

Council refuses Patonga Hotel proposal

The proposed redevelopment of the Patonga Hotel has been refused by the Central Coast Council.

Council chief Mr Rob Noble has written to the proponent's architects, CKDS Architecture, informing them that the DA for alterations and additions to the existing hotel and takeaway shop at 8 to 10 Patonga Dve has been refused.

In his letter, Mr Noble listed seven reasons for Council's refusal.

"The proposal provides inadequate car parking for the proposed development and is not in accordance with the provisions of Gosford Development Control Plan (DCP) 2013," Mr Noble said in his letter.

"The proposal has provided insufficient information on the parking penetration of the proposed use or in relation to available car parking in the area," the letter said.

"The proposal would result in unacceptable parking and traffic impacts on surrounding residential areas, particularly during peak times," he said.

"The proposal would adversely impact on the amenity of the area through increased traffic generation and car parking congestions.

"The proposal exceeds the allowed Floor Space Ratio for the land under Gosford Local Environmental Plan 2014 and for which inadequate car parking is provided and in these circumstances a clause 4.6 variation to the provision would not be supported.

"The scale and intensity of the proposed restaurant and wedding reception is, and associated impacts, is inconsistent with the character of the area and the objectives of the B1 Neighbourhood Centre Zone."

Finally, Mr Noble said: "Approval would not be in the public interest."

The applicant now has six months to ask for a review of the decision and/or appeal to the Land and Environment Court.

Mr Ross Trembath, chairman of the Patonga Community Working Group which had campaigned



The Patonga Hotel

against the proposal, said: "The way in which Council addressed the difficult task of weighing up the merit of the proposal within the fragile Patonga environment will not be lost on the people who would be most affected by it."

A report written by Council's Department of Environment and Planning to assess the application said it had proposed adding a restaurant and wedding reception facility on the first floor of the existing café building without providing any car parking, relying instead on on-street car parking in the vicinity of the Hotel.

The report said the application had been the subject of a large number of objections from the local community, with 83 submissions and a petition with 89 signatures.

"The key issues raised in submissions were the increased intensity of the use, impacts on local character, non-compliance with planning controls, noise and amenity impacts on adjoining properties, inadequate car parking, traffic generation, pedestrian safety and the permissibility of wedding receptions," the report said.

According to the report, the Parking Report submitted in support of the application relied

on parking surveys carried out over two days in August 2002 and observations made on October 25 last year.

"Since the application was lodged the applicant has made several changes to the proposal to reduce impacts," the report said.

"These changes will reduce some of the intensity of the proposal, however on balance, the lack of car parking for the proposal, and lack of supporting information to determine parking impacts relevant to the proposed development means that Council is unable to satisfy itself that the proposal will not have an adverse impact on car parking in the Patonga area, including on surrounding residential streets.

"Additionally, the intensity of the expansion has potential to adversely impact on the amenity and character of the local area.

"Based on these concerns the application is recommended for refusal," the report concluded.

There have been a number of previous approvals applying to both buildings on the site.

The hotel building (including two residential dwellings) was approved in March 2000 (DA22677) and there have been several modifications and

alterations since then.

In September 2003, Gosford Council approved a modification (Part 2) to relocate the ground floor dwelling to the first floor and convert that area for dining use.

This modification was supported with an offer of \$20,000 from the applicant in lieu of a shortfall of six parking spaces arising from the proposal.

In March 2010, Council consented to a modification (Part 9) to the hotel for the removal of five on-site car parking spaces and a loading area, and the conversion of this area to beer garden seating.

"Council's assessment at the time noted that the proposal resulted in a shortfall of 18 car spaces being for the five spaces lost and a further 13 spaces for the additional beer garden/ dining area.

"The applicant did not agree with the extent of the shortfall, based on decreased demand from patrons travelling by boat, ferry or on foot, and based on the parking report submitted at the time.

"Following consideration by Council and a number of section 82A reviews the Council agreed with an offer from the applicant for a Voluntary Planning Agreement for \$75,000 to be applied to car

parking or foreshore works in and between the town centre area and the Dark Corner boat ramp, in lieu of the five lost car parking spaces," the staff report said.

The refused development application, lodged in December 2015, proposed to replace the hotel kitchen area with storage, cool rooms and cafe area; extend the ground floor hotel area approximately 2.5m to the east and in part 2.6m to the south, for reconfigured dining area and relocated toilets; provide a covered area of approximately 94 square metres over existing outdoor hotel dining areas on part of the front elevation; provide a small stage inside the hotel; extend the first floor verandah on the hotel on the front elevation; extend the first floor of the hotel by 6.5m to the east to accommodate new toilets to serve the proposed restaurant/ wedding reception area; demolish most of the seafood cafe building and first floor residence, and provide a new two-storey building with an expanded kitchen/ storage area at the rear and expanded internal seating area at the front on the ground level, the report said.

"Council's assessment has identified a number of concerns with the proposal, which primarily relate to the proposed use of the first floor of the takeaway cafe building as a restaurant and for wedding receptions, the lack of car parking as required under GDCP 2013 and the impacts of the use on the character and amenity of the local area.

"While the alterations and additions to the hotel and ground level takeaway store will have a lesser impact, overall the scale of the proposal is out of keeping with the desired future character of the area and the objectives of the B1 Local Neighbourhood zone.

"Accordingly, the application is recommended for refusal pursuant to Section 80 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979."

Letter, 28 Nov 2016
Rob Noble, Central Coast Council
Statement, 29 Nov 2016
Ross Trembath, Patonga
Community Working Group
Assessment report, 24 Nov 2016
Scott Cox, Central Coast Council

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Slow start for December rainfall

Just over 13mm of rain has fallen on the Peninsula in the first week of December, well below the rainfall rate required to reach the monthly average of 94mm.

November ended with 46.7mm, just over 40 per cent of the November average, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

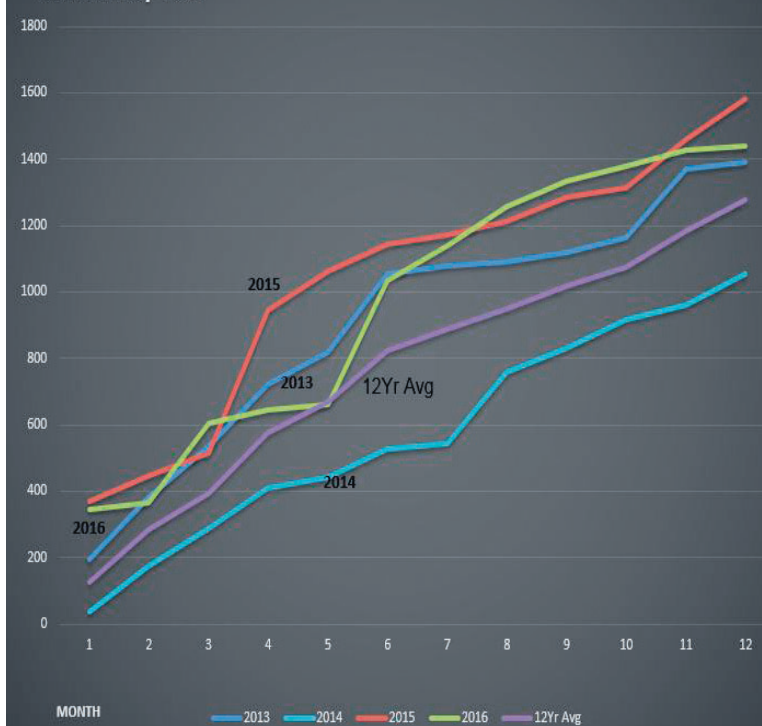
However, the cumulative total for the year at the end of November was 1425mm more than 20 per cent above the average total of 1185mm at that time of year.

The figure also exceeds the annual average of 1279mm.

As at 9am on December 9, the total for this year to date stood at 1438.1mm, 12.4 per cent above the annual average.

Spreadsheet, 9 Dec 2016
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

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Dot celebrates 103 years

A Peninsula Village resident has celebrated her 103rd birthday at Umina recently.

Ms Dorothea Devine, or Dot as she is known, turned 103 on Thursday, November 24 and celebrated with a special morning tea with other residents and her family.

Dot said she wasn't sure about the secret to living a long life but thought it came down to keeping the mind active.

"I have always had a strong passion for reading and love a good crossword challenge," said Dot.

Peninsula Village presented her with a bouquet of 103 Gerberas.

"Dot is a special resident at Don Leggett House who brings a smile to the faces of other residents and our staff on a regular basis," said Peninsula Village chief executive officer Mr Shane Neaves.

"While Dot wanted a quiet affair, it was only fitting to ensure that we marked this incredible milestone with a few sweet treats and teas as well as an incredible 103 gerberas that certainly brought a huge smile to Dot's face," Mr Neaves said.

Dot Devine not only lived through the Great Depression but both World Wars and has lived through the reign of 24 Australian Prime Ministers.

She was one of nine children,



Ms Dorothea Devine celebrated her 103rd birthday

the mother of two daughters and is both a grandmother and great grandmother.

"As one of nine children, we had to do many things around

the house and especially so as I was predominately raised by my mother as my father died when I was just aged seven.

"After raising my two daughters,

I also raised my two grandchildren from age four and five which kept me young and active," she said.

Ms Divine was one of the first residents to move into Don Leggett

House more than 11 years ago.

Since that time she has made many friends and is regularly visited by her nephew and daughters Kay and Barbara.

Reminiscing about her life, Dot spoke warmly about her days working as a machinist, where she made lounges and mattresses back in the late 1930s.

She was also an active volunteer doing charity work for Meals on Wheels and Legacy in her older age.

"I loved working and had a great interest in sewing and knitting once I had children.

"I also used to play the piano and actually enjoyed domestic chores such as cooking and cleaning.

"I was a champion dart player and also enjoyed playing tennis and have a fond interest in watching the professional tennis tournaments as well as listening to Judy Garland," said Dot.

With her 103rd birthday now reached, Dot said she was looking forward to many more great times and to enjoying the 103 blooms that brightened up her room.

"I have never seen so many flowers and 103 Gerberas in my room will certainly be a talking point for the next few days," said Dot.

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Bouddi Peninsula community members at the launch of their single-use plastic bag ban

Photo: Peter Holloman

Four people washed off rocks

Four people washed off the rocks at Maitland Bay were rescued before Killcare life savers or a rescue helicopter arrived on the scene.

The Westpac Rescue Helicopter was tasked to the Killcare area following reports of four people washed off rocks.

But, upon arrival, police advised that all four people had already been rescued and reunited with family members.

The helicopter returned to base. The swell had been heavy during the afternoon, closing Killcare Beach.

Killcare surf club president Mr Peter Bagnall said: "With a massive response, including the Westpac chopper, water police and a couple of ambulances, SurfCom asked our patrol to make the long run over to assist.

"While it turned out to not amount to much, our IRB crew braved conditions that closed the beach and were among the first on the scene ready to help," he said.

Media alert, 26 Nov 2016

Barry Walton, Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

Newsletter, 2 Dec 2016

Craig Sheppard, Killcare SLSC

Campaign to eliminate plastics bags and water bottles

Community groups are hoping to eliminate plastic bags and water bottles from the Bouddi Peninsula this summer.

The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust and the Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association are beginning a campaign to reduce their use to as close to zero as possible.

Local retailers have agreed to participate.

"This is our community contribution to a wider movement that is already having a major impact," said Trust spokesman Mr David Legge.

"Several major retail chains have reduced or eliminated the use of plastic bags including Aldi,

Woolworths and Bunnings," Mr Legge said.

"Other coastal communities have started similar campaigns such as Pacific Palms, Kangaroo Valley, Mogo, Oyster Bay and Huskisson," he said.

"South Australia, Northern Territory, and the ACT have banned thin single use plastic bags.

"France has gone a long way towards eliminating them altogether.

"Our aim is to encourage local residents to get into the habit of taking a re-usable bag when they go shopping.

"Leaving the empty bags by the front door is a good tactic as they are more likely to get to the car."

The two associations have

funded the manufacture of 500 hessian bags and 1500 calico bags, so re-usable bags will be available at all local outlets.

The hessian bags will sell for \$2 and the calico bags for \$1 each.

"These prices are well below the cost of production," Mr Legge said.

Some free bags were given out at the campaign launch at Killcare on December 8.

"Every bit of plastic made is still around to day.

"Most end up in landfills but an increasing amount ends up in the oceans via our beaches, rivers and stormwater drains.

"Millions of tons of plastic enter the oceans every year.

"The larger pieces not only get

mistaken for food but entangle turtles, seabirds, seals.

"Plastic breaks up into smaller and smaller pieces over time.

"These micro-plastics enter bottom of the food chain through the zooplankton and work their way up, contaminating every animal in the chain.

"Single use thin plastic bags are one of the most commonplace and wasteful types of plastic.

"Australians use 10 million disposable plastic bags every day.

"Eliminating their use would be a small but significant step towards minimising our plastic waste," Mr Legge said.

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All gift givers need to do is specify whether or not their gift is for a girl or a boy when they drop it off.

Media release, 29 Nov 2016
Jessica Walters, Ray White



Customers inside the Ettalong branch



Ettalong Beach Community Bank branch of Bendigo Bank

Bank branch reports sixth consecutive profit

An Ettalong bank branch has declared an operating profit for its sixth consecutive year.

"Ettalong Beach Bendigo Bank recently held its 12th annual general meeting and was able to report its sixth consecutive operating profit despite difficult economic conditions," said the bank's director Mr Ken Dixon.

According to Mr Dixon, from a revenue base of \$750,000, the bank made an after-tax profit of \$64,600, up from the 2015 profit of \$46,600.

"This allowed the Bank to pay a dividend of 7 cents in the dollar to shareholders," Mr Dixon said.

