonga Progress Hall, 8pm

Monday, Dec 12

Ben Woodham at Woy Woy Leagues Xmas Party from 7pm

Tuesday, Dec 13

Shower Singers Country Night at Wagstaffe Hall, 6pm to 8:30pm

Thursday, Dec 15

Ben Woodham at The

Bayview Hotel, WoyWoy from 8pm

Saturday, Dec 17

Troubadour Folk and Acoustic Music Club Christmas Party, CWA Hall, Woy Woy, bring a plate, 7pm

Vov Dylan and the Palace Orchestra Christmas Special, Ettalong Diggers memorial Club, 7:30pm

Friday, Dec 23

Family Carols with Santa at Pearl Beach Memorial Hall from 4:30pm

Saturday, Dec 31

Killcare Rocks the 80s with Melinda Schneider and Australian Rock Royalty, Killcare Surf Club, 6:30pm for 7pm start

Bobby Bruce as Nearly Neil Diamond, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club, with special guests Kim Hart and Ashleigh Toole as Barbra Streisand, 8pm

Saturday, Jan 7

Elvis is in the building, The Ultimates Elvis Tribute, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club

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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Club in Woy Woy on
Monday, December 5.

Based in Melbourne, he
performs around Australia
and New Zealand at
festivals, clubs and other
venues.

Troubadour president Mr
Michael Fine said: "Bruce is
a hilarious humourist and a
writer and performer with the
power to move audiences to
tears.

"His performances
are joyful and thoroughly
engaging with witty lyrics
and energetic presentation,"

he said.

"He is a masterful
craftsman of songs, be
they evocative and heart
wrenching or side-splittingly
funny," he said.

Bruce is also giving a
ukulele workshop in Woy
Woy, which may be booked
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Email, 24 Nov 2016
Michael Fine, Troubadour
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Cheryl Whyatt and Cheryl Jones at the EBACC exhibition and sale

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Time - Height(m)

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Sale funds used to buy equipment

Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre will use funds raised at its annual Christmas exhibition and sale to purchase equipment for the centre, service its office equipment, for gardening and general maintenance and repairs.

EBACC committee member, Ms Penny Howard said the 2016 Christmas Exhibition and Fair was "a very successful weekend thanks to the hard work from all involved."

"A lot of positive feedback was received regarding the high standard of the setup, organisation and items for sale," Ms Howard said.

"Our members are not only skilful artists but they can cook up a storm and none could resist the sweet and savoury delights for sale."

"A visit from Big Bad Bart and Daisy May had us all laughing and the sweet refrains from the a capella quartet Topaz kept us all singing along."

"The children made wonderful sun catchers and then moved along to enter the colouring in competition and there were plenty of happy faces at the end of the day."

"It was pleasing to see a steady flow of visitors during the weekend and the time flew by so all-in-all it was a joyful event with a great atmosphere," she said.

Newsletter, 22 Nov 2016
Penny Howard, Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre

Exploration of troubled life of Henry Lawson

The Patonga Progress Hall will be one of the first venues to host *On The Track*, a musical and theatrical exploration of the troubled life behind the genius of Henry Lawson.

Lawson's work was instrumental in shaping the Australian character but most Australians do not know much at all about his life.

Musician Mark Tainsh spent three years writing the music and narration that go together with Lawson's words to form *On The Track*, a treatment of Lawson's life from age 14 until his death.

Patonga resident Mark Austin will be narrator and will play snippets from about 10 different Lawson characters throughout the performance.

"It is kind of a musical and a play reading," Mr Austin said.

"I will start to tell a story and that will give the audience an idea of the part of Lawson's life it is set in and that will move into a song," he said.

The performance consists of 15 songs all using Lawson's lyrics except for one Tainsh wrote and another he arranged based on the short story of the Drover's Wife.

Mark Tainsh said Lawson's poetry was perfect to be set to music and every folk musician would "have a go" at doing just

that.

Lawson's disciplined meter provided a challenge for folk musicians who tended to like a bit of lyrical irregularity "to give you the freedom to change things" Mr Tainsh said.

"The music is mostly folk but my son, Miles, who wrote the music with me is a classical guitarist and has done a jazz CD too so there are different genres but it is mostly folk," he said.

The play has been performed once only, in the Blue Mountains earlier this year, and Mr Tainsh has been invited to Grenfell next year to perform the work as part of the Henry Lawson Festival, which will mark the 150th anniversary of Lawson's birth.

"Lawson's was an important life because it took place around the Federation and all the politics were swirling around at that time," Mr Tainsh said.

