

Rail crossing death



The ramp to the pedestrian underpass

Elderly man hit by train

An elderly man on a mobility scooter has died after being hit by a train at the Rawson Rd level crossing in Woy Woy.

Police said inquiries were continuing and a report was to be prepared for the Coroner.

Sydney Trains reported at 11:17am that trains had been suspended between Hawkesbury River and Gosford stations due to the fatality.

Police at the scene said the man went on to the crossing after the boom gates went down and the lights started flashing.

It was around 11am when he was hit by the northbound inter-urban passenger train.

Passengers, adults and children, had to be evacuated by emergency service personnel and passengers were transferred to buses.

Police said the man somehow became stuck or found himself in the middle of the rail crossing as the train approached and sustained fatal injuries.

Crime scene unit detectives and representatives from Sydney Trains were on the scene soon after the incident occurred and remained there for some time following the fatality.

Forensic experts were on site investigating why the man was in the path of the train and had not used the nearby pedestrian underpass.

The pedestrian underpass had been opened to the public in 2015 as stage one of the Rawson Rd Level Crossing Replacement Project, a project of the former Gosford Council with funding from Transport NSW.

The Public Transport Command of the NSW Police Service stated that due to formal identification issues and issues around the circumstances of such a serious accident, the name of the victim could not be formally released.

The Public Transport Command was in charge of the ongoing investigation into the incident.

Interview, 17 Jan 2017

Duty officer, NSW Police Media

Interview, 19 Jan 2017

Bruce Coates, Brisbane Water LAC
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

Accident highlights 'unresolved issue', says chamber

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has described the railway crossing accident as "a tragedy", and the Government's attitude as "an embarrassment" and "not good enough".

Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales said: "What it has done is serve to highlight the unresolved issue of what happens to the level crossing."

"At the moment, the State Government has walked away from this location because in their view it is cost prohibitive," Mr Wales said.

"The chamber's position is simply that this is not good enough," he said.

"We have to sit down with both the State Government and the Central Coast Council and find the solution to the replacement of the level crossing especially after the fact that they have spent \$6.2 million on the pedestrian underpass that hardly anybody uses because it is easier for them to walk straight across the level crossing at the existing pedestrian gates."

"Until the level crossing is completely closed and the only access available is via the new

pedestrian underpass and an alternative vehicle underpass, there will always be a level of risk at that level crossing.

"The safety risk is compounded by the intersection of Rawson Rd with Station St which is suffering from increased usage and creating its own safety issues."

"Our position is that the Government has to come up with a solution and put aside its concerns over the previous costings and find a way forward in consultation with the local community and the Council so that this gets resolved."

"Whether you build an underpass at existing crossing or another one down at Bulls Hill, I don't care."

"They have to come up with a plan."

"If it means the Government has to allocate funds over a period of time let's do it, but putting it on the backburner is not going to solve the problem."

"Once again, are we the last cab off the rank as we are so often?"

"It's an embarrassment," Mr Wales said.

Interview, 18 Jan 2017
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Reporter: Jackie Pearson



Passengers had to be evacuated from the train following the fatality and moved onto buses

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Dry start to the year

It has been a dry start to the year, with only 3.8mm of rain falling on the Peninsula in the last two weeks.

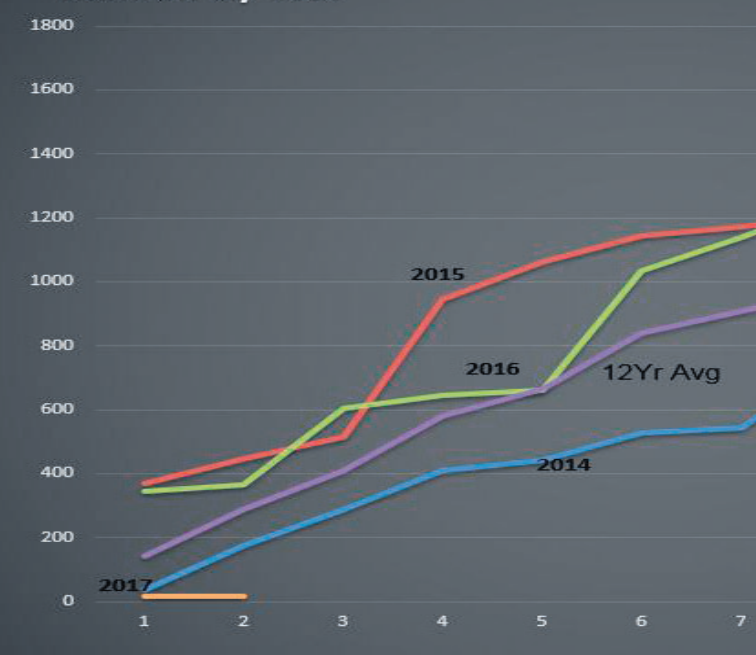
This brings the total rainfall as at January 20 to 14.7mm, one 10th of the January average, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

The only significant falls were 1.2mm recorded at 9am on January 11 and 1.3mm recorded on January 19.

The fortnight saw temperatures soar into the high 30s on the Peninsula as a heatwave swept south eastern Australia.

Spreadsheet, 20 Jan 2017
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

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Proposal to limit hearings at Woy Woy courthouse

Woy Woy Courthouse will lose the ability to hear local court matters under changes being proposed by the NSW Attorney-General's office.

The Attorney General's office is "well-progressed" with the proposal to radically restructure the use of Woy Woy courthouse, according to Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Mr Scot MacDonald.

Under the proposal, only children's court matters would be heard at Woy Woy.

All other criminal and civil local court matters would be heard at Gosford or Wyong.

According to a statement from the Department of Justice: "The Chief Magistrate has written to stakeholders to notify them of a proposal to move Local Court criminal and civil cases at Woy Woy to Gosford from March.

"The workload at Woy Woy is not high, with the Local Court only sitting for two to three hours once a week.

"The Chief Magistrate has increased the sitting days at Gosford to allow for two magistrates to sit full time which means it has the capacity to deal with Local Court matters from Woy Woy.

"The registry will continue to operate five days per week," the statement said.



Second from left: Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast, Mr Scot MacDonald, with members of the Woy Woy legal fraternity

"In addition, there is a proposal for Woy Woy to become a stand-alone Children's Court for the Central Coast, sitting five days a week.

"However, this is just a proposal at this stage; nothing has been finalised," the statement said.

Local lawyers have received letters from the Attorney General's office outlining the proposal to make Woy Woy Courthouse

the venue for all Central Coast Children's Court matters and inviting them to make submissions about it.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales has criticised the proposal for taking yet more State services from the Peninsula in the name of efficiency.

"For the sake of efficiency, they are ignoring what the local

community really needs and that is services," he said.

"I am really getting tired of the 'death by one thousand cuts' underpinned by the loss of the RMS (Woy Woy Motor Registry).

"I know the Government is looking for efficiencies and I know they want to streamline but sometimes the community's needs must be seen as more important.

"The Peninsula has the

population of a large rural centre and yet we don't get the same level of service as Bathurst or Orange.

"We are a major regional centre in our own right and my business community certainly expects a level of service commensurate with our population and I am not feeling a lot of love here," Mr Wales said.

"Even if you can justify changes to the local court system on an efficiency basis and as a practical way to distribute resources, the problem is that once again there is a service being taken away from the Peninsula community that we should have a right to expect and it is a right that doesn't necessarily have anything to do with efficiency.

"The closure of the Woy Woy motor registry might have been efficient but it was a service that was taken away from the local Peninsula community that they are still angry about.

"If you do the same with the judicial process it is the same as saying we are not sensitive to your local needs."

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Rail Crossing

Why the government shelved the level crossing project

NSW Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, Mr Duncan Gay, announced in October 2016 that the NSW Government would not be putting any more money into the Rawson Rd Level Crossing Replacement Project.

The NSW Government had originally promised \$30 million towards replacement of the crossing in 2011 but, over the subsequent six years, the cost was revised upwards several times.

"At the opening of the new pedestrian underpass, I committed

an extra \$7 million towards the Council's proposed upgrade of the level crossing," Mr Gay said in October.

"This increased the overall commitment of the NSW Government at this location to \$52 million because a total of \$45 million had been committed towards a pedestrian and road solution at the level crossing," he said.

"Unsurprisingly, the cost estimate to achieve a solution at the level crossing increased from \$52 million ... to be between \$80 million and \$115 million.

"Following the cost estimate

increase, I wrote to the Council and advised that no further funding would be available for the proposal, which the Council admitted it could not possibly afford itself.

"Taxpayers should not be forced to foot an even larger bill," he said at the time.

Mr Gay's office has not responded to the Peninsula News' request for information about whether the level crossing fatality would influence the Minister's decision about future funding for the project.

**Hansard, 20 Oct 2016
Duncan Gay, NSW
Minister for Roads**

Tribute and condolences

A simple floral tribute was placed on the wire mesh fence, between the road and railway line near the intersection of Rawson Rd and Railway St, following Monday's fatality.

A hand-painted sign read: "RIP Old Mate".