"The Bank was able to deliver

its fourth consecutive dividend to shareholders with the latest dividend of seven cents in the dollar being a great result," Mr Dixon said.

"Over the past 12 years, Ettalong Bendigo Bank has returned more than \$460,000 to the local community and has provided dividends of \$86,000 to shareholders," he said.

"We now support over 45 local organisations including football clubs, netball clubs, surf clubs, bowling clubs, cricket clubs, welfare groups, virtually everyone on the Peninsula who is attempting to keep our vibrant community going.

"Expenses for the year included \$46,700 for charitable donations and sponsorships for community organisations including the bowling clubs on the Peninsula, Ettalong and Peninsula Men's Shed, Central Coast Kids in Need, Mary Mac's, Umina and Ocean Beach Surf Clubs, Umina, Woy Woy and Ettalong Soccer Clubs, Umina and Ettalong Netball Clubs, Southern Spirit Cricket Club, Woy Woy Rugby Union Club and many more," he said.

"The Bank has Net Assets of \$296,000 as of 30 June 2016.

"The Bendigo Bank at Ettalong Beach has a hardworking board of directors led by chairman Mick

Gage and a great group of staff led by experienced manager Peter McKeon who will do all they can to support their customers' banking needs," he said.

The bank has recently undergone a major renovation and has invited the public to have a look at its refreshed facilities.

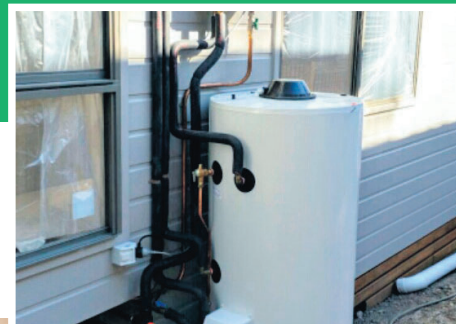
"Bendigo Bank at Ettalong offers all the services of the other banks.

"It offers friendly customer service and gives back to our community in so many ways," he said.

Media release, 20 Nov 2016
Submission, 9 Dec 2016
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Sold recently in Umina for around \$700,000

Properties top \$1 million in the past month

Several non-waterfront properties on the Peninsula have been sold for more than \$1 million in the past month.

According to Mr Shane Johnson, from Raine and Horne Woy Woy, the prices gained show that demand from purchasers for Peninsula homes continues to be very strong.

Mr Johnson said a shortage of properties for sale was also fuelling the market.

"Historically we generally see an increase of properties on the

market from spring through to summer.

"However this year that increase has been small, which in return has kept buyer demand high and this has been reflected in strong sale prices," he said.

"We have seen that investors are back in the market again and developers are still purchasing sites too, showing that there is still high confidence in the ever growing Peninsula market.

"Many people are choosing to cash in on the Sydney market and move to the Coast, while still

only having a little over an hour commute to Sydney Central by train from Woy Woy," he said.

Raine and Horne Woy Woy reported 20 sales in the past month with an average price of \$652,000 in Woy Woy; 23 sales in Umina with an average price of \$677,000; and 17 sales in Ettalong with an average sale price of \$702,000.

On average across the Peninsula houses are selling in 67 days or less.

Submission, 8 Dec 2016
Shane Johnson, Raine and Horne Woy Woy

Sewerage completed at Empire Bay

The Cockle Bay Towns Sewage Project has been completed for the residents of Empire Bay.

They have finally been connected to the new mains system.

The project, announced in October 2015, took just over 10 months to complete.

Sydney specialist civil engineering firm Codmah delivered the project to the residents who have been lobbying for a wastewater solution for close to four decades.

"Our focus was on minimising environmental impact" said managing director Mr John

Murtagh.

"We proposed using HDD Trenchless Technology to the council, in an effort to cause minimum disruption to residents, and the local environment.

"Both residents and councillors were delighted with our approach."

Codmah submitted elaborate plans, taking into consideration potential impact on air and water quality, noise and vibrations, biodiversity, heritage, soil, traffic, and other factors, ensuring a pleasant experience to local and passing residents, while minimising harmful impact on the environment, he said.

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Peninsula fares well in planning backlog

The Peninsula appears to have fared well with its development application backlog under the new Central Coast Council compared to other parts of the local government area.

The Gosford development application portal on the Central Coast Council website shows over 200 applications pending on the Peninsula for around \$78 million worth of development-related work including development applications,

construction certificates, complying developments and tree applications.

Peninsula works accounted for around a third of applications outstanding.

The value of applications pending across the whole Gosford area was around \$1.9 billion with some dating back as far as July 2014.

On the Peninsula, those in the system since the start of the year represent \$72.6 million.

Applications still outstanding from last year account for \$3.8

million worth of work.

And just over \$1 million of the older applications are from 2013 and 2014.

Some incomplete applications for the Peninsula in the Central Coast Council system date back to 2011.

The John Singleton-backed Central Coast Taskforce has expressed concerns about planning approval processes and delays under the new Council.

Taskforce chairman Mr Chris Holstein said the total for the whole Gosford area was around

\$2 billion.

"And that's only half of the Central Coast.

"Wyong's pending applications could double that amount," he said.

"One has to ask what that would do to the jobs market and business in general on the Central Coast.

"The Taskforce calls for the process to be looked at and if local government can't do it then the Minister should step in."

Mr Holstein said recent NSW Department of Planning and Environment data on approvals and net dwelling completions

showed that the Central Coast was 38 per cent behind the comparable Illawarra area for approvals and 32 per cent behind on net dwelling completions.

"The question has to be answered is it lack of cohesion, teamwork, leadership, morale or all the above directly linked to the process of amalgamation," he said.

Media release, 5 Dec 2016

Chris Holstein, Central

Coast Taskforce

Website, 7 Dec 2016

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CEN is pleased to honour the efforts of a number of individuals and groups that have contributed to making the Central Coast a better place.

Each year, CEN calls for nominations and gives out the BAT Awards - based around a cricket theme that reflects the need for us to "Be A Team". Our Awards presentation was held on 24 November with the 2016 BAT Award going to **Lisa Wriley** for her outstanding efforts in driving the Kariong eco-garden and her work on the campaign to reduce plastic pollution and introduce container deposit legislation. Other Award recipients included:

- **Rookie of the Year - Kylie Boyle.** Kylie galvanised the Berkeley Vale community to raise the alarm about the impacts of proposed development of Glenning Valley.
- **Best 12th Man - Maureen Baxter,** who has volunteered for over 12 years monitoring water quality in creeks in the Blue Haven area.
- **Most Outstanding Community Group - Save Our Central Coast Reserves.** Sue Chidgey brought together many local communities to oppose the Gosford Council sell off of local parks, reserves and green space..... and they were successful!
- **Special Recognition: Geoff Preece** - acknowledging Geoff's contribution to the Central Coast from the "Go Green" shop, as President of ACF Central Coast, former Gosford Council Councillor and Chairman of Kariong EcoGarden.
- **Special Recognition: Outstanding Campaign - Morry Breen** - Recognising Morry's incredible efforts in the 1970's in preventing the sandmining of North Entrance, the knockback of the earlier Chittaway based power station and as the leader in the green ban on Riley's Island.

We thank all our members, supporters and friends for their efforts throughout the year. We wish you all a happy, healthy healthy and peaceful holiday season!

Jane Smith, CEO



CEN calls for better community consultation on Gosford CBD proposal

The Central Coast Council currently has a planning proposal on exhibition that is alarming—it proposes heights in Gosford CBD up to 99m (approximately 30 stories). Not only will this significantly change the skyline of Gosford but it goes against sound planning logic.

Instead of intensifying commercial development around the transport hub of the railway station—the proposal is to move this commercial activity down toward the waterfront - one of our most valuable areas for lifestyle and recreation uses.

Significantly, the proposal is **only on exhibition for 4 weeks with submissions closing on Friday, 16 December**, just over a week before Christmas. The Council is not proposing any presentations to the community or public meetings to provide information about the proposal.

In contrast, the consultant's report indicates that they have "undertaken consultation with Council's internal teams and members of the local development industry arranged by Council". It almost sounds like the proposal has been written with the developers in mind - not the residents and ratepayers!

In 2004, a poll was taken at the local government elections that included a question on what heights residents of Gosford Local Government Area wanted for the CBD. Over 55,000 voters participated in the poll with Gosford Council concluding that the majority of residents of Gosford wanted less than 14 storeys. Since then, the results of this poll have very quietly been buried.

What does it matter if we have high rise in Gosford?... Aside from the aesthetic issues (yes, beauty is in the eye of the beholder) and social issues ... perhaps the biggest issue is transport.

The current planning proposal does not address the increased transport issues. Instead it states that:

"Transport for NSW in conjunction and Council and other transport stakeholders are currently undertaking a wider review of Gosford City Centre Precinct with regards to major infrastructure projects and the need to improve parking and movement throughout Gosford - the Gosford City Centre Strategic Transport Plan. Any improvements required to the road network, public transport and pedestrian and cycle infrastructure required as a result of the planning proposal will be included as part of this process." So addressing transport chaos is being deferred until later.

Who will make the decision?.... The Minister for Planning, Rob Stokes, has delegated the decision to council. So, one person, the Central Coast Administrator, Ian Reynolds, will make the decision on whether this planning proposal goes ahead or not.

Make a submission on the Gosford CBD Planning Proposal before Friday, 16 December.

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Time to investigate best solar power deals

Solar power users should be considering their metering options and investigating the best power company deals, ahead of the closure of the NSW Solar Bonus Scheme.

This was the message to take from an information evening held recently at the Peninsula Community Centre, according to local solar specialist Mr Jo Muller.

Mr Muller said about 80 people attended the session which was organised by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage and hosted by Central Coast Council.

The evening was targeted at residents and businesses with solar panels installed on their premises.

Guest speaker was Mr Mark Squires from the NSW Division of Resources and Energy's Sustainable Energy Program team.

Mr Muller said, based on information provided at the Opportunity Workshop, retailers were offering feed in tariffs of between zero and eight cents per kilowatt hour so it was worth shopping around.

Depending on the offer they choose, solar users may also need to change their meters before the scheme closes.

According to an email sent to residents and business owners

who attended the workshop, Federal Government websites, including energymadeeasy.gov.au and energyrating.gov.au/calculator can help customers find the best deals under the new system.

The Woy Woy Energy Opportunity Workshop was the only one to be held on the Central Coast and was one of 22 held throughout the state.

The Solar Bonus Scheme ends on December 31 and, according to a NSW Department of Industry, Resources and Energy website, it has "been successful in achieving its aim to encourage the uptake of renewable energy in NSW".

According to the website, eligible scheme customers will continue to receive payments under the scheme until the end of the year after which they can access the same market offers for unsubsidised feed in tariffs that are available to all other solar customers.

"Now is a good time for you to investigate your metering and other product options to make sure you get the most out of your renewable energy system when the scheme ends and to look around to see what competing retailers have to offer," the website said.

Interview, 8 Dec 2016
Jo Muller, Sun2Steam

Circular, 6 Dec 2016

Mark Squires, Environment NSW
Reporter: Jackie Pearson



Mr Max Landells and Mr Peter Fischer aboard Central Coast 22 with 5.0m runabout in tow from Blackwall

Three marine rescues

Three marine rescues took place during the last weekend of November.

Two calls for help were received by Marine Rescue Central Coast first thing on the morning of Saturday, November 26.

The first call, received by phone around 8:20am saw Central Coast 21 with skipper Bren Weston at the helm, tasked to assist a seven metre runabout reported with two persons on board and a mechanical problem.

The boat was in Broken Bay off Bullimah Beach, at the western tip of Gerrin Point.

Three metre seas made conditions difficult but the rescue crew located the vessel and it was taken in tow.

The lumpy seas put extra strain on the tow line and a fitting parted.

It was replaced and the tow resumed, however, the tow was again suspended when the rescue boat instruments showed the engine was overheating.

The second call was received by radio at 8:30am saw Central Coast 22 with skipper Ian Radford at the helm, tasked to assist a six metre runabout with electrical failure at Ettalong.

This vessel was located and had reached The Rip Bridge on the way to Lintern St Ramp when the rescue boat was directed to assist Central Coast 21 which was at Box Head.

The towed boat was asked to anchor and the crew promised to

return as quickly as possible.

Central Coast 22 hurried to Broken Bay and took over the tow from Central Coast 21 and the vessel was towed to Gosford Ramp.

After some investigation the cause of the diesel engine overheating was determined and rectified.

Central Coast 21 then went to The Rip Bridge and took the anchored vessel left by Central Coast 22 in tow, dropping the vessel at Lintern St Ramp.

The radio room received a phone call on the Sunday at 9:30am from the owner of a five metre runabout with mechanical failure off the north entry to the Blackwall Channel.

He requested a tow to Gosford Ramp.

Central Coast 22 with Bren Weston and his crew attended and towed the boat to Gosford Ramp.

Media release, 28 Nov 2016
Ron Cole, Marine Rescue
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News



Ms Bobby Redman from the Rotary district youth exchange committee, exchange student Jenna Woodhouse, Umina Rotary president Mr Mike Curley and Mr Shane Johnson from the Rotary district youth exchange committee.

Jenna to depart on Rotary exchange

Gosford High School student Jenna Woodhouse is about to depart on a Rotary exchange to Mexico, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Umina Beach.

Jenna, from Davistown, spoke at a recent Umina club meeting about her expectations of the trip and her stay in Pueblo, which is the third largest city in Mexico.

Members present at the meeting were told Pueblo was a Unesco Heritage Listed City.

Sue and Bobby Clark, Jenna's grandparents, also attended the meeting along with her parents.

She was presented with her Rotary Exchange Student blazer and stated that she would be hosted by an all-female Rotary Club in Pueblo.

Ms Woodhouse has enjoyed success in hockey and surf life saving including 16 bronze medals.

Her first host family has two sons about her age and a younger daughter and she will attend a private school.