The rivalry between Lawson and Banjo Patterson about their views of life in the bush is also captured.

"There's not a lot of fuss, no lighting changes or set changes. It is pretty well done in a space," Mr Austin said.

The play captures Lawson in conversation with his mother, trekking through the desert, in the company of his old drunkard mates.

Other scenes portray Henry Lawson's attempted suicide and his incarceration for failing to pay child support.

"I was probably like about nine out of 10 Australians before I started reading Mark Tainsh's script; I knew Lawson was one of our great poets but I didn't know anything about his life and it was a tragic life," Mr Austin said.

"He was deaf at 14, dyslexic, a total alcoholic and yet he wrote some of the greatest words in Australian history."

"Not many people know that Henry Lawson died a pauper even though he was granted a Commonwealth Funeral."

"It will make for a nice night's entertainment and the best part of the whole thing is the music."

Mark Tainsh, his son Miles and daughter Lucia will perform the songs at Patonga as part of The Mountain Push band.

"We have two guitars, a whistle, a flute and a cellist that plays banjo," Mr Tainsh said.

Tickets are \$25 for the performance at Patonga Progress Hall on Saturday, December 10, and are available through lawsonpatonga.eventbrite.com.au

Interviews, 24 Nov 2016
Mark Austin, Patonga
Mark Tainsh, Sydney
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

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Bridge club plays pairs

The Brisbane Water Bridge Club held its annual Remembrance Day Pairs on Friday, November 11.

The winners were Jaan Oitmaa and Sylvia Foster with 59.5 per cent.

Second place went to Marie

Purkiss and Elizabeth Lawrence with 59 per cent.

Third spot went to Louis Koolen and Barbara Grant with 57.7 per cent.

Submission, 23 Nov 2016
Jenny Buckley, Brisbane
Water Bridge Club

Sherriff to head national contingent

Four-time Bowls Australia International Bowler of the Year and Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club local Aron Sherriff will head a strong contingent at the World Championships in Christchurch from November 29 to December 11.

The Jackaroo will be looking to defend Leif Selby's 2012 singles gold medal.

He will also be eager to defend the men's fours title he won in 2012.

Joining him are fellow international veterans Brett Wilkie and Mark Casey, both members of that victorious fours team from 2012, along with South Australian Wayne Ruediger.

Newsletter, 22 Nov 2016
Neil Dalrymple, Bowls Australia



Aron Sherriff will compete in the World Championships

Chloe is selected for inter-branch

Killcare Surf Life Saving Club member Ms Chloe Penn has been selected for the Central Coast Interbranch team for the 2016-17 season.

"Chloe has been one of our stand out runners over the last few years and her hard work has paid off," said club president Mr Peter

Bagnall.

"Chloe will now travel far and wide representing the Central Coast, and Killcare, of course, against other branches and we've no doubt she will do us proud," Mr Bagnall said.

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Be prepared for your holiday

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At this time of the year, summer holidays become part of our discussions – after all, holidays are the most exciting time of the year.

What we don't want to be worrying about though is whether or not you're going to be safe in the destination that you're heading to.

The truth is, it doesn't matter where in the world you are, there is an element of risk that you should be prepared for. Here are some top tips to ensure you are prepared for your next holiday:

Money – Never carry large amounts of money whilst on holiday.

Bags – Make sure you have a secure day bag/handbag and keep it close to you at all times. Alcohol – Keep an eye on your drink and never leave it unattended.

Taxis – Be sure that you are getting into a licensed taxi. A good tip is to settle on a price before setting off in order to prevent getting ripped off.

Don't leave windows and doors open – In the hot weather, it can be very tempting to leave a window or door open to keep you hotel room cool whilst you're out. Bad idea.

<http://www.betterhealth.wic.gov.au>

Don't flaunt possessions – Be sensible when flashing your brand new camera about and wowing people with your latest new gadgets.

Use common sense – Chances are you aren't going to encounter any problems on your holiday, but just always use common sense and you're sure to be fine.

Travel insurance – And just to cover all grounds, ensure you never leave home without adequate travel insurance.

Most importantly, have fun!

If you follow these easy steps above, you won't need to spend your holiday worrying. Just make the most of your time away and enjoy a fantastic holiday.



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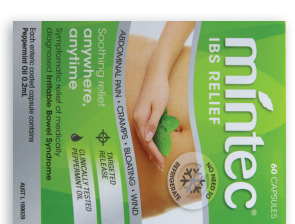


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