"It is a terribly sad event," said Central Coast Council Administrator Mr Ian Reynolds.

"My condolences go out to the family and friends of the gentleman and to the train driver and friends and the train driver," Mr Reynolds said.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce President, Mr Matthew Wales said: "From the business community's point of view, we really are in sympathy with the family who has lost this gentleman," said

"It is a tragedy whatever the circumstances," Mr Wales said.

NSW Shadow Minister for the Central Coast, Mr David Harris, said the man's death was a "tragedy" and sent his "heartfelt sympathies" to the man's family and friends.

Member for Gosford Ms Kathy Smith, who is currently on leave due to sickness, also said she wished to extend her condolences to the man's family.

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Matthew Wales, Peninsula
Chamber of Commerce
Interview, 17 Jan 2017
Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council
Media statement, 20 Jan 2017
Kathy Smith, Member for Gosford
Reporter: Jackie Pearson**

Solution needed before more accidents, says Harris

The NSW Shadow Minister for the Central Coast, Mr David Harris, said the Rawson Rd level crossing was "a tragedy waiting to happen".

He said if the NSW Government was not prepared to support Council and build the underpass, the State Government and Council had to come up with another solution to the current crossing before more accidents occurred.

"Sadly, this follows another death a few years ago when a man attempted to turn right out of Railway St into Rawson Rd and ended up on the tracks," Mr Harris

said.

Mr Harris said the NSW Government's withdrawal from the project was "a total disappointment".

He said it was no surprise the pedestrian underpass which cost so much money was not being used.

Mr Harris said he had visited the site with Shadow Minister for Roads, Ms Jodi McKay, in recent months.

"While we were standing there, people were not using the pedestrian underpass and were just walking across the level

crossing," Mr Harris said.

He said he believed the pedestrian underpass had been designed and located to work hand-in-hand with the "new intersection" for Railway St and Rawson Rd that would have been built as part of stage two of the level crossing replacement project.

"The new intersection would create a barrier to the rail line and would force people to use the pedestrian underpass."

**Interview, 17 Jan 2017
David Harris, Shadow Minister
for the Central Coast
Reporter: Jackie Pearson**

Department declines to provide information

The NSW Department of Transport has declined to provide information about the impact of the rail crossing accident at Woy Woy.

It did not answer a request for information about the number of trains affected or when services returned to normal, or a number of related questions.

Instead, the Department stated: "NSW Police are investigating the fatal incident involving a train at Woy Woy that occurred just after 11am on Monday.

"We will work closely with police throughout their investigation and will assist in any way we can."

**Media statement, 19 Jan 2017
Michelle Webster,
Transport for NSW**

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Implement a dune plan, says community group

A dune management plan should be implemented for the entire length of Ocean Beach, from the southern corner of Umina Beach around to Ettalong, according to the Umina Beach Community Group.

In a submission to Central Coast Council's Coastal Zone Management Plan, the group has recommended that "the existing dune structure, which protects the beach and assets beyond the beach, be maintained; development on the dune protecting the beach be restricted by development controls; and a dune management plan be implemented to sustain and enhance the current dune structure and ecosystem."

Group vice-president Mr Rod Unsworth said: "The most important thing we've got to understand is the stability of the beach, the maintenance of the beach, is definitely contributed to by the dunes themselves."

"When the dunes have got native vegetation stabilising them, the beach is protected during king tides and surges," Mr Unsworth said.

Beach access has been a priority for the group and several signposted Council walkways have remained closed between the sandbag wall along The Esplanade and the Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving clubhouse, he said.

"We have focused our work



The dunes are essential to the health of Ocean and Umina Beaches

around the beach access points at South St, and at Berith St," he said.

"There are still some closed walkways there but I think the Council is doing a good job to focus on having continuous beach access."

"From the Umina Beach Community Group's point of view, one of our key priorities is to maintain good access because these beaches are a treasure."

"They are some of the safest beaches on our coastline for children and families and we want to make sure we've got suitable access all along the beach."

The main walkways through the dunes to the beachfront have been designed with dog-legs to prevent inundation of the dunes during gales and storm surges.

"The walkways don't follow a direct line that could be eroded by weather conditions so those entrances can be available, accessible and not cause any denudation of the dunes," he said.

He said that both the Umina community and Central Coast Council have endeavoured to strike a sustainable balance between the best possible ongoing beach access and maintaining the health of the dune system.

"I think that we have excellent beach access at Umina Surf Club, Berith St and South St."

"Then we've got to do our best to maintain the health of the dune and do our best to get rid of species like lantana and plant native species that will stabilise the dune so the strongest access

points will be maintained forever."

According to Mr Unsworth, the community group's first recommendation to Council, that the existing dune structure be maintained is already in play.

"It is happening through volunteers and it is ongoing," he said.

Members of the group have been active as volunteers working on maintaining the dunes.

The local dunecare, landcare and bushcare plans are within a broader management plan being implemented by volunteers in collaboration with Central Coast Council.

"It is a tripartite effort: Federal Government funds flow through to NSW Landcare and then to the Council and volunteers."

"This is a collaborative community effort which we strongly encourage."

Mr Unsworth said: "We would say development restriction is important so we don't put structures on the dunes that could denude vegetation."

"That could include any man-made structures, such as structures which allow greater access into the dunes."

"It is important the dunes don't have people walking through them willy-nilly."

The sandbag wall built along The Esplanade to fix the erosion and road damage caused by the April 2016 East Coast Low has been a success, according to Mr

Unsworth.

"I think it has been successful to a limited extent in so far as that area has been stabilised," he said.

The Umina-based community organisation has actively debated and discussed the whole of the marine ecosystem "but we are not actively pursuing the matter of the channel access to Brisbane Water."

"Obviously from an economic and tourist point of view it is essential we have the maintenance of the ferry service and access to the waterway so we would encourage the authorities responsible for looking after the waterway to make sure that ferry access is maintained," he said.

"This beach has been used ever since the Woy Woy rail arrived in the late 1800s so we've got a wonderful heritage of 120 years of utilisation of these beautiful beaches," he said.

The Umina Beach Community Group has about 60 active members.

"We do have a stalwart group of volunteers but we would love to see more people come down."

"They will receive training and development, a hat, sunscreen and insect repellent," he said.

The local dunecare groups meet every third Thursday at Berith St at 8am, and then at South St 2pm.

The Peninsula Dunecare group has its meetings on Saturdays.

Interview, 18 Jan 2017
Rod Unsworth, Umina Beach Community Group
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

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MacDonald calls for more consultation on court changes

Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Mr Scot MacDonald has called for more local consultation, after meeting with local lawyers at the request of Peninsula Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, January 19.

"I am not happy there has been enough ground-level consultation," he said.

"That is something we are remedying and I have asked people to explain some of the changes in more depth because I don't think they are well understood," he said.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said: "Our concern is that the Peninsula community will not have access to court facilities for criminal, family and civil jurisdictions.

"Peninsula residents will have to go to Gosford as well as Wyong for all those matters," Mr Wales said.

"The incredible thing here is we have a particular problem with domestic and personal violence and sadly this will create another hurdle for victims in what is an extremely sensitive part of the judicial process," he said.

"If you take away the ability for that to be dealt with locally and transfer those matters to Gosford

or Wyong, you will be burdening those victims with the additional costs of getting to appearances, the travel, more travel for appeals, that will create a physical and emotional barrier to very vulnerable people."

Mr MacDonald said: "At that meeting, the people who use the Woy Woy Courthouse put up their position about how important it was and some of the difficulties that would arise through the loss of Children's Court services from places like Wyong."

He said the Attorney General had done some consultation with peak state bodies such as the Bar Association "but I am not satisfied they have done enough consultation at the local level".

He said it was difficult for him to comment on the rationale for the Attorney General's proposal.

"I am not the one initiating it but I guess it is about specialising court divisions by holding the Children's Court here at Woy Woy and other matters at larger courthouses like Gosford.

"The lawyers are saying that is fine and well, but it is difficult to imagine challenged members of the community with Children's Court matters travelling down to Woy Woy from other areas and I am sympathetic with that.

"I think that needs a lot of hard thinking.

"I am also concerned about the capacity of Gosford Court House to take on more Local Court matters and I am waiting for more advice from the Attorney General about that.

"I don't think it is a diminution of services overall but for the Central Coast it would be a change and it would be about specialisation.

"We are not there yet, the changes are being debated."

In particular, Mr MacDonald said he had asked the Woy Woy lawyers to put a compelling case together about the barriers to travel caused by limited public transport, the older demographic and constraints on those from lower socio-economic circumstances.

Mr MacDonald said the lawyers also voiced their concerns about the barriers the proposed changes represented for victims of domestic violence.

"They had a pretty compelling argument in Woy Woy this morning," Mr MacDonald said following the meeting.

**Interview, 19 Jan 2017
Scot MacDonald, Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast
Interview, 18 and 19 Jan 2017
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Reporter: Jackie Pearson**

Labor criticises court service loss

Labor Member for Gosford Ms Kathy Smith has criticised the Liberal State Government for taking "yet another service" away from the Peninsula.