She has already started to learn Spanish as members of her first host family don't speak English.

Rotary spokesperson Mr Geoff

Melville said: "As an Ambassador from Rotary, the Central Coast and Australia, Jenna has a great presentation ready to give to her host Rotary Club, surrounding schools and community groups about her life on the Central Coast."

Peninsula school students interested in finding out more information about Rotary Youth Exchange Program should phone the club's Youth Director Mr Robert Meyer on 0429 632 200.

Newsletter, 5 Dec 2016
Rod Radford, Umina Rotary
Media release, 8 Dec 2016
Geoff Melville, Umina Rotary

Monitoring requested for tennis courts

The Wagstaffe-Killcare Community Association has asked police and the Central Coast Council to monitor the tennis courts at Pretty Beach.

Association president Ms Peta Colebatch said that, within the past month, a gate to the child-safe area behind the courts had to be removed and the shade cloth protecting children and adults in that area has been damaged and ripped.

"The council and police have been advised and we have asked for surveillance of the area," Ms Colebatch said.

"We have replaced the shade cloth and plan to replace the damaged gate as soon as possible but all this is expensive and takes time," she said.

Ms Colebatch called for "more respect" from local parents, children and young adults to ensure the damage of community property in the area does not continue.

Issues of concern have been raised with the public school and high school in the area.

"The damage is unacceptable. It not only harms the facilities and disillusion all the volunteers who work so hard to maintain them but also damages the reputation of children in this area and by extension that of the schools," she said.

A proposal to erect a practice soccer net nearby has been rejected by Council due to safety

concerns.

"We are open to ideas about what more we can do but we don't want what we have now despoiled and we want to respect the work of our volunteers and all who assist us to raise funds for spending on community resources.

"After all, for example, there's so much asparagus fern around the area anyone wanting to use up excess energy could help us in getting rid of it rather than using the tennis courts to work off steam.

"We're happy to assist in pointing kids in the direction of the asparagus fern or to play tennis or to clean up the old bottles and refuse in the environment.

"There's lots to be done," she said.

Newsletter, 7 Dec 2016
Peta Colebatch, WTKCA

Surf club has charity golf day

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club held its fourth annual charity golf day recently.

The event was held at the Everglades Country Golf Course on November 14.

According to the club's director of marketing Ms Di Moate, it "was well attended by local businesses and members of the surf club".

"Players on the day returned to Ocean Beach SLSC for lunch, refreshments and presentations."

Ms Moate said the club thanked Everglades for hosting the event and the local business which donated prizes that were given out to players on the day.

Media release, 8 Dec 2016
Di Moate, Ocean Beach SLSC



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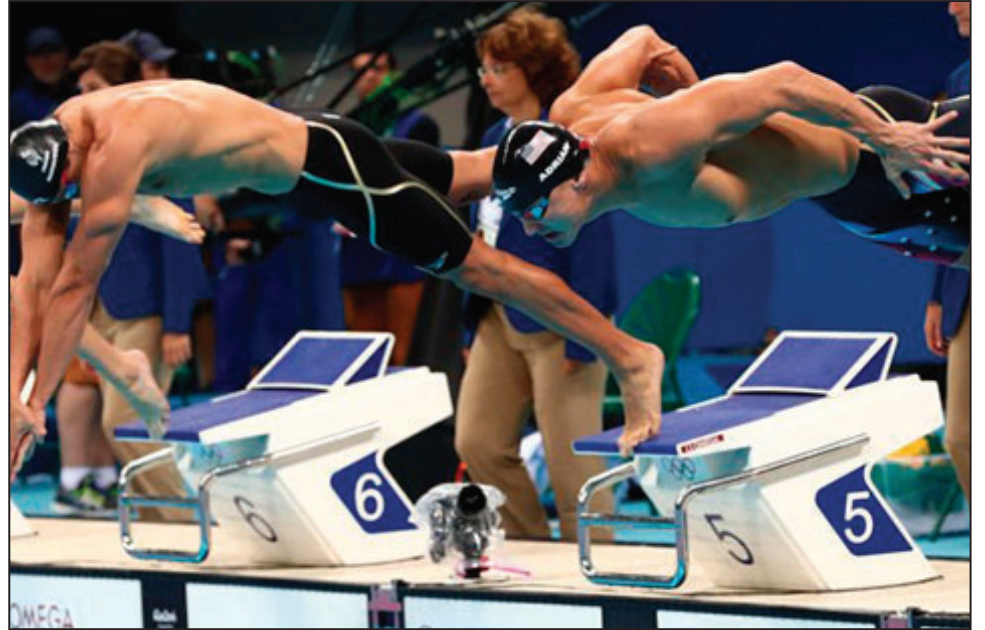


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Possible project: Redevelopment of the Austin Butler Oval tennis courts?



Possible project: Starting blocks and electronic timing system for the Peninsula Leisure Centre?

Residents given say on project priority

Central Coast Council has asked residents to say which projects it would like to see funded under the State Government's Stronger Communities Fund.

The council identified 30 possible projects costing \$39 million, but had only \$9 million in funds.

Possible projects on the Peninsula totalled \$7.7 million.

They included: Austin Butler Oval and Woy Woy tennis amenities redevelopment \$900,000; Peninsula Leisure Centre starting blocks and electronic timing system \$135,000; Correa Bay boat ramp upgrade \$250,000; Koolewong boat ramp carpark upgrade \$430,000; Woy Woy public wharf upgrade \$4 million; intersection upgrade at Railway and Hillview Streets, Woy Woy South \$680,000; and Woy Woy Rd reconstruction at Woy Woy South \$1,332,000.

Council administrator Mr Ian Reynolds said: "This is a real and unique opportunity for residents to have a direct say in which projects get the green light in their local area.

"Your vote is important and I urge everyone to be a part of the process."

Voting closed on Sunday,

December 11.

The Austin Butler Oval project included the construction of a new joint shared amenities building with changerooms, canteen, toilets, referees room, clubhouse and storage for both Woy Woy tennis courts and the oval.

The Correa Bay boat ramp would be upgraded to "a functional and safe capacity for the community".

In early 2012 Council exhibited three designs for the Woy Woy Town Centre Wharf Project.

At the time Council chose option two and decided to seek funding for the design and construction.

The project would include reconstruction of the seawall between the existing jetty and Brisbane Water Dve, replacement of the public wharf with a new pontoon and jetty, new footpaths, boardwalk and fish cleaning table, upgrading of street furniture, landscaping and seating.

Works proposed for the Railway St and Hillview St intersection would include a dedicated right turn lane on Railway St into Hillview St and a right turn acceleration lane out of Hillview St for traffic heading towards Woy Woy.

The Woy Woy Rd reconstruction adjacent to Correa Bay car park would be to address flooding

including raising the road level above the one in 100 year flood level.

"These projects have already been identified as a priority by the community and are spread right across the Coast so the long term social and economic benefits are huge.

"The value of the proposed package of projects comes to over \$39 million, so we are interested in the community's views," said Mr Reynolds.

The Stronger Communities Fund was a key funding commitment by the NSW Government to merging Councils.

The fund was designed to fast track the delivery of priority infrastructure and services for local communities such as upgraded community facilities, improved roads and car parks or new sporting or learning facilities.

Mr Reynolds, said the funding had been provided due to the amalgamation and Council wanted the community to have a direct say in where the money should be spent.

"These funds are additional to Council's existing operational budget so it means we can get on with some projects that we know the community wants," he said.

Newsletter, 30 Nov 2016
Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council



Possible project: Reconstruction of Woy Woy Rd, Woy Woy South

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News



Mr Douglas Hull, PCYC Umina Committee President and former Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews

President receives certificate

PCYC Umina Beach committee president Mr Douglas Hull has received a commemorative certificate from the NSW Government.

The certificate was presented by former Member for Gosford, Ms Marie Andrews, representing the current Member Ms Kathy Smith. It acknowledges Mr Hull's 50 years of service as a Justice of the

Peace to the local community. Ms Andrews was presented with a get well card from the club for Ms Smith.
**Newsletter, 6 Dec 2016
Douglas Hull, Umina Beach PCYC**

Five residential units approved for Ettalong

A development application for five residential units has been approved for Ettalong.

The estimated cost of the units, to be built in Barrenjoey Rd, Ettalong, is \$1.1 million.

The application was made by Etchells Design and Drafting on behalf of the land owners.

The 789.9 square metre site has a width of 15.24m and is 51.8m deep.

The site is located on the western side of Barrenjoey Rd and is relatively flat.

The site is not bushfire prone or within a heritage conservation area single dwelling houses with vehicular access via a driveway that runs down the southern side of the allotments that would have direct connection to the public roadway.

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

The application seeks consent for the demolition of the existing dwellings (and ancillary structures) and the erection of five town houses with front courtyard fencing.

Vehicular access is proposed via central driveway to separate garages provided for each unit.

The proposed units provide sufficient areas to store mobile waste collection bins away from the street and clothes drying areas that would be screened from other dwellings and the public domain.

According to the Statement of Environment Effects, the multi-unit housing building design

would not result in any adverse environmental, amenity, social or economic impacts to the site and surrounding area. The proposal entails increase in development density that is commensurate with the locality and the land use zoning.

The application would be compatible with the intention and rationale outlined in the Department of Planning's planning publication The Metropolitan Strategy which is further outlined in the Central Coast Regional Strategy.

The statement claimed that the proposal was consistent with the established medium-density residential development pattern in the locality and met the objectives outlined in the Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and would be in the public interest.

The statement states that the development would fit in with the desired character for the area, which was to "remain medium density residential neighbourhoods where improved standards of amenity and urban design quality are achieved by new low rise multi-unit developments that reflect features of the traditional 20th century bungalows which remain distinctive elements of the Woy Woy Peninsula's identity".

The Statement concluded by confirming the suitability of the development as highlighted by its "co-operation" with the character of Ettalong's locality and the need for increased housing density in the area.

**Gosford Planning Portal, 7 Dec 2016
Development Application
011.2016.00049850.001
Reporter: Dillon Luke**

Shops converted to restaurant

A development application to convert retail shops into a restaurant and bar has been approved for Ettalong Beach.

The site in question, 247 Ocean View Rd, Ettalong Beach, sits one intersection away from Picnic Pde and The Esplanade and has been approved to change the use of the shops from Class Six Retail to

Class Six Restaurant.

While there are no documents available on Central Coast Council's Planning Portal for this privately-certified development, application details suggest the space will be converted into a mixed-use restaurant with internal expansion and alterations will include adding a dining room

and a bar refit to adjoin existing restaurant facilities.

The application was lodged and approved on November 30, with estimated cost of works listed as \$150,000.

**Gosford Planning Portal
51160/2016, 7 Dec 2016
Reporter: Dillon Luke**

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Action group calls for safer roads

An Empire Bay community group is continuing its campaign to bring safer roads to the area and surrounding districts.

The Empire Bay and Districts Road Action Group are again calling on local Members of Parliament, Central Coast Council and Roads and Maritime Services to address road safety concerns following a motor vehicle accident on December 3.

Empire Bay and Districts Road Action Group member Mr Gregory Olsen said the latest accident on Greenfield Rd and the string of fatal road accidents around the Central Coast in recent months highlighted the need for better traffic management and road safety measures in the region.

"On December 3, a man allegedly under the influence of drugs and driving a stolen vehicle, lost control of the vehicle on loose gravel while entering Greenfield Rd from Rickard Rd," Mr Olsen said.

"The vehicle then spun out careering into two parked cars and the gabion walls of a property on Greenfield Rd.

"Miraculously, nobody was injured," Mr Olsen added.

Mr Olsen said this incident demonstrated why the community is so concerned about the condition of their roads and said it was only a matter of time before someone was seriously injured or killed.

"Do we have to wait for a fatality to address this issue?

"If the tragic death of Annabelle Deal on the Scenic Hwy this year is any guide than perhaps we do," Mr Olsen said.

The action group, which formed in August this year, has held two public meetings and as a result of these, has written to Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch, Federal Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks and Central Coast Council.

Despite Mr Crouch and three council representatives attending the second of these meetings, Mr Olsen said the response from all three parties was unsatisfactory.

The group had yet to receive a reply to their major concern and main priority, the resurfacing of Greenfield and Rickard Rds, he said.

"At this stage, we are not satisfied with the urgency of Mr Crouch's or council's responses to our concerns.

"No new work or study has been undertaken to assess solutions to the issues we've raised, although council's Ms Jeanette Williams has promised to expedite new speed limit signage and painted signs on Greenfield and Rickard Rds and investigate the potential installation of stop signs at the intersection of these roads.

"I've been in contact with Woy Woy Highway Patrol who have been more present and that is much appreciated," Mr Olsen said.

The action group sent an email to Mr Crouch in November, at his request, detailing the works they believe Greenfield and Rickard Rds needed to be made safe.

The group said the roads needed to be resurfaced and footpaths, drains, kerb and guttering and on-street parking provided.

Mr Olsen also said the group would like to see traffic lights installed at the intersection of Empire Bay Dr and Greenfield Rd, but the group was told by an RMS project officer that funds allocated to improve the intersection were not enough to cover the cost of the lights.

"We are calling on Central Coast Council, Mr Adam Crouch and Ms Lucy Wicks for their support and action to address these neglected roads.

"The NSW Government has a budget surplus of \$3.4 billion and the group and the Empire Bay community say it's time to act.

"It's time to see some of the profits from the sale of NSW public assets spent on Empire Bay," Mr Olsen said.

Group members will meet on December 14.

Interview, 5 Dec 2016
Gregory Olsen, Empire Bay and Districts Road Action Group
Reporter: Dillon Luke



Mr Al Morris with his wife Judith upon receipt of his Marine Rescue NSW Life Membership

Marine Rescue life membership granted

A Daleys Point resident has been made a life member of Marine Rescue NSW.

Marine Rescue Central Coast skipper Mr Al Morris was appointed a life member of the organisation at its annual general meeting on Saturday, November 26.

The presentation of life membership was made by MRNSW chairman Mr James Glissan.

Mr Morris had been a member of Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol, since September 1989 and has been an operational rescue skipper since 1991.

He was appointed Division Commander of Central Coast Unit in 1996 and served a two-year term.

He undertook responsibility for compiling the NSW statistics for RVCP and continued in that role when MRNSW was formed.

In December 2005, Mr Morris received the National Medal for

15-years' community service and received a clasp for the medal in April 2016 recognising a further 10-year contribution.

Al was joined at the presentation ceremony by his wife Judith and six members of Marine Rescue Central Coast including unit commander Roger Palmer and Marine Rescue NSW director Patricia Fayers.

Media release, 27 Nov 2016
Ron Cole, Marine Rescue
NSW Central Coast



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News



Some of the new archery equipment purchased for the PCYC

PCYC buys archery gear

New equipment has been purchased for archery and gymnastic programs at the Umina Beach PCYC.

Archery has received five new targets, two new bows and arrows and accessories.

The new equipment was

purchased using a donation made by the Rotary Club of Woy Woy earlier this year.

Photographic studio equipment will be purchased before the end of 2016 for the creation and support of a creative arts space at the club.

Newsletter, 6 Dec 2016

Douglas Hull, Umina Beach PCYC

Tender let for water valve and trunk duplication

A tender has been let to upgrade a drinking water pressure reduction valve and to duplicate a trunk water main.

Eire Constructions Pty Ltd will duplicate the major water main that brings drinking quality water from the reservoirs and treatment plants to the mains that supply the customer.

The pressure reduction valve is used to reduce the water pressure from the higher pressured trunk mains to the mains that feeds the customer's home.

The aim of the project was to construct a new pressure reduction valve arrangement, complete with two new valve chambers, two new pressure reduction valves, pipework, electrical switch board and cabling, pigging arrangement and trunk main duplication main at Woy Woy pressure reduction valve station.

The work should result in

improvements to the system's capacity and redundancy.

It was also aimed to improve and resolve existing issues including confined spaces and access issues.

Another Council objective for the project was to provide a facility which was safe and convenient for both routine and emergency maintenance, maximising the ability to maintain the critical item of infrastructure in reliable condition.

Tender responses were evaluated by the Tender Evaluation Committee against weighted criteria.

Eire Constructions Pty Ltd was chosen as its application delivered the best overall proposal for the works (for cost competitiveness and against weighted non-cost criteria) that would provide value for money to Central Coast Council, according to a report to the Wednesday, November 23 ordinary Council meeting.

"The recommended tender proposal has conformed to all commercial and technical requirements," the report said.

"The recommended tenderer provided a well-developed methodology for the project including good understanding of the works and tested management system to meet Council's requirements.

"The contract plan was approved by the Manager Construction Planning and Management, before the request for tender was issued.

"The invitation documents called for lump sum tenders, based on a detailed specification."

Tenders were received from (in alphabetical order): Comdain Civil Construction Pty Ltd; Eire Constructions Pty Ltd; and Zinfra Pty Ltd.

It is anticipated that the works will be available to be put into service by June.

Central Coast Council agenda 3.3, 23 Nov 2016

Mary Mac's plans Christmas lunch

Mary Mac's Place in Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, is planning a special Christmas lunch.

"We are hoping to make it a special event and create good memories for people who are struggling," said Mary Mac's manager Ms Kim McGurtey.

"Often this time of year can not only be a financial strain but a sad time as many do not have family, friends nor the capital to celebrate in a way many in society are able to," she said.

"Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy is a not-for-profit community

restaurant where volunteers provide over 80 hot midday meals per day, washing a shower facilities and referrals to other services for the homeless and disadvantaged.

"It is not only for our direct community but the transient community who have no home who are able to access this service."

Mary Mac's place relies on donations and, in order to provide its special Christmas dinner it is still in need of the following: 10 chickens, 10 hams, seven large jars of apple sauce; 10 Christmas cakes or puddings; enough pre-made salads or salad supplies

for 200 people; six pieces of pork; 20 cartons of long-life custard; 10 bottles of cream; 300 soft drinks; 300 bags of wrapped lollies; 200 small bags of chips; 300 bon bons; 15kg of prawns; 210 knives and 134 forks; 80 desert spoons; 26 teaspoons; 300 serviettes; 25 plastic tablecloths; and 10 tins of beetroot.

Hamper goods are also needed including fruit snack packs, dried or tinned fruit, long life milk, noodles, tea, coffee or sugar and toiletries.

Media release, 6 Dec 2016

Kim McGurtey, Mary Mac's Place



Volunteers preparing food at Mary Mac's

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It don't seem much like Christmas

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Charles served in the AIF in New Guinea.

Tip Kelaher was killed in action in the Middle East in 1941.

He was born in Sydney in

December 1914, educated at Clovelly, Moree and Sydney High.

Tip enlisted in the AIF and in 1940 he was sent to the Middle East.

He wrote poems in the style of Henry Lawson.

This one is called Christmas '41

Well, it don't seem much like Christmas
Nations at each other's throats,
A-fighting one another
Like a lot of billy goats.
While we polish up the Vickers
Or are doing bayonet drill,
It hardly seems the season
To be talking of goodwill.

But there's one who came from Nazareth
I guess he ought to know-
He knocked about and summed things up
Two thousand years ago.
And though new gods have come and gone
And years have passed away
The things he taught his followers
Are just as clear today.

He taught them love and friendship,
To be tolerant and straight,
That each might do the decent thing
And try to help his mate.
Told of the good Samaritan,
Who helped the traveller bloke
Gave him a swig of Fosters
And offered him a smoke.

Taught each not to fight his neighbour,
Kill his calves or steal his wheat,
Or broadcast lies about him
On the corner street,
Till people learned his creed was right
And gave the sword a rest
They sat beside their fires and smoked
And found that peace was best.

Letter, 29 Nov 2016
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

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Peninsula News focuses on news specifically relating to post code areas 2256 and 2257.

Given the advent of the new Central Coast Council, following is a summary of the first 9 news articles published in the most

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on www.centralcoastnews.net. Copies of these other publications may be obtained from our offices in Gosford, by subscription, or from a myriad of locations in the areas covered by each publication.

COAST Community News

December 1, 2016 Your independent local newspaper Ph: 4325 7369 Issue 147

Planning proposal redefines city's new Commercial Core and offers new incentives

A planning proposal, intended to reshape the Gosford CBD, and started by the former Gosford Council, is being taken to its next stage by the Central Coast Council.

Interim amalgamated Development Control and Local Environmental Plans being prepared

The Central Coast Council is moving to standardise planning and development controls across the whole region before the next local government election in September 2017.

Minister to discuss the importance of an infrastructure plan for the region

The NSW Minister for Planning, Mr Rob Stokes, will be asked to meet with Central Coast Council to discuss the importance of an infrastructure plan for the region and will be...

The full articles and more can be seen on line on our website www.centralcoastnews.net Coast Community News focusses on news specifically related to post code areas 2250, 2251, 2260 and articles can also be read and shared on your mobile phone by going to www.coastcommunitynews.com.au.

Quarry seeks approval for 2,250 truckloads of fill per week for four weeks

Somersby residents are campaigning against an application for the importation of 140,000 cubic metres of Excavated Natural Material (ENM) to the Rindean Quarry at ...

Central Coast Tourism required to submit an Expression of Interest if it wants to continue

The long-awaited shake up of tourism management on the Central Coast has commenced, with Central Coast Tourism being told it will have to submit an Expression of Interest ...

Submissions sought for driver education enquiry

Federal Member for Terrigal, Mr Adam Crouch announced the Stay Safe Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety has agreed to hold a public enquiry into "Driver Education" including ...

Speculation continues over Mariners' plans for Central Coast Stadium

Mystery surrounds any future involvement of the Central Coast Mariners Football Club in the running of Gosford's Central Coast Stadium.

Extended deadline for council audit does not imply anything untoward

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,

NBN satisfaction survey shows mixed results

An independent audit of consumer experiences with the National Broadband Network on the Central Coast has turned up mixed preliminary results.

WYONG Regional CHRONICLE

December 6, 2016 Your independent community newspaper - Ph: 4325 7369 Issue 106

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

Auditor General asked to look into inexplicable selection of Kangy Angy land

The NSW Auditor General, Ms Margaret Crawford, has been called on to investigate dealings surrounding the selection of land in Kangy Angy for the location of the Intercity Fleet Train Maintenance

NSW Government has refused to give Kangy Angy residents answers to requests for basic information

Shadow Minister for Transport, Ms Jodi McKay, visited Kangy Angy with Member for The Entrance, Mr David Mehan, on November 22, to urge the government to come clean on its plans for the construction of

Planning proposal for Beachcomber Hotel site approved

Central Coast Council has called last drinks on Toukley's infamous Beachcomber Hotel in favour of a new "Iconic Development" designed with the intent to convert East Toukley into a community hub.

New development application lodged for Ourimbah boarding house

Ourimbah residents have once again gathered to protest against a brand new development application lodged by Mr Kevin Gregory to build a 101 room boarding house on Glen Rd.

Suitably qualified external organisations sought to manage tourism

The long-awaited shake up of tourism management on the Central Coast has commenced, with Central Coast Tourism being told it will have to submit an expression of interest if it wishes to manage and deliver destination marketing for

Long awaited lifts at Tuggerah Station still not funded

Member for Wyong, Mr David Harris, and Shadow Minister for Transport, Ms Jodi McKay, are calling on the NSW Government to take Coast commuters seriously and fund the long awaited lifts at Tuggerah Station

Consolidated LEP and DCP for the whole Central Coast being prepared

The Central Coast Council is moving to standardise planning and development controls across the whole region before the local government election in September 2017.

Minister to advise on Infrastructure Plan for the Central Coast

The NSW Minister for Planning, Mr Rob Stokes, will be asked to meet with Central Coast Council to discuss the importance of an infrastructure plan for the region, and will be asked for input into its

NBN complaints too big to ignore

Federal Member for Dobell, Ms Emma McBride, said the issues surrounding the Central Coast's NBN rollout and the hundreds of complaints she was receiving from residents were too big to ignore.

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It just keeps on getting worse

It just keeps on getting worse for Peninsula residents (Peninsula News edition 407).

On the front page, another major bank withdraws from Umina. Never fear, you the Westpac customers can still access free face-to-face banking services at the Umina Australian Post Office - you know the post office in the back of that chemist shop.

Page three, NSW Opposition calls for clarity on underpass future - not much future as the NSW liberal Government scuttled that project as they now need the money, earmarked for the crossing, to help fix the cost and management blowouts of the numerous light rail projects in Sydney.

Unfortunately, we must expect a bad situation in the future as the extreme lengths/weights on the goods trains passing through this

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crossing on a major rail system line (NSW to/from Queensland).

Page four, wet weather speed limit for Woy Woy road - good idea, at the same time add to the new signs, "no trucks over two tonnes", This will overcome the problem of relocating the rail crossover further south (really west) towards the

sewerage and landfill turn off in Nagari Rd.

Page five, Ms Lucy Wicks speaks of need for mobile coverage. Why do we need this mobile coverage? Is it so that Peninsula residents can talk to Services NSW in Gosford or the new Erina branch as Ms Wicks and the Liberals closed Woy Woy Motor Registry?

The Liberals think it is easier to drive my car from Umina to Gosford than have a Woy Woy Services NSW.

The logic of the people like Ms Wicks in government nowadays leaves a lot to be desired.

Page seven, when the Liberals win you lose. Yes, Ms Wicks has failed the Coast.

I cannot wait to cast my vote away from our failed State and Federal Liberal Governments.

Email, 1 Dec 2016
Alan Bacon, Umina

Money under the mattress?

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anymore, so I was happy to move to Westpac because it was local.

So now, do I have to change to the Commonwealth, the only one left in Umina?

The banks have no consideration for the elderly or for people with a disability.

No wonder people put their money under the mattress.

I am disgusted.

Letter, 29 Nov 2016
Norman Mellross, Umina

Hazardous tree needs immediate removal

A very large pine tree needs to be removed urgently from Brickwharf Rd, Woy Woy.

Central Coast Council will not and cannot advise residents as to when works will be carried out.

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The tree is dead and stands more than 20 metres high with hefty branches arching across the

road.

Directly underneath some of these enormous dead branches is a bus stop where unsuspecting visitors and residents alight to enjoy the picturesque water reserve across the road.

In February, Gosford Council advised residents that removal and stump grinding had been approved.

Again in May, we were advised the same thing, yet this giant dead tree still looms perilously across the road.

Why hasn't it been removed?

Council says the work will be undertaken subject to the availability of funding.