"First it was the closure of the local RMS office and now local and district matters will no longer be heard at Woy Woy Court House," Ms Smith said.

"This is yet another example of the Peninsula being let down by this Liberal Government," she said.

NSW Shadow Attorney General Mr Paul Lynch said: "This continues the long and disreputable tradition of this State Government restricting access to important services.

"These decisions are simply based on cost cutting, regardless

of the impact on services for communities," Mr Lynch said.

"The State Government has forgotten that its role is to provide services, not just cut costs."

"The decision is particularly offensive at a time when the State Government is trumpeting what a great financial manager it is and how much money it's got.

"What aggravates it further is that the Attorney General was asked last year at Estimates Committee hearing about Local Court closures.

"She gave no hint of any change at Woy Woy."

**Media statement, 19 Jan 2017
Paul Lynch, NSW Shadow Attorney General
Media statement, 19 Jan 2017
Kathy Smith, Member for Gosford**

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Association releases black spot survey

A preliminary report has been released on the results of a mobile phone black spot survey conducted on the Bouddi Peninsula.

Wagstaffe-Killcare Community Association secretary Mr Ian Bull said the group thanked all who took the time to complete the mobile black spot survey conducted over December and January.

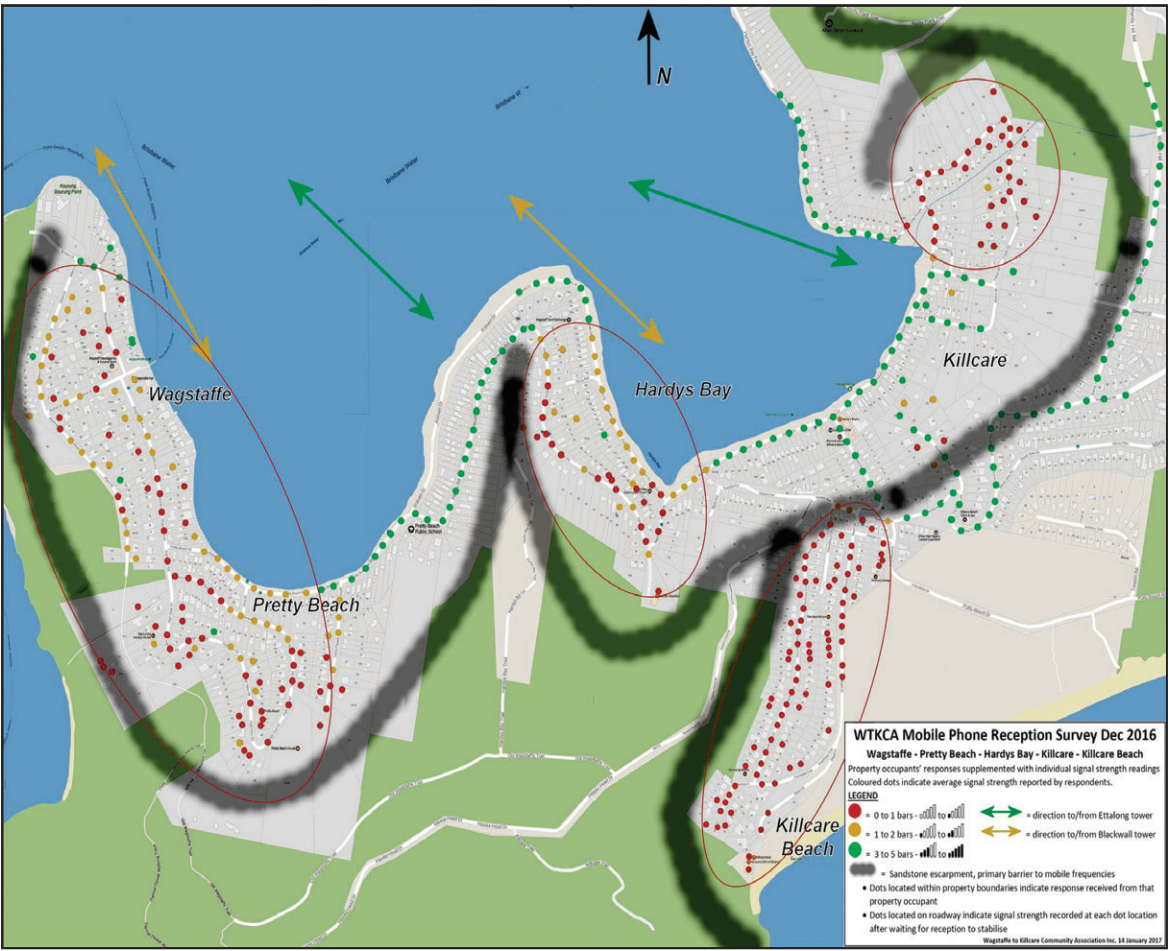
"This survey was aimed at more clearly defining our mobile black spots to assist Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks in her efforts to have the black spots addressed under the Federal Government's Mobile Black Spot Program," said Wagstaffe-Killcare Community Association secretary Mr Ian Bull.

"The areas of poor reception were loosely defined by our 2014 Mobile, TV and Radio reception survey, so forms for this survey were delivered only to those areas and immediate surrounds

"Responses have been tabulated and transferred to a map of the area.

"This illustrates quite graphically both where our black spots are and, after adding arrows to show the direction to the sources of our mobile signals (antennas on the Mantra, Ettalong, and on Blackwall Mountain), how they are created.

"Mobile signals are blocked



A map showing where the blackspots are and the direction to the relevant mobile transmission tower

by our beloved sandstone which effectively creates three separate bowls at Wagstaffe; Pretty Beach

and Hardys Bay; and Killcare and Killcare Beach.

"These bowls are separated

from each other in such a way that it is not possible for a single tower to solve the reception problems of

each at once simply because there is no single location where a tower could be placed which could beam into each of these black spots.

"Mobile signals travel very much in straight lines and don't like obstructions of any kind.

"Sandstone absolutely obstructs.

"Tree leaves do not obstruct totally but do attenuate, the more leaves and more moisture in them, the more attenuation.

"Building structures also obstruct."

The association has delivered its map to Ms Wicks.

"We have asked that, rather than attempting to solve this issue with a single tower which is clearly not possible, the communications people seriously consider a solution proposed by Mr Dave Abrahams at a forum in December.

"This was to use mini or micro towers to address each black spot separately.

"As opposed to a highly intrusive regular 30-metre-high tower, micro towers are unobtrusive and able to effectively service individual black spots of the size we have here.

"A large scale print of the map is on display in our noticeboard adjacent to Wagstaffe Hall," he said.

Media release, 19 Jan 2017
 Ian Bull, Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association

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When Marie moved to Peninsula Villages, she'd never been such an entertainer than what she is now. Affectionately dubbed her 'penthouse', Marie's care unit is always kept impeccably clean & she has the pantry ready for the daily 3pm cheese & wine.

When not entertaining, Marie walks across to the Village tea room for her weekly colouring club or takes the Tuesday bus trip to do a spot of shopping.

It's people like Marie that make Peninsula Villages not just a home, but a community.





One of many streets in need of repair at Ettalong

Group plans to continue lobbying for better roads

The Umina Beach Community Group plans to continue lobbying the Central Coast Council and the NSW Government for better roads and infrastructure.

"We are constantly writing submission to the State and Federal Government about the Peninsula," said group vice-president Mr Rod Unsworth.

"The funding for roads and infrastructure for the Peninsula from the three levels of government has not been proportionate with

the population," Mr Unsworth said. "Sixteen thousand people now live in Umina alone," he said.

"This is a big and growing population.

"It is a delightful place to live and people are making good choices by moving here but the infrastructure has not kept up and we are continually lobbying on behalf of the community," he said.

He said the upgrade of the playground in Trafalgar Ave was an example of what the local community could do if it pulled together.

"Work is underway and some of the equipment has already gone in and is it able to be used by families now.

"We are going to have some planting sessions down there and we would love to have some volunteers," he said.

The Trafalgar Ave playground will be renamed Runway Park "to celebrate the fact it is on the site of the old runway", Mr Unsworth said.

**Interview, 18 Jan 2017
Rod Unsworth, Umina Beach Community Group
Reporter: Jackie Pearson**

Marine Rescue kept busy

Marine Rescue NSW Central Coast volunteers were kept busy during the weekend of January 7 and 8 attending a variety of incidents.

Duty Radio Operator, Mr Alan Mott, received a call at around 12pm on the Saturday from the skipper of a six-metre scarab at The Rip with four people on board.

The vessel reported mechanical problems and requested help to return to the launching ramp at Lions Park, Woy Woy.

Rescue vessel Central Coast CC021, under command of Mr Al Morris, was tasked to assist and soon had the vessel in tow to safety.

Mr Mott received another call for assistance just before 2pm when the owner of a six-metre runabout at Blackwall reported that his engine had been swamped by the wash of a passing large motor cruiser and sought help to return to his mooring in the Lintern Channel.

Mr Morris and his crew on rescue vessel Central Coast CC021 located the vessel and undertook the tow.