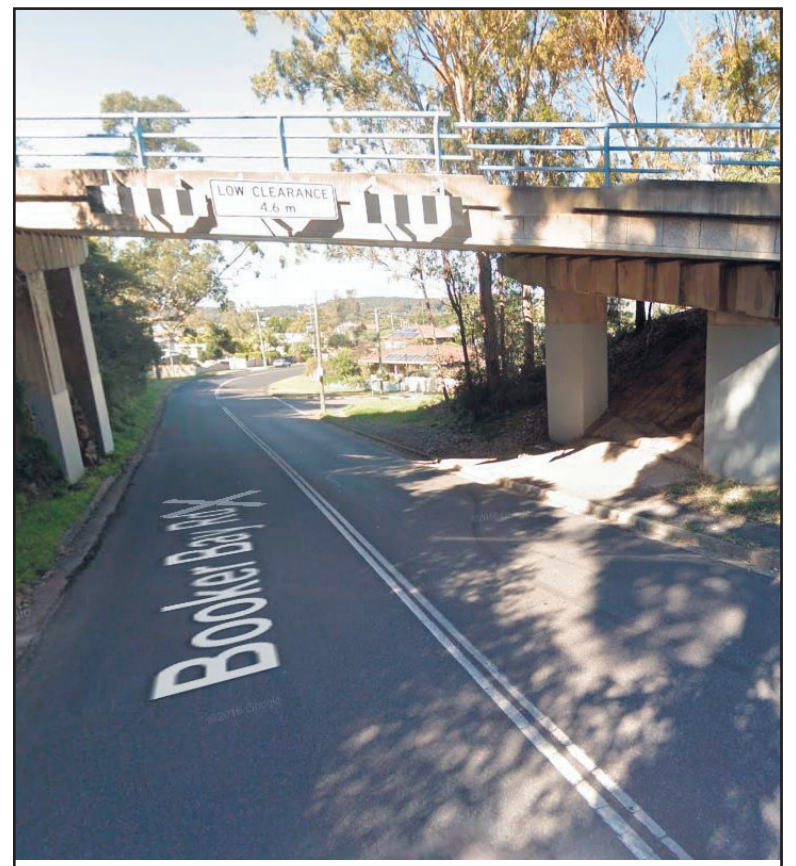
Surely lives on the Peninsula are worth saving?

Council says they need extra resources to service the Gosford LGA with some jobs for tree removal dating back to 2014.

Please provide these resources to get these lifesaving jobs done.

This hazardous tree needs to be removed immediately.

Email, 29 Nov 2016
Gai McMurtrie, Woy Woy



No footpath

A letter to the editor published in the last edition of Peninsula News, (Footpath needed on Rip bridge from Mr Fred Landman of Daleys Point) included an editorial error.

Mr Landman's original letter referred to the smaller bridge on

the Ettalong side of the Rip Bridge which he referred to as the Booker Bay bridge.

The Rip Bridge has pedestrian access but the smaller bridge, which carries Maitland Bay Dr over Booker Bay Rd, does not provide a pedestrian footpath.

Mark Snell, editor

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Opportunity to focus on regional plan

Many of us are deeply worried about our beautiful Central Coast and what our politicians and bureaucrats have in mind.

Already Mike Baird's Government and the Central Coast Council are approving development west of the M1.

The newly-released Central Coast Regional Plan is a Baird Government plan, to be over-sighted and controlled by a Baird committee of mostly Sydney bureaucrats, demonstrably committed to widespread privatisation of public lands, public hospitals, public schools, public roads, public electricity provision, and so on.

If Central Coast residents, other than developers and privateers, want to contribute to, and influence, the future of the Coast it is vital that we understand the State Government's recently produced Central Coast Regional Plan 2036 and its Implementation Plan 2016-2018.

We know many non-political

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people feel strongly about the future, about our public beaches, national parks, bays, lakes, rivers, lagoons, and state forests, about the absence of a Central Coast Youth Plan, and plans for sustainable jobs, housing availability including for emergencies, support for ADF vets, a genuinely fast and reliable internet ... amongst other absent plans.

Marcelle Hoff and I reckon it is a big worry but few people know its contents, or its intentions.

So Marcelle, Ettalong resident and former deputy mayor of the City of Sydney, and I, Pearl Beach resident, will provide an opportunity for us all to come together for two, two-hour sessions focussed on the regional plan and its implementation plan.

These sessions will be held at 40 Cornelian Road, Pearl Beach on Saturdays, December 10 and 17, for two hours (9:30am for 10am to 12pm).

Email, 6 Dec 2016
Van Davy, Pearl Beach

Stop bickering and get on with the job

How depressing it was to turn to page 7 of the edition printed November 28 and see the colossal waste of taxpayer's money Senator Deborah O'Neill's office must have spent to place the full page ad, and how tedious beyond words it is to see the tit-for-tat advertisement placed by the Member for Robertson on page 9.

Perhaps these funds could be better spent on, say, a local Men's

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Shed, the pelican rescue, an animal shelter, a donation to one of our local libraries, I could go on.

We have lived here now for over two years, and keep reading of the same issues not being addressed, on and on like a broken record.

How about you both stop the bickering and get on with the job of addressing your constituents' interests?

Email, 2 Dec 2016,
Maggie Todd, Hardys Bay

Is this what we call democracy?

What has happened to the people of NSW?

I have been away and I find on my return that the family silver is all but sold.

What right does this State Government have to sell off the Land Registry, which has been making a profit for NSW coffers each year of about \$70 million?

How will they make up this shortfall?

This government is no longer interested in supporting people in need and so they are getting rid of public housing.

Residents in inner Sydney have been moved to outlying suburbs, losing their whole support system and community in order that rich, overseas buyers can have the views.

We needn't worry because Serco's revenue is shrinking, with the closing of the Detention Centres and they are eager to bring in a controversial system for cheaper housing, trialled in the UK on asylum seekers.

That will be another cash cow for them.

As shown on Four Corners recently, out of home care for children at risk has been

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outsourced.

These non-government organisations are mostly failing in the care of these children while being paid millions by the government.

Sport and Recreation used to provide affordable holidays for families but these often very beautiful sites are being sold off to private investors for private gain.

TAFE has been pushed into the ground.

It has to win contracts against private colleges which have been shown to be shonks and shysters.

These colleges are not in the least interested in education or

skills but simply in their income.

Trains, Corrective Services, Public Works, Government Records, Hospitals, the list goes on, are all to be privatised.

They even sold the Cancer Register.

Why would a private company want a cancer register?

To sell off the information and exploit these poor people for profit.

That is why.

To round off this atrocious list, our government has now weakened ICAC.

It would seem that corruption is welcome in NSW.

This at the very time that we need a stronger ICAC and a National one as well.

So the Cheshire Cat, a former investment banker, who heads this government, seems to have much in common with Mephistopheles.

He will sell his soul to the devil if the price is right.

Do we still live in the Middle Ages where we tap our forelock to those in power and say "you know best what is good for us"?

Is this what we call democracy? Shame.

Letter, 24 Nov 2016
Margaret Lund, Woy Woy

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Donald and Daffy turning in their graves

I do agree with Martina O'Brien (re continuing duck saga) on one point, that being that we shouldn't feed wild creatures as what is provided by well-meaning folk is usually inappropriate. It's like feeding your child nothing but fast food. I do believe that we should make water available to them in our gardens. But in all my 68 years, I've never heard of a child being "attacked" by a duck. I've grown up with domestic ducks, even had my own for several years. What possible damage could a duck do with those flat beaks? We had a duck nesting in our tiny side garden and she pecked my hand when I filled up her water bowl.

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I am still getting counselling for that. As for fighting and mating at 2am, your average feathered friend turns off at dusk. I suspect the noise Ms O'Brien heard was a duck being harassed by a cat that should have been

locked inside at night. I have never heard of or seen a male duck having any interest in his wife's procreation. That is "secret lady's business". I would rather put up with a little duck poo (which I have never smelled) than live in one of those inner city apartment blocks with the smell of human excrement, urine and vomit (plus the odd discarded needle). The ducks on the Peninsula have entertained thousands of people. Two ducks used to appear outside Peninsula Plaza every day, now gone. The ones who used to cross Bourke Rd, also gone. Donald and Daffy would be turning in their graves.

Letter, 3 Dec 2016
Craig Spears, Blackwall

Motorway project caused rail underpass canning

The disastrous WestConnex motorway project in Sydney is the reason the Woy Woy rail crossing project was canned.

Across NSW, folk are finding promised upgrades for essential rail, road, hospital and schools have had their budgets slashed. Mike Baird and Duncan Gay are desperate to fund a motorway project that is out of control, and the rest of the state pays, dearly. We have been hit with a double whammy. Residents have slammed the closure of Newcastle station, with the insane notion to sell of the rail corridor to a developer clique. In the meantime, commuters will face years being forced to transfer onto buses at Hamilton, waiting for the light rail to eventuate. The Coast is desperate for faster through trains to both Sydney and Newcastle, and more services late into the evening.

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We need better options for park 'n' ride. We need direct bus services to key locations. We need local road upgrades, like the Peninsula crossing, despite our electoral colour. We need infrastructure equality across the state. Instead, the Baird Government has wasted billions of our taxpayer dollars on WestConnex when it knows this tollway will never work. The Baird Government is listening only to corporate lobbyists. So here we are: Stuck in traffic jams, facing dangerous rail crossings or sitting on slow public transport. It won't improve either, because innovative transport plans won't happen if left to the whim of the bumbling Duncan Gay.

Letter, 16 Nov 2016
Kate English, Copacabana

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Vote for fresh ideas for the whole Coast

Regarding Mr Bruce Hyland's letter from the November 14 issue: I must agree with Mr Hyland that if the existing councillors, especially from the Gosford Council, stand for re-election and the community votes them back in, then more fool us.

The way to see our region fulfil its potential is to have a clean slate of the majority of councillors, then the community needs to elect people with vision and commitment for the entire region to make this wonderful place we call home prosper and thrive into the future.

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We need people with the understanding of the entire Coast not just their own back yards, and people who have demonstrated that they have the commitment and passion to make the right decisions for the future of the region. So people of the Peninsula please don't just vote for the ones you know but look at the candidates who are willing to do the best for the Coast as a whole with fresh ideas regarding the community and the environment.

Email, 30 Nov 2016
Carl Veugen, Umina



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PCYC hosts Year 2 students

The Umina PCYC has hosted Year 2 students from Umina Public School for a day of games and activities during November.

Activities included gymnastics, archery, ball games, boxing and fitness.

Senior Constable Paul Scollon treated the participants to a

demonstration of a local police car and answered many probing questions.

All students who attended the day were given a one-year free membership to the PCYC and a Come and Try voucher to return to the club to try one of the activities free of charge.

Newsletter, 6 Dec 2016
Douglas Hull, Umina Beach PCYC



Year 2 Umina Beach Public School students at the Umina PCYC for a day of games and activities

New sunshade for Pretty Beach

A new sunshade will be installed at Pretty Beach Public School with support from the NSW Government.

Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch said financial assistance from the NSW Government would enable the installation of the sunshade which would cover a section of the playground, the K-to-6 outdoor learning area and the eating area.

"This is great news for the students and staff at Pretty Beach School, especially as the weather warms up," Mr Crouch said.

"We want children to enjoy outdoor learning and play activities, but at the same time we want them to be protected from over-exposure to the sun," he said.

"The new sunshade will be a very beneficial enhancement to Pretty Beach School's facilities.

"I'm proud of the learning environments and achievements of our State's public schools, including Pretty Beach which will celebrate its 90th anniversary next year."

Media release, 8 Dec 2016
Debra Wales, Office of
Adam Crouch

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Have an idea about the weight of the present you are about to lift.

If it appears to be too heavy, please ask an elf to help. Always bend your knees, so your legs can take the weight. Be especially careful with those bags of coal - they can be heavy.

If there are many presents in the same house, don't carry all of them at once.

You might have to do a couple of trips to the sleigh and back.

While Rudolph and the other reindeers will nibble on carrots put out by the dear children of the house, you might be offered cookies, milk, and we hear in some places, even beer.

You don't have to eat all that has been put out for you. A bite here and there and one sip will suffice.

Maybe pack a bottle of water to quench your thirst.

Travelling from the North Pole all the way to Australia involves a lot of sitting, which can be detrimental to your health.

So please, dear Santa, take breaks and do some stretches at least every one - two hours.

Tuck in your chin and roll your shoulders as that will help release the strain on your shoulders, from steering the sleigh and controlling those excited reindeers.

You might even want to consider a back support that can be done easily by rolling up a small towel for your lower back.

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We look forward to seeing you in 2017!

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Funds for pedestrian safety

Woy Woy South Public School will benefit from State Government funding for fencing, kerb extensions, signage and raised crossings to increase pedestrian safety.

The school is one of four on the Central Coast where pedestrian safety work was to be carried out, according to Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Mr Scot MacDonald.

Mr MacDonald said the improvements were part of a \$5 million budget across 135 schools in NSW to help make it safer for children walking near their school.

"We all have a role to play when it comes to pedestrian safety, particularly when it comes to the safety around schools," Mr MacDonald said.

"Central Coast children will be a little safer walking near their school thanks to the fact the Central Coast region is sharing in this funding."

Mr MacDonald said there had been an increase in pedestrian fatalities across the state.

"School children are some of the most vulnerable people using the road, which is why we have targeted safety programs such as school zone flashing lights, pedestrian crossings and fencing to keep children safe going to and from school," Mr MacDonald said.

The NSW Government has provided the funding to the local council, which will be responsible for rolling out the projects over the next two financial years.

Media release, 5 Dec 2016
Chris Sullivan, Office of
Scot MacDonald

Students may miss out if absent on first day

Umina Beach Public School has told parents and carers that any absences on the first day of the 2017 school year will need to be formally explained in writing or their child may not be placed in classes.

The school has stated that any students absent on January 30 will need a letter explaining their

absence and specifying their return date prior to the commencement of the 2017 school year.

The school has also asked that any parents or carers who will be changing their child's school in the New Year advise the school as soon as possible.

Newsletter, 29 Nov 2016
Deborah Elliot, Umina
Beach Public School

School wins prize for champion steer

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus has won the champion steer award 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.

The school's limousin steers, Lancelot and Dusty, both impressed the judges with Lancelot placing fifth in his category and

Dusty taking out the champion steer award.

Students were also able to visit Alfoxton Merinos, a wool farm, and learn 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, 23 Nov 2016
Brent Walker, BWSC Umina



Drama Group students performing their play in front of a live student audience

Students perform two plays


Students from Pretty Beach Public School have written and performed two separate plays as part of the school's After School Drama Group.

Students met to write and rehearse the plays over a period of weeks under the guidance of Ms Donna Cameron and performed in front of a live audience of students.