Duty Radio Operator, Ms Shea Wicks, received a call for

assistance on the Sunday from the people on board a 4.86 metre runabout broken down off Tallow Beach.

Rescue vessel Central Coast CC022 under command of Mr Alan Howes responded by towing the runabout to Lions Park Woy Woy.

Ms Wicks received another call for help around 11:45am from a 4.2 metre runabout at Lobster Beach which was having a mechanical problem.

Mr Al Howes and his crew on Central Coast CC022 were sent to assist.

The vessel was towed to the ramp at Koolewong.

Mr Jim Cleverly took a call at around 3:30pm from one of four people on board a five-metre Haines Hunter near the entrance to Hardy's Bay.

The caller reported a mechanical problem and asked for help getting the boat to Empire Bay Marina.

Mr Morris and his crew aboard Central Coast CC021 were sent to assist and towed the vessel to safety.

**Media release, 8 Jan 2017
Ron Cole, Marine Rescue
NSW, Central Coast**

Man charged with murder

A man has been charged following the death of a woman in Umina in what was believed to be a domestic incident.

Emergency services were called to a home on Nowack Ave, Umina, just after 3pm on January 8, after concern was raised for a resident's welfare.

A 74-year-old woman was found deceased at the scene by NSW

Ambulance paramedics.

Officers from Brisbane Water Local Area Command attended and arrested a 76-year-old man, who taken to Gosford Police Station where he was charged with murder.

He was refused bail and appeared at Gosford Local Court on January 9.

**Media release, 9 Jan 2017
NSW Police Media**



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Local fishers would support 'buy local' campaign

Seafood growers in Broken Bay and Brisbane Water are eager to join a Buy Local Seafood campaign started by a local MP.

Mr Dean Whitten from Whitten's Organic Oysters said he was sure farmers and fishers working out of Brisbane Water and Broken Bay would be interested in being involved in a Buy Local Campaign.

Such a campaign was launched by the NSW Member for The Entrance, Mr David Mehan, in conjunction with local fishermen on Tuggerah Lakes following the findings of a report into commercial fishing conducted by the University of Technology Sydney.

According to the report, 91 per cent of local residents believed it was important to have a regional fishing industry and 93 per cent believed that buying locally sourced fish was better for the community.

The report indicated that the professional fishing industry was a critically important part of the local economy, with the



Local lobster traps

industry adding \$18.6 million to the region's Gross Regional Product.

The study did not indicate the proportion of that amount contributed by the Peninsula's commercial fishers.

The combined efforts of the Broken Bay, Brisbane Water and Tuggerah Lakes fishers made the Central Coast second only to the Great Lakes in terms of valued added to the local economy from the industry.

Household income generated from the local fishing industry and the employment it provided were also significant.

Of all regions where commercial fishing provided employment, the Central Coast's industry provided the third highest number of jobs at 209

but fishers on the Central Coast had more household income to spend from the industry at \$10.3 million than fishers from any other region.

Despite the industry's contribution to the local economy, the report found that across the state, the Central Coast community had one of the lowest frequencies of purchasing local seafood (local defined in the report as within a 100km radius).

The report determined these preferences were strongly linked

to the geographical location of the respondents, with 52 per cent of Central Coast residents more likely to prefer Australian seafood over the 21 per cent who prefer local seafood.

A further 33 per cent of Central Coast residents reported they rarely purchased local seafood, the highest result in the state.

The report found there was a high level of confidence in the sustainability of the industry amongst those directly engaged with it, though this was met by a "moderate level of trust" by the community.

The Central Coast community expressed the second-lowest level of trust in the sustainability of the local fishing industry across NSW communities with local fisheries.

Residents of the Central Coast's fishing villages along the Hawkesbury River expressed high levels of concern over the loss of community identity if fishing were to be further restricted.

**Media release, 18 Jan 2017
David Mehan, NSW Member
for The Entrance
Report, Sep 2016**

**Michelle Voyer and others,
University of Technology Sydney**

Man dies at Umina beach

A man has died at Umina Beach after suffering a suspected "medical episode" on January 9.

Emergency services were called to Umina Beach just before 2pm, following reports a 51-year-old man was suffering difficulties in the water.

The man was assisted by NSW Ambulance Paramedics, but died

at the scene.

A brief will be prepared for the Coroner.

The man's death is another in the Coast's and the State's drowning death toll for 2017, with 22 people having drowned in NSW waters, three on the Central Coast, since Christmas Day.

**Media release, 9 Jan 2017
NSW Police Media**

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Proposal to subdivide Empire Bay land

An application to subdivide two residential lots of land at Empire Bay into three lots has been lodged with the Central Coast Council.

The application was lodged as an integrated development as it would include the reconstruction of an existing causeway over a creek.

The land is still subject to Gosford Council Interim Development Order (IDO) 122 which dates from 1979 and is Conservation Land.

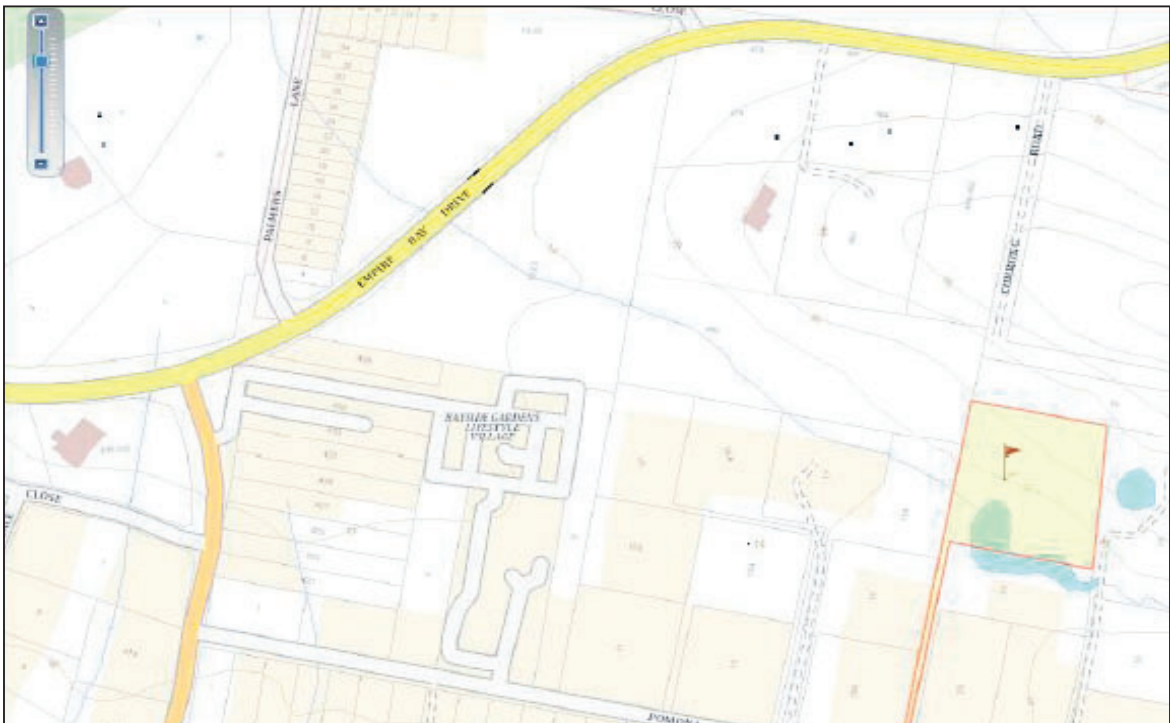
The proposal, if approved, would see 21 Pomona Rd and 10 Currong Rd, Empire Bay subdivided into three lots.

The site is a battle-axe shaped allotment on the northern side of Pomona Rd and has a combined land area of over three hectares and lot 48 joins an unmade road reserve to the north.

Lot 48 is vacant land and Lot 57 contains a single dwelling, swimming pool and shed along with part of a large dam that is also on the adjoining property to the south and is constructed on an existing watercourse that bisects the land.

The proposal before Council would see lot 57 divided into two: a one-hectare Lot 571 and a 4933 square metre Lot 572.

The remainder of Lot 57 would then be combined with Lot 48 to



The location of the proposed subdivision off Pomona Rd, Empire Bay

form the 1.5 hectare Lot 573.

The proposal would require Lots 572 and 573 to be held in common ownership and a proposed Right of Access and a six metre wide services easement would be provided in Lot 571 to access Lot 572.

According to a Statement of Environmental Effects lodged

in support of the application, a rezoning application was lodged with the former Gosford Council in 2015 that proposed to move the zone boundary between Zone 7(c2) Conservation and Scenic Protection (rural small holdings) and Zone 7(a) Conservation.

The rezoning would have allowed for the land zoned for Scenic Protection to have been extended to the northern boundary of existing Lot 48 (10 Currong Rd) and the remainder of that lot retained as Conservation land.

"The application for a rezoning was delayed and during this period Council changed its policy...and decided that ... any change to the zoning of land would form part of the review of the E zones," the statement said.