The Drama Group meets Tuesday afternoons from 3pm to 4:40pm and is split into Years 1-2 and Years 3-6.

Bookings are available for the 2017 Drama Group now.

Newsletter, 1 Dec 2016
Deborah Callendar, Pretty
Beach Public School



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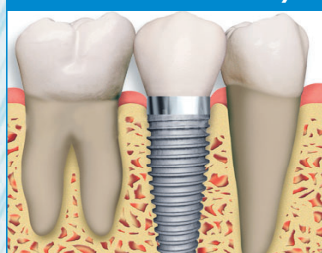
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Out&About



From left Ms Christine Vale, Shea Wicks, Penny Dilworth, Chris Cherry and Jan Grounds stuffing the 2017 season brochures into envelopes for the subscriber mailout

Four works chosen for Little Theatre season

Works by David Williamson, Neil Simon, Agatha Christie and Bill McIlwraith will comprise the Woy Woy Little Theatre's 2017 Season at the Peninsula Theatre.

David Williamson's 2011 comedy, *When Dad Married Fury*, will be the first production to be presented in March.

The comedy follows septuagenarian Alan Urquhart who has made millions.

Twelve months after the death of his wife, he flies back to Australia to introduce *Fury*, half his age, to his two sons and daughter.

How will the sons react to the beautiful young gold digger on their father's arm?

The play has been described as a "blackly funny story about family, loyalty and new beginnings".

It will be directed by Ms Terry Collins, who threw herself into rehearsals with her talented and excited cast to bring another David Williamson play to the Peninsula.

The *Odd Couple* was one of the bigger hits for the Peninsula theatre company two years ago and director, Ms Shea Wicks, has dug deep into the Neil Simon canon in the hope of striking gold again.

Rumors is Simon's first farce set at the 10th anniversary party of Charlie Brock, deputy mayor of New York City.

Unfortunately, things aren't

working out as planned as his wife, Myra, is missing, the kitchen staff has disappeared and Charlie has shot himself in the head.

"I can't see any reason why *Rumors* won't be as big a hit for Woy Woy Little Theatre as *The Odd Couple* was," said Ms Wicks of the play that will be presented in May and June.

Most community theatre companies like to stage an Agatha Christie murder mystery every few years and Woy Woy Little Theatre is no exception.

The company has announced Christie's 1950 classic *A Murder Is Announced* for August.

Ms Christine Vale is directing and will have her hands full with a cast numbering 23, including the obligatory retired Indian colonel and amateur sleuth Miss Jane Marple.

"This delightful mystery twists and turns starting when a notice is published in the village newspaper announcing a murder to take place on Friday at Little Paddocks at 6:30pm," Ms Vale said.

"A great plot, thought out brilliantly by the only writer in the world who could pull this off," she said.

A Murder Is Announced is set to be staged in August.

John Hickey held his hand high when the company was looking for a director to tackle the black comedy *The Anniversary*.

"It's probably one of the best

plays featuring a dysfunctional family," said Mr Hickey, adding that "the Simpsons have nothing on the Taggarts".

Set in London in 1966, Tom brings his pregnant fiancée Shirley home for the annual wedding anniversary ritual orchestrated by his widowed, scalpel-tongued, deviously possessive mother.

Mum's arsenal of bitchy comments and Machiavellian stratagems is a creation of darkly glittering and consistently funny beauty.

Bill MacIlwraith's *The Anniversary* is scheduled for October and November.

Woy Woy Little Theatre is trying something new with auditions for these plays.

When *Dad Married Fury* is already cast and rehearsals are off and running, but auditions for the three remaining plays will be held over three nights in January.

An information evening where the directors will speak about each production and their thoughts about each play is scheduled for Monday, January 9, at 7pm.

Auditions for *Rumors* will be held on Tuesday January 10, *A Murder Is Announced* on Wednesday January 11 and *The Anniversary* on Thursday January 12, all with a starting time of 7pm and all at the Peninsula Theatre.

**Media release, 1 Dec 2016
David Wicks, Woy Woy Little Theatre**

Volunteer of the month

Ms Toni Fenech has been awarded Volunteer of the Month at the Umina PCYC.

Ms Fenech has been a volunteer at the club for the past 10 years in many different roles.

She is currently an archery instructor.

Ms Fenech is also involved with the newly-formed PCYC Umina Advisory Committee in the role of vice-president.

**Newsletter, 6 Dec 2016
Douglas Hull, Umina PCYC**



Toni Fenech

Class celebrates disability day

Students and staff from Woy Woy Public School's disabilities class celebrated International Disability Day with a special performance during a welcome ceremony on December 3.

Students performed the chicken dance and a poem called *I Am Me* during the assembly.

The theme for 2016's International Disability Day was

achieving 17 goals for the future.

Wheelchair Sports NSW athletes attended on the day and spoke to students about their trials and tribulations as sports people living and competing with a disability.

As part of the festivities, all students from Years K-6 had the opportunity to play a game of wheelchair basketball.

**Newsletter, 4 Dec 2016
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School**

Stage 2 students' Christmas party

Woy Woy Public School Stage 2 students will travel to the Central Coast Youth Centre at Niagara Park on December 15 for the Stage 2 Christmas Party.

Students will rotate through many activities including wheel chair basketball, trampolining, indoor soccer and volleyball.

The cost of the day is \$12 with students needing to also bring a \$5 Opal card for train travel.

The school will depart at 9am and be back on school grounds at 2:30pm.

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Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School**

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Woy Woy's annual Christmas Parade to mark the arrival of Santa

Christmas activities at shopping centre

Santa Claus arrived at a local shopping centre on Saturday, December 3, in a grand parade.

The Woy Woy Deepwater Plaza's Christmas Parade included Santa, along with his friends Chase, Marshall and Skye from Nickelodeon's PAW Patrol.

Ms Claus, Rudolph, Trilly Tree and Christmas Baubles skating through the shopping centre were just some of the sights to see.

Centre manager Ms Sue Fowler said: "Deepwater Plaza's annual parade is a great community event attracts hundreds of people from across the Peninsula.

"It was a joy to see so many

happy children and the wider community enjoying the festivities."

Carollers, pipe bands, Mrs Claus Storytelling and a special free coffee promotion on selected days are also part of the Centre's initiatives to say Merry Christmas to shoppers.

Media release, 6 Dec 2016
Jodi Elkin, Deepwater Plaza



Christmas parade at Deepwater



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Out&About



Some of the crowd enjoying the launch of *While the Music Lasts* at the Wagstaffe Hall
Inset: Author and actress Ms Judy Nunn at the launch of *While the Music Lasts*

Launch attracts 200 people

The recent launch of a collection of short stories by local writers attracted around 200 people.

The launch of *While The Music Lasts*, written by a group of 20

authors was held at the Wagastaffe Hall.

Local author and actress Ms Judy Nunn officially launched the book and other authors then read extracts from their own

contributions.

Copies of *While the Music Lasts* are available from the Wagstaffe Store and Killcare Cellars.

Newsletter, 7 Dec 2016
Peta Colebatch, WTKCA

Surf club numbers were boosted by league players

The history of the Killcare surf life saving club includes a period from 1959 when the membership grew significantly, after some Sydney rugby league players decided to join.

During the winter season of 1958, a strong rugby league team from Newtown came up to Gosford to play a trial rugby league game against Gosford Townies, the local league champions.

A few of the Newtown team

came from Erskineville and stayed at Killcare in a house owned by the Tubby family.

They all had a great weekend and decided when the summer came, they would join the local surf club.

Killcare was very lean in numbers that year, and the small influx was a great help to the patrolling numbers as well as at surf carnivals.

It was a commitment that meant coming up to Killcare every weekend to gain their bronze and,

in those days, it was two and a half hour steam train from Central to Woy Woy, then a ferry to Killcare.

The first six gained their bronze in early 1959, including Phil Tubby snr, Rod Roberts, Roger Gurr, Bill Maxwell, Dennis Shoesmith and John Bourne.

For the next 10 to 12 years, more members came from the inner Sydney region, swelling the Killcare numbers to record levels and of course the financial side benefited greatly.

The new surf boat Blue Bottle IV was taken back to Erskineville during the week for a boat crew to train at Tempe on the Cooks River. Chaos was caused by parking a surf boat outside the Erskineville Hotel.

The Erko was the Sydney club house and very successful raffles and other fund raisers were carried out there along with club meetings.

Every year a bus was hired by the fundraising committee to bring the local supporters to Killcare for the day.

Many had never been to the beach let alone somewhere as remote as Killcare.

In all, 50 to 60 past members of Killcare originated in Erskineville, some are still connected with the club in some way.

Some of the "Erko Boys" still around the club include Jim Mcfadyen, Dennis Howard, Greg and John Bourne, Jim Tubby, Phil Tubby snr, Brad Berry, Ray Comans and son Blake Comans, Clarrie Kemister, Gus Gurrin and Richard Moulton.

Newsletter, 2 Dec 2016
Craig Sheppard, Killcare SLSC

Carols at Hardys Bay

Christmas Carols will be held on the Hardys Bay Waterfront on Sunday, December 18.

This annual event is hosted by Hardys Bay Community Church, with support from members of the local Rural Bush Fire Brigade and parents from Pretty Beach school.

Starting at 6:30pm, there will be entertainment from Natasha Lee, a 20-year-old singer, songwriter and busker on the Central Coast.

Natasha will perform original and cover songs while people settle in for a picnic, a sizzled sausage, or a meal from one of the local cafes.

The carols program starts at

7:30pm.

Guests will include the strings group from Pretty Beach 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.

Community members are then expected to join in singing their favourite carols.

Santa will make an appearance and will receive donations to support the work with the homeless done by Coast Shelter.

If there is wet weather, the event will move to Hardys Bay Club.

Newsletter, 7 Dec 2016
Peta Colebatch, WTKCA

Wagstaffe hosts Australia Day events

Wagstaffe Hall and the nearby lawn area will be the venues for two events in January.

The community's Australia Day celebrations will take place at the Hall on Thursday, January 26.

The day begins at 8am with a flag raising ceremony, keynote speaker and entertainment.

Breakfast by the Bay will follow.

The annual evening Jazz Picnic will then be held on Friday, January 27.

The picnic will feature entertainment by the U-Bouddi Big Band and will be held on the lawn by the bay or inside the hall in the event of wet weather.

The community is invited to bring a picnic with a rug or table and chairs.

Both events are free, supported by the Central Coast Council and hosted by the Wagstaffe-Killcare Community Association.

Newsletter, 7 Dec 2016
Peta Colebatch, WTKCA

Money raised

The recent Pearl Beach Jazz in the Arboretum included a raffle which raised \$1100 for the Pearl Beach Rural Fire Brigade.

The money will be used to enlarge the brigade's garage and shed.

Pearl Beach Progress

Association president Mr Ross Christie is pictured handing over a cheque for the money to Pearl Beach Brigade deputy captain Mr Chris Tyerman.

Media release, 21 Nov 2016
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association
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Jingle to be played at Peninsula pool

Teenagers will be reminded to be sun smart at the Peninsula Leisure Centre throughout the summer school holiday.

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Ms Sandra Shorrock from the Cancer Council NSW Central Coast office said: "Teenagers are often unprepared when it comes to protecting themselves from the sun during the summer months.

"As students swap their text books for swimmers and surfboards, Cancer Council NSW is urging parents to prepare their teens to slip, slop, slap, seek and slide when out at the pool or beach," Ms Shorrock said.

"This summer the Sun Sound's short seven-second jingle will be played hourly between 11am and 3pm at the pool to serve as a public reminder to reapply sunscreen," she said.

"While the Sun Sound can remind teenagers to reapply, parents should ensure their teens

are equipped with the right sun protection.

"Parents play a strong role in educating their children in sun safety, so ensuring your teenagers have their own tube of sunscreen, hat, sunglasses and sun protective clothing will reduce their risk of getting burnt this summer.

"Teenagers can often be sloppy when it comes to practicing sun safe behaviours.

"The latest evaluations from Cancer Council NSW show that almost 40 per cent of teenagers don't bring sunscreen with them to the pool or beach during summer.

"Nearly 60 per cent of teenagers don't wear a hat or sunglasses.

"We know that sun exposure during the first 15 years of life greatly increases the risk of developing skin cancer later in life, and in the Central Coast region alone it is predicted that 334 people will be diagnosed with melanoma in a single year," she said.

Media release, 5 Dec 2016
Jayne Moloney, Cancer Council NSW

Award for distinguished service

A Pearl Beach resident Professor Emerita Jill Roe has been awarded the Australian Dictionary of Biography Medal for long and distinguished service.

Prof Roe has written a biography of Miles Franklin, an Australian writer and founder of the Miles Franklin Prize for Australian literature.

Prof Roe acquired a cottage in Pearl Beach which was modernised in 2003 and since then has been her permanent home which she shares with historian Ms Bev Kingston.

Ms Roe was a founding member of staff at Macquarie University, where she taught British, Australian, and social policy history and supervised numerous research theses.

She also served on many committees and was Visiting Professor of Australian Studies at Harvard University 1994-95 and later head of modern history at Macquarie, a position she held until retirement in 2002.

Her work on her personal history of the Eyre Peninsula where she was born, Our Fathers Cleared the Bush, was recently published.

Ms Roe's association with the Australian Dictionary of Biography dates back to her undergraduate



Professor Emerita Jill Roe (seated) with left to right, Professor Desley Deacon, Ms Beverley Kingston and Dr Chris Cuneen

days at the University of Adelaide.

Her first article for the dictionary on writer Ada Cambridge was published in 1969 when she was teaching history at Macquarie University.

Since then she has written another 19 articles on a wide range of characters.

Ms Roe was awarded the medal at a ceremony at Woy Woy Hospital.

Dr Chris Cuneen, from the Australian Dictionary of Biography

Revised Project at Macquarie University, reading the citation said: "As an active member of the ADB's New South Wales Working party from 1988, Ms Roe has exercised exemplary committee skills in what was often a vigorous debating process.