"The application for rezoning was subsequently withdrawn and after discussions with the then Manager of Development, Mr James McNulty, it was suggested that a development application be submitted," it said.

The land has been identified as

bushfire prone and flood prone so the applicant has submitted both a Bushfire Assessment and a Flood Assessment Report.

According to IDO122 land zoned Conservation 7(a) is intended for: the conservation and rehabilitation of areas of high environmental value, the preservation and rehabilitation of areas of high visual and scenic quality in the natural landscape; provision and retention of habitats for flora and fauna; prohibition of development on or within proximity to significant ecosystems; provision of opportunities for informal recreational pursuits; the minimisation or prohibition of development so that the environmental and visual qualities of the natural areas are not eroded by the cumulative impact of incremental, individually minor developments; and the minimisation or prohibition of development in areas that are unsuitable for development by virtue of soil erosion, land slip, slope instability, coastal erosion or

bushfire hazard.

Within the 7(a) zone, developments that need consent included agriculture, bed and breakfast accommodation, dams, dwelling houses, roads and subdivision.

According to the IDO, the objectives of the 7(c2) zone included to provide a buffer or transition zone between conservation areas and urban areas.

The zone was also intended to enable development for rural residential holdings on suitable land unlikely to adversely affect aesthetic and scenic value of the land and its setting or create demand for uneconomic provision of services.

Development that needs consent in the 7(c2) zone included animal establishments, bed and breakfast accommodation, child care centres, dams, dual occupancies, dwelling houses, educational establishments, home industries, plant nurseries, roads, roadside stalls, utility installations, veterinary hospitals and subdivisions.

According to the Statement of Environmental Effects: "The proposed development is consistent with the objectives of the 7(c2) zone in that the subdivision of the land is suitable for Rural Residential Holdings and is unlikely to adversely affect the aesthetic and scenic value of the land and its setting as there are a number of similar sized lots located within this locality and will not create a demand for uneconomic provisions of services as the only service that is not available to the land is the sewerage which will be provided and paid for by the applicant.

"The proposed development is also consistent with the objectives of the 7(a) Zone as future development will not occur within the area zoned 7(a)," the statement said.

Proposed Lot 572 does not meet the minimum required lot size of one hectare but an objection has been prepared to address the variation.

IDO122, 11 Dec 2015
Gosford City Council
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Police target boating activities

Police have launched an operation targeting unsafe and illegal boating activities in Ettalong.

Operation Fortitude, combining officers from Brisbane Water Local Area Command with the assistance of the Marine Local Area Command, was launched January 14 and will continue throughout the summer period.

The operation is aimed at conducting high-visibility patrols, random breath tests and vessel compliance inspections across the Ettalong and Brisbane Water area.

As a part of the operation, on January 15, police conducted more than 100 random breath tests and completed a number of marine vessel compliance inspections.

Brisbane Waters Local Area Commander, Superintendent Danny Sullivan, said that police would be on the water to ensure

that everyone had a fun and safe time this summer.

"Police will continue to ensure that everyone is safe this boating season by targeting dangerous and anti-social behaviour on the waterways," Supt Sullivan said.

"Police will be highly visible on the waterways conducting random breath test and safety checks on jet skis and boats.

"Skippers need to remember that they are responsible for the safety of everyone on their boat, and the same drink-driving laws apply on the water as on the land.

"The legal limit is 0.05 but the safest option is not to drink if you're the skipper of a vessel.

"Most importantly, remember that if you're heading out on the water, wear a life jacket; it's not a fashion statement, it will save your life," Supt Sullivan said.

Media release, 15 Jan 2017
NSW Police Media



The Mantra resort at Ettalong

Charged with 'break and enter'

A Woy Woy man and woman have been charged with aggravated break and enter in company and malicious wounding after they allegedly committed a home invasion.

According to police, the man and woman approached a unit on Railway St, Woy Woy, and knocked on the door at about 8:30pm on Tuesday, December 27.

When the 65-year-old resident opened the door, the man, who was armed with a broken bottle, and the woman allegedly forced open the door and assaulted the resident.

A second resident intervened and the alleged offenders left the location.

Emergency services were called to the location and the 65-year-old man was treated for lacerations and bruising before being taken to Gosford Hospital.

Officers from Brisbane Water Local Area Command commenced investigations into the incident.

They attended a nearby unit in Woy Woy, where they arrested a 47-year-old woman and a 48-year-old man.

They were both taken to Gosford Police Station and charged with aggravated break and enter in company and malicious wounding.

Both were refused bail and appeared in Wyong Local Court on Thursday, December 29, charged with aggravated break and enter and commit serious indictable offence and with wound a person with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

The matter was listed for mention in Gosford Local Court on January 9 and bail was refused.

Both will appear via video link on January 9.

Media release, 28 Dec 2016
NSW Police Media Unit

Build more tourist accommodation, says Wales

A lack of suitable accommodation could be stopping tourists from visiting the Peninsula other than for day trips.

"This summer we saw an extraordinary number of visitors come into the area but sadly I think they were mostly day tripper visitors," said Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales.

"My observation is we are not capitalising on the overnight stays and the perception is there is not a coherent program to ensure people stay here for more than a night," Mr Wales said.

"Part of the problem is due to a shortage of good-quality accommodation and our Chamber's view is that we should be encouraging development options that provide serviced apartments and good-quality hotel accommodation.

"The Mantra and Ettalong Beach Tourist Resort are not enough.

"A good indication of the level of increase in interest in places,

particularly like Ettalong, is the rate of sales in the Atlantis Resort (the new mixed-use development on The Esplanade, opposite the Mantra on Memorial Ave) where I believe the agent is running out of stock in the off-the-plan sales period," he said.

Mr Wales said he believed at least some of the development underway in Umina and Ettalong would end up increasing the stock of accommodation available for tourists.

"I know for a fact developers who are building high-quality residential space between Ettalong and Umina are experiencing almost record prices and record inquiry levels so that says to me people want to be here, but we are not providing the accommodation they need, particularly for more than overnight stays.

"It makes the Chamber question what Central Coast Tourism has been delivering and what they are actually doing to translate that interest into developments that provide needed accommodation.

"One of the shortcomings of our

current tourism policy is that it is not driving in a practical way the solution to get people to stay here.

"This is particularly true when you think about when NorthConnex is finished the Central Coast is going to be so easy to get to from Western Sydney that we risk being overwhelmed by people who want to stay here and we can't provide for them.

"That would be a tragedy."

Mr Wales said he hoped the Central Coast Council's current process to invite expressions of interest, to be followed by an open tender process, to find an organisation to take over marketing of the region as a tourist destination would provide positive outcomes.

"I do honestly believe there is a need for a dedicated organisation even if it is within the structure of the council and I would encourage council to have internal team," he said.

Interview, 18 Jan 2017
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

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Firie and friends at Wagstaffe 2016

Celebrations at Woy Woy and Wagstaffe

Wagstaffe and Woy Woy will be the two local locations for the official Central Coast Council's Australia Day celebrations on Thursday, January 26.

Celebrations will start on the waterfront at Wagstaffe from 8am

including a flag-raising ceremony and other entertainment through to 10:30am.

A community breakfast will be available from 9am.

Woy Woy's Australia Day celebrations will kick off at 2pm and run through until 9:30pm on the waterfront.

Attractions will include food and market stalls, entertainment, and children's activities.

After dark the traditional fireworks will be simulcast to a soundtrack broadcast by a local radio station.

Media release, 17 Jan 2017
Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council

Celebrations at Pearl Beach

The annual Australia Day celebrations at Pearl Beach will be held on the beachfront on Thursday, January 26.

The celebrations will commence at 8am with beach races.

Participants will be able to

register from 7.30am.

Other attractions include a sausage sizzle, refreshments, fun fair, speeches and the Gosford City Brass Band to entertain.

Media release, 9 Jan 2017
Lynne Lillicio, Pearl Beach Progress Association



Some of the workers from left Pat Loker, Fay Gunther, Anne Jackson and Jeanette Martin



The crowd at Wagstaffe on Australia Day 2016



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Teenager injured near Warrah Trig

A teenager has been injured in a serious crash at Warrah Trig.

A blue Toyota Starlet with four male occupants was travelling north on the dirt track from Patonga Dr to Warrah Trig, near Patonga, at about 5pm on January 10, when the vehicle crashed and rolled.

The front passenger, a 16-year-old boy, was pinned under the car.

The three other occupants exited the vehicle without injury

and the driver fled the scene.

Emergency services arrived and the injured boy was airlifted to Royal North Shore Hospital with a serious arm injury.

A crime scene was established and officers from the Metropolitan Crash Investigation Unit were investigating the circumstance surrounding the crash.

Inquiries were continuing to locate the driver.

Media release, 11 Jan 2017
NSW Police Media

Stabbing investigated

Police last week were investigating the stabbing of a teenager at Ettalong.

Emergency services were called to Uligandi St, Ettalong, just after 8pm on Sunday, January 1, following reports a 16-year-old boy had been stabbed.

Police were told the incident occurred in a nearby laneway after he was approached by a group of males.

The youth was treated by NSW Ambulance paramedics for a stomach wound before being taken to Gosford Hospital in a stable condition.

Officers from Brisbane Water Local Area Command were investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Anyone with information was urged to come forward.

Media release, 2 Jan 2017
NSW Police Media unit

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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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Mariners seek to transform stadium into a world-class entertainment hub

As Coach Paul Okon works hard to lift the Central Coast Mariners towards their former League-winning status on the field, the local national A-League franchise has called on the Central Coast

ATO building clears final hurdle

The NSW Land and Environment Court (LEC), on Friday, December 16, dismissed an appeal by the Gosford Waterfront Alliance against the approval of an ATO building on the Gosford Waterfront.

\$53 million Creighton's development approved

The \$53 million Rola Property Group's mixed-use development at 27 to 37 Mann St and 125 Georgiana Tce, Gosford, which included the heritage-listed Creighton's Funeral Parlour, was

Approval sought for a \$20 million development in West Gosford

An eight storey \$20m apartment monolith could provide 80 apartments in West Gosford if approved by Central Coast Council.

\$53 million Creighton's building development approved by JRPP

The \$53 million Rola Property Group's mixed-use development at 27 to 37 Mann St and 125 Georgiana Tce, Gosford, which included the heritage-listed Creighton's Funeral Parlour, was approved by the

\$1.1bn worth of development applications processed

The Central Coast Council used the end of the 2016 calendar year to celebrate strong post-merger development activity.

Performing arts centre buck passing continues

The buck continues to be passed between Central Coast Council, the NSW Government and the Member for Robertson over the best location for a regional performing arts centre in Gosford.

Examination of new council wards reveals anomalies

Many questions remain unanswered about the first election of the new Central Coast Council, now due in less than nine months.

Planning proposal for the Gosford CBD raises many concerns

The Community Environment Network (CEN) has continued its opposition to the Central Coast Council's current planning proposal for the Gosford CBD.

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Application lodged for iconic development at Canton Beach

A \$22.5 million application has been lodged with Central Coast Council for the construction of a five-storey shop top housing development on the corner of Beach Pde and Crossingham St, Canton Beach.

Council has done nothing to generate employment - Mehan

The new Central Coast Council must develop the Wyong Employment Zone (WEZ) at Warnervale if it is serious about increasing employment on the Coast, according to the State Member for

Long Jetty lake foreshore recreation area open to the public

A lake foreshore recreation area at the end of Archbold Rd, Long Jetty, is now able to be used by the public.

\$300,000 state funding for 11 projects in the Wyong electorate

Member for Wyong, Mr David Harris, has announced that 11 projects in the Wyong region will between them receive \$300,000 worth of funding for community projects from the 2016 Community Building Partnership Program.

Waste management contract evaluation criteria needs to be made public - Harris

Pressure is mounting on the Central Coast Council to make public the criteria it intends to use to evaluate new waste management contracts before they are finalised.

Council loses the right to keep confidential airport report secret

Central Coast Council has been ordered by the NSW Civil and Administrative Claims Tribunal (NCAT) to allow a rate payer to have access to a previously confidential airport feasibility study.

Floodplain Management Study Report running late

The Floodplain Management Study and Plan for the Wyong River is running behind schedule according to the Central Coast Council's own timeline for the project.

Spot rezoning raises concern

A proposal to rezone land at 66 Oakland Ave, The Entrance, has been labelled a recipe for disaster by the State Member for The Entrance, Mr David Mehan.

Job uncertainty elsewhere may be sign of things to come at Wyong

Local Labor MPs have claimed that the uncertainty over job security being experienced by staff at the Manly and Mona Vale Hospitals will be replicated in Wyong, if the NSW Government's public-private

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Life as a night telephone operator

When I transferred to Woy Woy post office in 1966, I was trained as a night telephone operator at the Woy Woy Telephone Exchange, located at Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, and next door to the old post office.

There were 40 or so telephonists during the day and two male telephonists on the midnight to dawn shift.

A warning call came from Sydney every hour to ensure you were awake, if you failed to answer the call, it would then trigger off an alarm.

One night the inevitable happened, I fell asleep and the very-loud alarm went off.

It was like a fire-alarm bell.

The police constable appeared in a matter of minutes, wanting to know what was wrong.

I explained that I had fallen asleep and this set off the alarm.

"Where's the key?" he asked.

"The postmaster has it," I said.

Forum

So he smashed the glass and turned the alarm off.

The postmaster, Mr Bill Collins, was not impressed.

"You'll have to pay for that," he said.

The police, the night-watchman and the security men often called in through the night to have a cup of coffee and to swap stories.

Henry Wong, an owner of a restaurant in Umina, would call in after closing.

He wore a black apron around his waist, which carried his night's takings and also a little pistol for which he had a licence.

It was very tiny, like the ones you used to see carried in ladies purses in the Hollywood thrillers.

Well, Henry was telling a story about his experiences in China during the Japanese occupation.

The police and the security men all dived under the table, while I was too frozen with fear to move.

A voice from under the table

said, "Put the pistol down Henry."

Henry looked around, mystified, and reluctantly put the pistol back in his apron.

Another night, a gentlemen rang up the exchange saying he had murdered his wife.

The police went to the man's address and the security man went off on his own to investigate.

He went to the wife's place and there she was, large as life, watching the late-late movie on television.

Would you believe the film was, Murder My Sweet, starring Dick Powell and Claire Trevor?

Whether the man had a nightmare or too much of the demon rum, who can tell, these two incidents were the most exciting things to happen during my stay as a night telephone operator.

Very soon the automatic telephone exchange was built in MacMasters Rd, Woy Woy, and eventually the old manual exchange was demolished.

Email, 9 Jan 2017
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

Pelicans don't wear T-shirts

Reading Richard Newby's denunciation (Forum, Peninsula News, January 9) of the Woy Woy Oval mural certainly took me by surprise.

While I respect Mr Newby's passion for his subject, he is of course overlooking many art historical examples of non-realist renderings in both painting and sculpture.

Would our correspondent damn Vincent van Gogh for painting swirls in the night sky rather than an astronomically precise rendering of the stars?

Is Alberto Giacometti to be excoriated for elongating his sculptural figures?

Indeed, should Australia's own great indigenous painters be ridiculed for painting desert landscapes according to generations-old traditions of depicting the landscape in two dimensions?

Claiming that the Woy Woy Pelican, the work of photo muralist Daniel Dancer, fails because it doesn't render its subject literally is of course absurd.

If one wants to see what a real pelican looks like, one merely needs to visit the nearby wharf and if, at some future time we need to refer back to see what pelicans looked like, then there is a wealth of photographic and scientific illustration to remind us.

The Woy Woy mural is a work of art that strives not to record objective reality, but to use the bird as an emblem of the local environment, fittingly created as an

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image brought to life with help of hundreds of local school kids who posed for photos dressed in black and white.

Like the great artists, Daniel Dancer has looked beyond the merely literal for something deeper, and as lovers of art and community I'm sure we can embrace such a project with the good will it deserves.

Art is not there to merely record but to inspire through an interpretation.

I would also suggest that Mr Newby avoid walking 200 metres to the north where he would encounter the logo of Ye Old Woy Woy Pub's Pelicans Restaurant that not only depicts the bird wearing a red T-shirt, but it's also holding a beer.

Clearly the artist responsible has taken artistic liberties with the rendering - pelicans don't wear T-shirts.

Email, 15 Jan 2017
Andrew Frost, Pearl Beach

Imperceptive and simplistic

While anyone may have views on the artistic merits of the Woy Woy Oval mural (I happen to think that it is pretty bad), Richard Newby's criticism of it ("Mural to be ripped down in five years' time?" Peninsula News, Jan 9) is imperceptive and simplistic.

One wonders what he would have imagined, if the mural had been designed by Pablo Picasso who was not noted for his adherence to visual reality.

Of course, he is quite correct that using an expensive American artist to carry out the work, when

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we have a more than adequate number of mediocre artists of our own, is difficult to justify.

However, his statement that "this expensive mural will be ripped down in five years' time", doesn't seem to accord with the official announcement made at the time of its unveiling.

What was said there was that the mural (which is on presumably demountable steel panels) will remain in place for at least five years - not quite the same thing.

Perhaps the Council is waiting on any experiences of vandalism

etc. (not unreasonable given the fate of the "imag ne" artwork at Gosford), before deciding that the oval is the permanent home of the mural.

Incidentally, rather than a cartoon pelican, I am much more disturbed by one panel that seems to depict a footballer delivering a straight right (to an opposing player's head?) over the word goal in comic-strip letters.

I think this image could have been more carefully considered before giving it a prominent position in the mural.

Email, 11 Jan 2017
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

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As a resident of the Peninsula I do not want to see another fatality at the Woy Woy Railway Crossing.

How many more accidents, injuries, near misses or deaths do we need to experience as a community before the State Government meets its commitment

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to build a safe underpass?

The fatality yesterday (Monday, January 16) is one too many. Are you listening Premier? Peninsula lives matter.

Email, 17 Jan 2017
Stephanie Short, Woy Woy

Performing arts in entertainment hub?