"Ms Roe's long and distinguished connection with the ADB makes her a worthy recipient of the ADB medal."

Media release, 7 Dec 2016
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach

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Little Men is a critical yet empathetic look at the dangers of gentrification.

Ira Sachs, director of Love Is Strange and the Sundance Grand Jury Prize Winner Forty

Shades of Blue, accentuates the natural vibrancy of Brooklyn and brings out the best in his actors.

Taplitz and Barbieri have a natural rapport and earnestness that belies their young age.

Kinnear and Garcia bring weight to their roles as the feuding parents, and Jennifer Ehle, Talia Balsam, and Alfred Molina round out the cast with wonderful supporting turns.

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

Peninsula Village Wellness Centre

Offering holistic and
complementary therapies
including aromatherapy,
massage and music therapy
4344 9199

Peninsula Village Meals

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

Peninsula Village Carer's Support Group

For carers of loved ones with
dementia - 1st Wed - 10 to
11.30am
Paula 4344 9199

Prostate Cancer Support Group (Gosford)

Last Fri, Terrigal Uniting Church,
380 Terrigal Drive, Terrigal
9.30am to 12 noon 4367 9600
www.pcfa.org.au

Riding for the Disabled

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

Schizophrenia and Bipolar Fellowship

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

Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance

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

Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club

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

Music

Brisbane Water Brass

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

Gosford Musical Society Minstrels

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

Soundwaves

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

Troubadour Central Coast Folk, Traditional & Acoustic

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

Political Groups

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

Umina Ettalong Branch

2nd Mon Umina Beach Bowling
Club 7.30pm 4342 3676

Ourimbah/ Narara Branch

Niagara Park Primary School
7.30pm 1st Mon
0410 309 494

Woy Woy Branch

Everglades Country Club
7.30pm 2nd Mon
0412 517 520

Peninsula Day Branch

1pm 2nd Mon
CWA Hall Woy Woy
4341 9946

Central Coast Greens

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

Politics in the Pub Central Coast

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

Service Groups

Lions Club of Woy Woy

1st and 3rd Mon. Woy Woy
Leagues Club

0478 959 895
Make new friends and have fun
while serving your community.

Northern Settlement Services - Volunteers

Volunteers needed for friendly
visits to the elderly in nursing
homes.
People with a second language
encouraged.
Training support provided
4334 3877
cvscoc@nsservices.com.au

Rotary Clubs

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

Rotary Club of Kariong

Phillip House, 21 Old Mount
Penang Rd, Fri 7.15am 4340
4529

Rotary Club of Umina Beach

Wednesdays 6.30pm
Everglades Country Club
0409 245 861
curleys@ozemail.com.au
0409 245 861

Rotary Club of Woy Woy

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

Special Interest

Brisbane Water Caravan Club

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

Biz Plus Networking Association

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

Bridge

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

Cash Housie

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

Central Coast Family History Society Inc.

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

Central Coast Tenants' Advice and Advocacy Service

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

Central Coast Lapidary Club, Minerals & Gems

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

Central Coast Rescue Unit

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

Central Coast Soaring Club Inc

Gliding Club, Learn to fly,

Instruction FREE to members

Come and have an Air
Experience Flight
All Welcome

14 and up for Training
Flying at Bloodtree Road
Mangrove Mountain Thur, Sat,
Sun (weather permitting)
0412 164 082
0414 635 047
www.ccsa.org.com.au

Peninsula Environment Group

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

Woy Woy Judo Club

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

Veterans

National Malaya Borneo Veterans Association

1st Sat F(except Jan) 1pm
Ettalong Beach
War Memorial Club,
51-52 The Esplanade.
4342 1107

Vietnam Veterans', Peacekeepers' and Peacemakers'

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

Woy Woy Ettalong Hardy's Bay RSL

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

Women's Groups

BPW Central Coast

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

Country Women's Association Woy Woy

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

Country Women's Association Umina

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

Gosford RSL Women's Auxiliary

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

Peninsula Women's Health Centre

Counselling, therapeutic and
social groups, workshops,
domestic violence and abuse
issues. All services by women
for women
4342 5905
www.cccwhc.com.au

WOWGIRLS Wave of Wisdom

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

NEWSPAPERS

Central Coast

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

Regional swim championship held at Woy Woy

Age group winners in Sydney

Woy Woy played host to over 500 competitive swimmers in November.

The Peninsular Leisure Centre hosted The Coast and Valley Swimming Association Annual Long Course Championships from November 26-27.

Woy Woy Swim Club Inc had an excellent showing during the championships setting eight new records.

Sixteen-year-old, Myles Bailey put in a mammoth effort throughout the two days of competition securing four new records for the club in the Men's 16 50 Free Finals, Men's 16 100 Back, Men's 16 50 Back and the Men's 16 100 Free.

Fourteen year olds, Kaylah Holmes and Emily Roome, along with teammates 22 year old, Cassandra Van Breugel, and 16 year old, Jasmine Darwin, also locked down a new record for Woy

Woy in the A Women's 400 Medley Relay and the A Women's 400 Freestyle Relay.

Holmes and Van Breugel also managed to break records in their individual events with Holmes creating a new record in the Girls 14 50 Fly and Van Breugel in the Women 15 and Over 200 Breast.

Woy Woy also walked away with the a collection of new trophies from the event with the club taking home six Team Champion Trophies, Bailey taking out six Men's Champion Trophies and Holmes and Van Breugel taking out five and seven Women's Champion Trophies respectively.

Despite the excellent showing Woy Woy was beaten off the podium by Novocastrian Swim Club Inc which took out first place with Hunter Swim Club Inc and NU Swim in second and third.

Media release, 6 Dec 2016
Michele Burley-Jones, Coast and Valley Swimming Association

Umina Surf Life Saving Club members Lachlan Braddish and Mimi Henderson have won their age groups in the Sydney Water Surf Series.

The series is in its 15th year and attracted competitors from all over the Coast from age eight to opens.

The competition was held over four rounds, one each weekend, and consisted of an Ironman, surf race, board race and ski (for 17 and over).

Points were tallied to determine winner in each age group.

Lachlan missed a round but still managed to walk away with first prize for the under-15 year age group with some great racing.

He has won his age group for the past three years.

Seventeen-year-old Mimi has backed up for two consecutive years to win her age group.

The two Umina competitors were then ready for the Interstate Championships to be held at The Lakes on the weekend of December 10 and 11.

Media release, 6 Dec 2016
Richard Braddish, Umina Surf Life Saving Club



Mini Henderson and Lachlan Braddish

Peninsula directory of services, contacts and support groups

Ambulance, Police, Fire 000

Emergency

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

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Organisations

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

Accommodation

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

Animal Rescue

Wildlife Arc 4325 0666
Wires 1300 094 737

Community Centres

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

Counselling

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

Family and Relationships

Centacare Gosford 4324 6403
Central Coast Family Support
Service 4340 1099
Horizons (For men with children) 4351 5008
Uniting Care Burnside
Gosford 1800 067 967

Health

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

Legal & Financial Help

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

Libraries

Gosford district:
Umina Beach 4304 7333
Woy Woy 4304 7555

Problems, Habits & Addiction

Alcoholics Anonymous 4323 3890
Narcotics Anonymous 4325 0524
**Professional support
phone services:**

Mental Health Line 1800 011 511
Beyondblue 1300 224 636
Domestic Violence Line 1800 656 463
Lifeline 13 11 14
Kids Help Line 1800 551 800
Griefline 1300 845 745
Suicide Call Back Service
1300 659 467

Transport

Taxi 131 008
Busways 4368 2277
City Rail 131 500

Welfare Services

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

The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

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

Friday, Dec 16

Troy Henderson, Hardys Bay
Club, from 7:30pm

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

Christmas Blues Night,
Hardys Bay Club, from 7:30pm

Sunday, Dec 18

Christmas Jam Session with
Whiting and Tucker, Hardys Bay
Club from 3pm

Carols on the Hardys Bay
Waterfront, from 6:30pm

Friday, Dec 23

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

Kids Christmas Afternoon,
Hardys Bay Club, 3:30pm to 6pm

Saturday, Dec 24

Bryce Sainty, Hardys Bay
Club

Tuesday, Dec 27

Killcare Art Show at Killcare
Beach featuring 24 artists
displaying paintings, sculptures,
carvings and drawings, all
proceeds to Killcare SLSC

Thursday, Dec 29

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

Friday, Dec 30

End of year raffle and jag the
joker, Hardys Bay Club,

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
New Years' Eve Karaoke
Disco, Hardys Bay Club from
7:30pm

New Years' Eve Tropicana,
Margarita Daze, Umina, 6pm to
late

Saturday, Jan 7

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

Thursday, Jan 26

Australia Day celebrations at
Wagstaffe hall from 8am

Friday, Jan 27

The Jazz Picnic with the
U-Bouddi Big Band, Wagstaffe
Hall on the lawn by the bay, 6pm
to 9pm

Friday, Feb 10

The Laramie Project,
Peninsula Theatre to February
12

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

Classifieds

Prices for classified advertisements in these pages come in three categories

Not For Profit Organisations

Not for profit organisations' events advertisements are subsidised.

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

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

Private advertisements

Private advertisements only cost \$33.

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

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

Business rates

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online classified advertising rates Online only

GosfordClassifieds.com.au is one of a network of 10 websites which form one of the largest independent online classifieds network in NSW with over 350,000 annual visitors, over 80,000 online advertisements and over 15,000 business advertisements.

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

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

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

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

Combined online and print advertising

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

Having a Gosford classifieds premium on line advertisement plus a printed advertisement in one newspaper will only cost \$495 for 3 months, \$695 for 6 months and \$999 for 12 months.

Having it in two newspapers as well as online costs \$595 for 3 months, \$995 for 6 months and \$1499 for 12 months.

To be in all three newspapers as well as online costs \$795 for 3 months, \$1395 for 6 months and \$1899 for 12 months.

See page 2 for contact details.

All newspaper advertisements have a minimum of two weeks' shelf life.

GosfordClassifieds.com.au
for online Central Coast
classified advertisements

ANTENNAS

A Better Picture
Antenna & Digital Installations & Tuning
New home specialist
Credit cards OK
HAYWARD VIDEO
All areas
Gosford 4323 6367
Woy Woy 4344 4414
Warnervale 1800 244 456
0412 685 555

Hawkins U.V. Service
Antenna sales and installations
TV and Audio Repairs
4341 8860 - 4341 7332
0473 468272
23 Wallaby Street, BLACKWALL

BATHROOM

TJM Bathroom Renovations
Quality Workmanship at affordable prices
Call Tony
0411 678 203
tjmbathrooms.com.au
lic15642c

BOOKKEEPING

GOSFORD BOOKKEEPING
Registered BAS Agent
Member of Institute of Certified Bookkeepers
Accredited and experienced with various accounting packages
Contact Ken
www.gosfordbookkeeping.com.au
0417 657 414

BOREWATER

Bores and Spears

Install high quality pumps and maintenance free spears, existing systems reconditioned, all work guaranteed.
Warren Greenway
Ph: 4341 7736
Mob: 0408 225 390
lic No. DL1960

Bore Water Pumps

Spear pump installations, repairs & maintenance for all types of pumps
est 1978
John Woolley
4342 2024

BUILDER

Carpentry - Building
over 30 years experience
Local know how - working with pride and honesty
Paul Skinner
Lic 62898c
0432 216 020
or **4339 2317**

Carpenter (Semi Retired)
Lic 1355c - Fully Insured
For all your home maintenance repairs and small jobs
contact Max Hull for a friendly reliable service
4342 5893
0413 485 286
All quotes obligation free

AJ Donnellan Carpenter & Joiner

For all your carpentry needs
Specialising in Joinery

30 Years Experience

Call Anthony

0419 611 637
Lic#R92786

MGL CARPENTRY
Carpenter & Joiner
40yrs Experience
Decks, Pergolas, Doors, Windows etc
Fully Insured - Call Gary
0458 130 829
4341 1346
no labour & materials over \$1000

CLEANING

Weston & Wilson Cleaning Services

Domestic, end of lease, holiday & vacate cleans.

Regular or one off.

Fully insured, WWC & Police check avail.
From \$35 hour.

Maryanne
0403 505 812

Unique cleaning and floor restoration

Carpet and upholstery cleaning.

Window cleaning.
High pressure cleaning.
Tile cleaning, indoor and outdoor.

External house wash.
House cleaning.
Affordable prices.

0421 493 447

DANCE

CENTRAL COAST BUSH DANCE.

Learn Australian Bush Dance.

Fun, Fitness, Social.

Beginners welcome.

Partner not required.

Casual dress.

A caring teacher & some experienced dancers create an enjoyable learning experience.

(Men, if you have two left feet, bring them both!)

Friday nights

7 to 9.30 pm - \$7

Scout Hall, 15 Wattle Street, East Gosford.

Anne Marie 4325 7369

Phillip 0417 161 896.

DOORS&WINDOWS



Security : Entrance : Interior :

Bifold : Wardrobe Doors :

Aluminium Glass Sliding Doors and

Windows : Blinds : Awnings :

Alluminium Quickslat Screening :

Dog And Cat Doors : Fly Screens :

Locks : Wheels And Tracks

ALL MAINTENANCE

AND REPAIRS

Unit 1/14 Alma Avenue Woy Woy

4339 2424

0402 186 546

POLICE MASTERS LIC 409982903

SECURITY LIC 2E409965334

CARPENTRY JOINER LIC 256823C

ELECTRICIANS

BKW

Electrical Services

Lic No:248126C

Lights - Fans -

Power - Reno's

Switchboards -

Security lights

No job too small

Call Ben on

0404 093 299

YOUR LOCAL ELECTRICIAN

Same day service
Guaranteed

Lighting, Power Points, Phone & Data, Fault Finding,

No job too small.