How do we convince the Central Coast Mariners to include a performing arts centre in their plans to transform Central Coast stadium into a world-class entertainment hub?

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Surely the arts centre could be funded by the Section 96 developer's contribution.

Email, 12 Jan 2017
Marcelle Hoff, Ettalong Beach

I have read the misleading Statement of Environmental Effects for the redevelopment of the service station on Ocean Beach Rd (Peninsula News, 9 Jan 2017: Service Station May Be Redeveloped) and it is a planning sales pitch minus the facts.

The planning roundabout is back in action for the year 2017 with no foreseeable improvement, only the continuation of an eccentric process.

Consider DA50046/2016: "The proposed redevelopment is likely to improve the soil and groundwater quality at the site", yet eight trees are to be removed from the site.

How many soil monitoring bores are to be created to test for likely soil improvement on the site in the years ahead to gauge the accuracy of the assessment?

How can soil quality can be

not support them.

Other birds have some form of diabetes.

Some animals come to think that humans mean food and will attack if it is not forthcoming, after all they are wild animals.

Feeding wild animals might give us pleasure but it can make them think that all humans are kind and they are not.

Some people collect these animals to sell on the overseas market, or keep as pets or hang on their walls.

So this coming Australia Day perhaps we could consider what it is that makes Australia Australia and decide to give some respect and dignity to the diminishing flora and fauna of this land, even though that would mean not taking our dogs into National Parks and keeping our cats inside.

Email, 16 Jan 2017
Margaret Lund, Woy Woy

Proposed service station statement misleading

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Ask any local resident for information.

Contrary to the report, the area effected is larger than described, including Bourke Rd, Ocean Beach Rd and Ryans Rd.

There are also motorists, school children, cyclists and pedestrians.

Note well, that there is no reference to the two bus stops on Ocean Beach Rd or the pedestrian refuge in the vicinity.

It will not be that far into the future before this intersection has traffic lights so that pedestrians have the same consideration as motorists.

The report has also failed to advise that this development will force motorists to seek alternate transport routes to their destination, meaning increased traffic flow on secondary local roads.

Letter, 12 Jan 2017
Norman Harris, Umina

Consider flora and fauna on Australia Day

Australia Day is here again and many people will be flying flags and receiving awards or even citizenship.

I wonder how many people will bother to think of what it is that makes Australia, Australian; what makes it different.

Surely it is the flora and fauna and these are under great threat.

We still cut down trees if they are in the way or even just spoil our view, not realising that each tree is a whole ecosystem, contributing to the land.

We have been trained to be aware of the sweet, cuddly Ozzie icons such as the koala but even they are now in decline and it is highly likely that my great grandchildren will never see one except in a zoo.

What about the less cuddly Australian fauna?

Does it mean that just because they are less cuddly they have no

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right to exist?

They are all a part of our amazing bio-diversity.

When we do get close to wild life, it often pleases us to feed it.

It gives us pleasure and makes us feel that we are helping.

On the contrary, we are doing them a dis-service.

They all have different digestive systems; our foods are often highly processed and contain chemicals and even though the animals may appear to enjoy it, in much the same way that children will appear to gobble up lollies, they later often suffer digestive problems.

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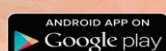
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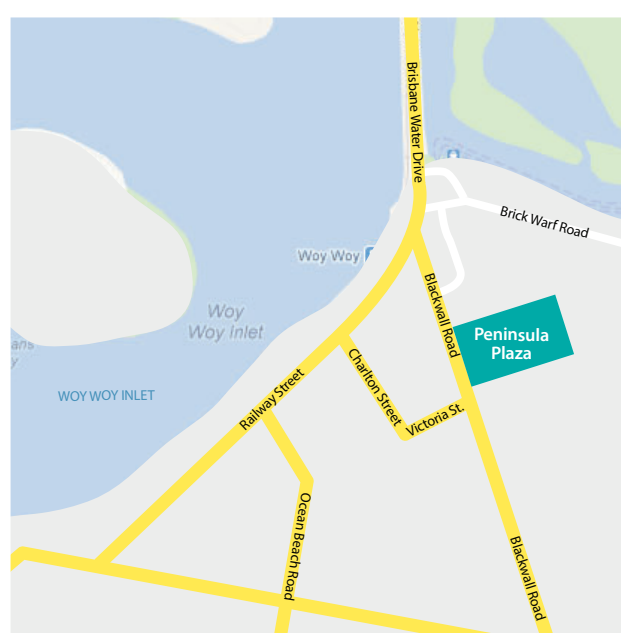
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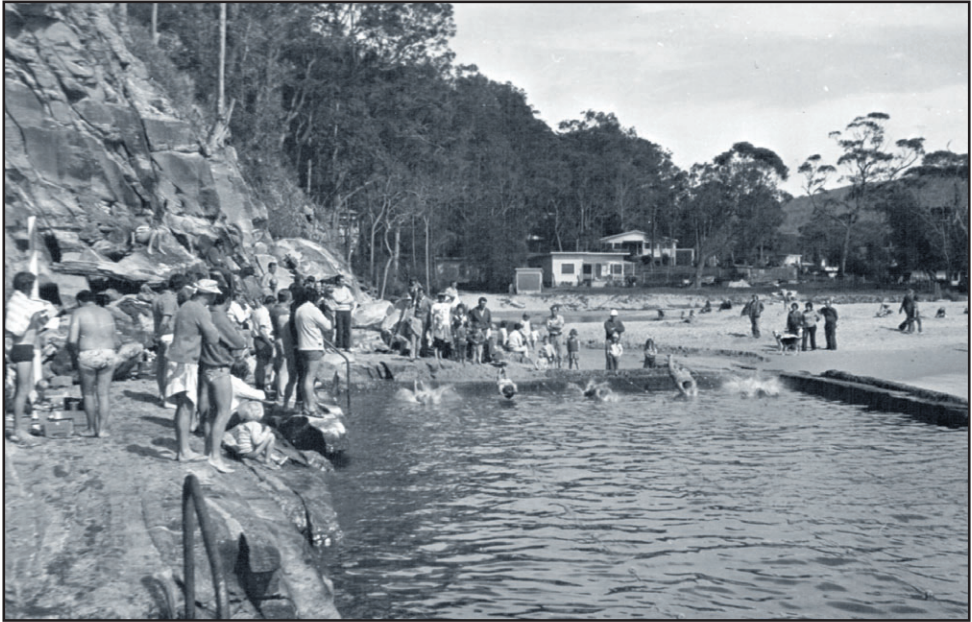
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Pearl Beach rock pool January 2017



The Pearl Beach rock pool in 1969

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Pearl Beach pool dates to 1926

The Pearl Beach rock pool has been popular with locals and visitors to the area during the recent run days with temperatures rising into the high 30s.

According to local historian, Ms Beverly Kingston, the pool dates from 1926 and formed part of the original development plan, devised by Charles J Staples, for what had been known up until then as Green

Point Beach.

Staples renamed the area Pearl Beach and drew up the street plan, all named after gemstones.

The pool was a significant attraction, Ms Kingston said.

One of many built in the early 20th Century on the harbour in Sydney, at various beachside suburbs and at popular holiday spots along the coast, rock pools were seen as a safe option for bathing.

They protected swimmers from dangerous rips and shifting sands on the sea floor and also from the likelihood of shark attack.

The original pool at Pearl Beach consisted of a simple cement wall enclosing a convenient section of the sea at the southern end of the beach.

It had a natural sandy floor sloping away from a rock platform with a cliff behind.

Rough changing sheds were

built on the rock platform.

Over time sand built up in the enclosure and working bees were held to clear it out.

In the 1960s, a decision was taken to re-build the pool with a cement floor and walls and an outlet valve.

Responsibility for the regular cleaning that was now necessary was taken over by Gosford Council.

In recent years, reinforcing rods in the original concrete began to rust and many cracks appeared with sections of the pool walls breaking off.

It became obvious that major restoration work was necessary.

During 2009, the people of Pearl Beach, along with their friends and many visitors who come regularly to use the pool raised \$80,000 towards the cost of the work.

The rest of the estimated \$250,000 was paid by the Council.

From 1943, swimming carnivals were held in the pool.

More recently, the pool has been a regular Sunday morning winter venue for the Blue Swimmers.

The restored pool was officially opened in November 2010 and continues to be used extensively by locals and visitors alike.

As a tidal pool, it relies on large seas to wash it out.

However, at times, particularly during the holidays with increased usage, it becomes cloudy and the water quality is often compromised.

Locals monitor the cleanliness and with support from the Central Coast Council ensure that regular cleaning is undertaken.

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Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach

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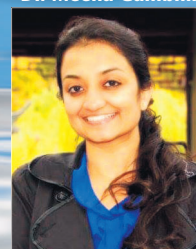
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Skills to help people avoid suicide

Peninsula community members will have the opportunity to learn skills to help people avoid suicide.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training from LivingWorks aims to enhance a caregiver's abilities to help a person avoid suicide.

Coast Community Connections will run workshop on the topic at the Peninsula Community Centre on February 20 and 21.