Seniors Discount.

Lic number 265652C

4308 6771

ENTERTAINMENT



The Troubadour
FOLK AND ACOUSTIC
MUSIC CLUB

SATURDAY
DEC 17
AT 7PM

CHRISTMAS PARTY

CWA HALL

WOY WOY

TICKETS

\$10/13/15

www.troubadour.org.au

4342 6716

BLUESANGELS

Your total acoustic blues/roots package, top to toe, and then some. Minnie the Moocher to Eagle Rock and on into indie roots, beatnik jazz, backhills bluegrass and prog folk. Available as duo, trio or band negotiable for your party, event or venue.

tomflood@hotmail.com

4324 2801

FENCING

BLUEPRINT FENCING

All types of fencing, gates and retaining walls

Call Luke

Free quotes

0401 347 247

FOR SALE



Daihatsu Terios

All Wheel Drive

Excellent Condition

224,000km - 5 speed, 12 months rego, 5 speed manual, towbar, electric mirrors, MP3 sound system

\$2250 ono

0410 522 070

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Central Coast

4325 7369

Classifieds

HANDY MAN

Handyman Gardening

Weeding & Yards
Clean Ups
Odd Jobs around
the home
Fully Insured
Ph: William
0478 672 079

KITCHENS

Quality Laminate
Benchtops
supplied and
seconds for sale
R&J Benchtops
Gosford
0456 884 545

LAWNMOWING

Eyecare
Lawnmowing
and Stump
Grinding
Services
Call Jamie
0413 088 128
www.eyecarelawnmowing.com.au

KEN WARREN
HOME
MAINTENANCE
Lawn Mowing &
Garden Maintenance
High Pressure Cleaning
Handyman Service
Insured Free Quotes
0402 610 142

MOBILE MECHANIC

D.T. Central Coast
Mobile Mechanic
*All mechanical
repairs & servicing
*Rego inspections - All makes &
models *Very reasonable rates
*Pensioner discounts
Tim Howell Lic.No. 44 033038
4341 2897 or 0418 603 667

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BUCELLO'S
Painting Services
• Residential and
Commercial
• Interior and Exterior
• New Work and Repaints
Free Quotes
All work guaranteed
0410 404 664
wattyl

PAINTING

MASTER PAINTER QUALITY TRADESMAN

INTERIOR/EXTERIOR ALL ASPECTS
OF PAINTING AND DECORATING
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I DO IT ALL

Mention this ad get 10% or 20%
pensioner/senior or concession card.

Local fully qualified licences tradesman
with all the experience and skills

10 million insurance cover NRMA - Acra tex render texture
applicator - waterproofer - plasterer interior/exterior



CONTACT JONATHAN

0466 966 547



qualitytradesman@hotmail.com

Worth doing, worth Dulux.

PHOTOGRAPHY

CENTRAL COAST EVENT
PHOTOGRAPHER
corporate - website - events
a one stop solution for all your
photographic needs
VALSPIX
www.valspix.com
0418 600 436

POSITION VACANT

Part Time Computer tutor

to help oldies group
Woy Woy area
\$15 per hour

0412 084 123

PLUMBING

Umina Beach Plumbing

All aspects of
plumbing:
Drainage and
Gasfitting, Domestic
and Maintenance
Works
**Installation of
Hot Water tanks**
4344 3611
0402 682 812

YOUR LOCAL PLUMBER

Same day service
Guaranteed
Blocked drains, Leaking
taps and toilets, Hot
water and all aspects
Of plumbing drainage and
gas fitting.
Lic number 265652C

4346 4057

DEEPWATER

Plumbing & Gas
Solutions

Gas installations
Hot Water Systems
Appliances
TMVs - Back Flow
Drainage and all aspects
of plumbing
Call Brent
0422 080 936
lic 286937c

PUBLIC NOTICES

AGISTMENT LISAROW

5 level
grassy acres
\$25 per horse
3 Horses \$20ea
0410 622 270

REMOVALS

KEVIN'S REMOVALS & DELIVERIES

Deliveries & Removals, Local
Sydney, Newcastle & Country.
Single items or a house full.
Competitive rates.

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Metal roofing All aspects

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P/L

0431 136 092
0404 340 570
Lic 282094c

TILING



**Tiling Wall
& Floor
Property
Maintenance**
0439 589 426
homes2nv@gmail.com

TUITION - DANCE

Gosford Scottish Country Dancers

hold an intermediate class
on Wednesdays from 7 to
10 pm at Wyoming - It's an
excellent form of exercise
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of the Year Award at
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Seventeen-year-old
Jemma Smith received
the award following an
impressive year competing
on the national and world
level for Surf Life Saving
Titles.

Smith's track record
this year includes being
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the Australian Youth Team
for World Titles; breaking
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the 100m Manikin tow with

fins at the Australian Pool
Rescue Championships;
first place in the Under-17
Ski at Aussies 2016;
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of the carnival at the
Australian Surf Life Saving
Championships 2016; World
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Single Ski, Oceanwomen
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Interview, 4 Dec 2016

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Trent Buhagiar extends his contract

Umina's Trent Buhagiar has extended his contract with the Central Coast Mariners.

The young attacker will remain a Mariner until at least the end of the A-League 2018-19 season.

Buhagiar, who has played the entirety of his soccer career on the Central Coast, has lit the A-League alight since signing his maiden professional contract in January.

This was followed by a contract extension in May that ran until the end of this season which has now been extended until 2019.

For most kids growing up on the Central Coast, it is their dream to one day represent the Central Coast Mariners.

Often many come close but don't quite get there, but for one shy yet talented youngster his dream was realised early this year when he received a phone call from then head coach Tony Walmsley.

Trent Buhagiar played his junior soccer predominantly for the Umina Eagles before playing his final year of club football at Southern Ettalong.

He progressed through into the Central Coast Representative



Trent Buhagiar being presented his jersey by Damien Brown

teams where he scored a staggering number of goals, including finishing top goal scorer in the under-18s and -20s in the one year as a 17-year-old.

He signed his first semi-professional contract at the age of 17 when he played for the Central Coast Mariners National Youth League team in 2013-14.

After playing in that squad and impressing the Mariners' coaching staff, he received the phone call that most players can only dream of.

"I was just sitting on the couch at home and my phone starting ringing, Tony said he wanted to sign me and it was a real dream come true for me."

Things skyrocketed for the Umina teen in July when he was called into his first International camp, after impressing new Mariners head coach Paul Okon.

Despite not yet making his international debut, it is certainly something that Buhagiar wants to add to his long list of accomplishments very soon.

Just recently, "Trenners" juggled his soccer commitments with his schooling, finishing his HSC exams last month.

Despite admitting that juggling them both was hard, Trent got through it all thanks to the great

support he received from his family, school and the club.

"The club made it easier for me though, allowing me to have the day off when I had an exam on."

"On a typical day, I would go to school after training and get there around recess time to do my studies."

The new two-year contract extension at the club came after stringing together a number of solid performances at the start of the A-League season.

When asked what it was like to represent the Mariners, he said "It's a great privilege to play for my local A-League club, growing up here and always playing my football on the Coast, I've always wanted to play for the Mariners as I've supported them from the inception of the A-League."

After signing his contract extension at the Central Coast Mariners Centre of Excellence, Buhagiar said that the Mariners is the best place to develop as a footballer and also thanked the fans.

"The team is looking great at the moment so I'm really excited

to sign a contract extension," Buhagiar said.

"Paul Okon is a great coach with a great style of play that he is incorporating into the club which suits my game well."

"I've been able to develop my game here over the last couple of years and hopefully I can continue to develop."

"Going to the International Football School, I have been taught that anything's possible and if you put your mind to it you can always achieve it but it is hard to believe that I have signed a new contract with the Mariners and hopefully I can give more to the club."

"Obviously if you know you've got those extra couple of years in the bag you can just focus more on becoming a better footballer so I am happy that I can do that now and keep developing."

"Competition for places is always a good thing, fighting for your position keeps you on your toes and playing your best football."

"The fans are incredibly important to the club."

"It's a family club and they've done an incredible job this season," Buhagiar said.

"They continue to turn up in great numbers and it feels great to play in front of them," Buhagiar said.

Okon said that re-signing Buhagiar reaffirms the club's commitment to attracting and retaining the country's best young players.

"I am delighted that Trent has decided that this is the right place for him to continue his development by committing to the club for two more years," Okon said.

"We're very excited about what Trent has shown so far this season and we are confident he will continue to improve in our environment."

"Trent's re-signing shows the club's vision and intent of giving young talented players an opportunity," Okon said.

Media release, 6 Dec 2016
Tyson Scott, Central Coast Mariners FC
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Liesl Tesch wins Paralympic accolades

Woy Woy athlete and two-time Paralympic champion Liesl Tesch has been awarded with two accolades at the 2016 Australian Paralympic Awards.

The seven-time Paralympian won both the inaugural Uncle Kevin Coombs Medal for the Spirit of the Games, awarded by 2016 co-captains Kurt Fearnley and Daniela Di Toro, as well as the Paralympic Team of the Year award alongside her Australian Sailing Teammates.

Tesch, who transitioned from wheelchair basketball to sailing in 2011, teamed up with Daniel Fitzgibbon to win gold in the two-person keelboat Skud18 event at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games, finishing ahead of Canada and Great Britain.

Dominant throughout their Games campaign, they placed first in eight races and second in three, becoming the first pair to win the

title back-to-back.

Five-time Paralympian Fearnley said of their decision to present Tesch with the award: "There is nobody who lives and breathes the spirit of the Games in every aspect of their life like Liesl."

Di Toro said, "When I think about this mob and what it means to be a Paralympian, not only our successes as athletes but also as teammates and members of the community, none fly the flag higher than Liesl."

Congratulating Tesch on her achievements, Australian Paralympic Committee chief executive Ms Lynne Anderson said: "The expertise, preparation and execution of the Australian Paralympic sailing team were unrivalled at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games, where they achieved a near-perfect result of two gold and one silver medal."

"Liesl and Dan did their sport and nation proud when they became

the first pair to win the Skud18 title back-to-back, and with sailing removed from the Paralympic program for Tokyo 2020, being awarded Paralympic Team of the Year seems the perfect cap to an extraordinary season," she said.

Chef de mission of the 2016 Australian Paralympic team, Kate McLoughlin, said: "The Australian Paralympic Sailing Team dominated in the water this year."

"Liesl and Dan, as well as the Sonar crew won gold, and Matt Bugg placed second, winning Australia's first ever medal in the 2.4m R class."

"While it's a shame that sailing has been removed from the Paralympic program in 2020, the entire team can be incredibly proud of their achievements, and can know that they've created a legacy and a name for Australia in their sport."

Media releases, 5 and 8 Dec 2016
Lauren Robertson, Australian Paralympic Committee

Old surf club seeks new members

The oldest surf life saving club on the Central Coast is looking for new members.

Long-term Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club member, Mr Dick Huntington said the club was one of the oldest outside the major metropolitan cities and the first established on the Coast.

An informal luncheon was held in the clubhouse on Friday, December 9, as a first step towards attracting members, to take a stronger interest in the club.

"The invitation was extended

to all old members, ex-members, current members and the parents of nippers," Mr Huntington said.

He said the lunch was intended to be a "think tank" to look at ways to revitalise the club.

Anyone wishing to become a member of Ocean Beach SLSC or for more information about the club should contact Dick Huntington on 0408 434 810, Denis Fitzroy 4368 1155 or Kevin Manning on 0408 071 120.

Email, 29 Nov 2016
Dick Huntington, Ocean Beach SLSC



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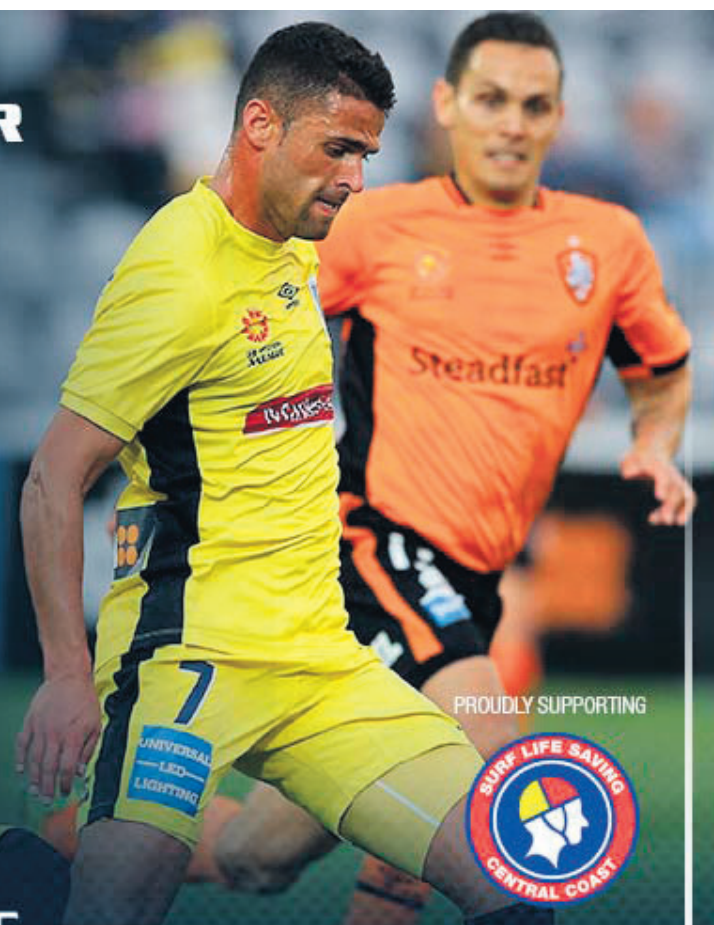


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