The two-day program has been sponsored by the Gosford North Rotary Club.

"Participants learn to recognise when someone may be at risk of suicide and respond in ways that help increase their immediate

safety and link them to help," said Peninsula Community Centre community development officer Ms Louise Manson.

Ms Manson said the technique had been used in a range of settings with trainees from a variety of backgrounds and countries.

"It has been implemented in secondary and post-secondary schools, mental health centres, hospitals, social services, public safety agencies and numerous other community settings," she said.

"Extensive evaluation of outcomes has shown that participants demonstrate increased intervention skills and that the training has led to positive changes in both knowledge and

attitudes about suicide.

"It is based on the principles of adult learning.

"It values the experiences and contributions that participants bring and encourages people to share actively in the learning process," she said.

The skills training program will be conducted at the Peninsula Community Centre at 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy on February 20 and 21.

The program will run from 8:45am to 4:30pm on both days.

Reserve a place by calling the Peninsula Community Centre on 4341 9333.

Media release, 19 Jan 2017
Louise Manson, Coast Community Connections

Work may start

A construction certificate has been granted allowing work to start on the development of a three-unit multi-dwelling housing development at 7 Green St, Woy Woy.

The consent has been given for the demolition of the existing dwelling on the land and the construction of the new three units.

The estimated cost of the work was \$967,759.

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"Exercise is one of the ways

of supporting the body to recover after cancer treatment and it's also a good way of keeping spirits up," said program manager Ms Kate Guthrey.

"The Encore program not only offers women the proven benefits of exercise, but it also allows them the opportunity to connect with others sharing similar experiences and speaking without judgement which is a very important part of recovery," Ms Guthrey said.

Being diagnosed with breast

cancer can change life in a moment and the program helped women stay well after experiencing this adversity, she said.

"Whilst each program has a strong focus on specifically targeted exercise, the sessions also include information sharing through guest speakers and links into local community services and resources, as well as enabling participants to meet others who have had similar experiences."

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Martina Patti, YWCA NSW

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A grand master in Chinese health practice

The Peninsula now has its own Grand Master of the ancient Chinese art of Qigong.

Ms Cherel Waters has lived on or around the Woy Woy Peninsula since 1983.

Having used her skills in Reflexology for many years, she went on to further study the Chinese Art of Tai Chi or Qigong.

This study led her to become a teacher of Qigong, and now a trained Master.

Qigong is an integral part of the Chinese health system, according to Ms Waters.

She said Qigong consisted primarily of physical movement with mind-body integration, and included meditation, relaxation and breathing exercises.

"When the body, mind and breath are in harmony, our Qi will also be in harmony," Ms Waters said.

After doing many years of training with Master Simon Blow in Australia, Ms Waters decided she needed to go to China to finish her teaching training.

She visited China for more than 10 years to study with Qigong Grand Master Chen Guan Gang.

Ms Waters was most recently invited to Wuhan to train with Master and Madam Chen in their home, where she had personal instruction in the Dayan Wild Goose forms of Qigong.

"Master Chen believes the form that he teaches should be taught in its exact form and has congratulated me on my diligence and mastery of this form," she said.

Ms Waters has aimed to teach

others the form, so that they can reap the benefits.

"As people age, most are unable or unwilling to do vigorous physical exercise.

"Their health may suffer somewhat as a result of an inactive life.

"The magic of Qigong is to combine gentle physical movement, created over centuries of Chinese knowledge, with a stillness and calmness of the mind, which instills a well-being which is very difficult to find in the modern day stress of life.

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"They are gentle yet energising, and useful for everyone.

"They combine the use of breath and creative visualisation to empower the practitioner to realise they are an integral part of their own healing process," she said.

Six years ago Ms Waters started to give classes in the Church Hall behind St Luke's on Blackwall Rd, which she said had an atmosphere most propitious to relaxed learning and easy education.

She now has a faithful group of students who have seen the positive results from practicing this ancient Chinese art-form to improve their health and increase their enjoyment of life.

"People make ongoing friendships at the classes, or just come for their weekly hit of spiritual/physical exercise, before going home to continue the daily practice in their own home."

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Cherel Waters, Woy Woy



From left: Cherel Waters with Madam and Master Chen at their home in China

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Out&About



Michael Fix and Christine Collister

International performers at folk club

International performers Michael Fix and Christine Collister will open the Troubadour Folk Club's 2017 program on Saturday, February 4.

The duo will perform songs from the folk-blues-jazz and contemporary traditions.

The appearance comes on the back of their newly released CD, Shadows and Light.

Ms Collister grew up on the Isle of Man.

Her professional recording career began in the mid-1980s but she first came to national attention in the UK singing the 1987 theme for the BBC Television series The Life and Loves Of A She Devil.

Over the course of her career Ms Collister has become a familiar name on the UK live scene and at all major festivals from Glastonbury to Winnipeg to Cambridge.

Michael Fix began performing in his home town of Wollongong at the age of 12 and was later discovered by Tommy Emmanuel.

He played with the folk band Hat Trick, and later with Graeme Connors.

He has won the Golden Guitar Award at Tamworth three times.

Over the past two decades, he has released 15 albums together with several singles and EPs, and has appeared at festivals and concert venues across Australia, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Austria and Asia.

Christine Collister and Michael Fix are fresh from the Illawarra Folk Festival where their performances were all packed out.

They will be performing at the Troubadour, CWA Hall, The Boulevard, Woy Woy, on Saturday, February 4 from 7pm.

Media release, 17 Jan 2017
Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club

School holiday activities at libraries

School holiday activities will continue at Woy Woy and Umina libraries for the next three weeks.

Craft time relating to famous Australians, called Aussie Heroes and Villains, will be held at Umina Library on Tuesday, January 10, from 2:30pm to 4pm.

It is suitable for children aged six to 10 and bookings are essential on 4304 7333.

The action moves to Woy Woy Library on Wednesday, January 11, for Super Villain Science.

Between 10am and 11:30am children aged five to 12 can be a hero by rescuing frozen heroes or be a villain by creating evil slime.

Staff from Crocodile Encounters will visit Woy Woy Library on Monday, January 16, and will be bringing a few friends along.

The session is called Animal

Heroes and it takes place from 10:30am to 11:30am and is suitable for aged four to 12.

Lego Heroes is scheduled for Umina Library on Thursday, January 19, from 10am to 11:30am and is suitable for ages five to 10.

Build a superhero hideout or a villain's lair.

Umina Library will then host Superhero Craft on Monday, January 23, from 2:30pm to 4pm.

Children aged six to 12 will be able to transform into their hero alter egos and create their own villain or sidekick.

On Tuesday, January 24, children aged six to 10 will be able to make supersized creations at Woy Woy Library from 10am to 11:30am.

Website, 5 Jan 2016
School Holiday Program, Central Coast Council Libraries,

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Classes resume at arts and crafts centre

Term one classes resume at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre on Monday, January 30.

Centre committee member Ms Penny Howard said: "We have seen our membership growing year by year and the skills of our students and tutors are second to none."

Term one classes will run from January 30 to Friday, March 31; Term Two from Monday, May 1 to Friday, June 30; Term Three from Monday, July 17 to Friday,

September 15; and Term Four from Monday, October 9 to Friday, December 8.

Pottery and silver craft classes at the centre still have waiting lists. Some workshops have already been fully booked.

Those with vacancies include: Quirky-Crazy Crochet for all levels with tutor Ms Annette Poole, to be held on two Saturdays, March 11 and 18.

**Newsletter, 10 Jan 2017
Penny Howard, Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre**



John Glase, singer-songwriter

Coloured pencil workshop

Artist Ms Belinda Lindhardt will teach a coloured pencil workshop at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre on February 11.

For artists of all levels, the one-day workshop will teach the fundamentals of working with

coloured pencils.

For bookings and enquiries, visit www.creativehardt.com.au or phone 4342 0626.

**Media release, 19 Jan 2017
Belinda Lindhardt, Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre**

Solo performance at Umina cafe

A local singer-songwriter will perform at a Umina cafe at the end of the month.

John Glase will give a solo performance at The Treble Clef Cafe on Sunday, January 29.

The singer songwriter moved to the Peninsula from Adelaide and

will be singing his brand of country, folk and Americana.

"I will be playing three 45-minute sets, both original and covers, from artists such as John Prine, Lucinda Williams, Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan, Hank Williams and Woody Guthrie, and maybe one or two Irish songs," Mr Glase said.

His previous two CDs, *Baggage Call* and *The Broadway Mile*, have recently sold out and he is hoping new pressings will be available for the show.

John Glase will be performing between 11am and 2pm.

**Media release, 11 Jan 2017
John Glase, Umina**

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History



An example of a shell midden

Photo: NSW OEH



Pearl Beach would have been a kind of paradise

Garigal ‘lived in a kind of paradise’

The people who lived in the area of Pearl Beach and Patonga were the Garrigal, Garugal or Garigal clan depending on how it is written or said.

They occupied both sides of the Hawkesbury from West Head.

The word gal at the end of a name means “man of” and there is a belief that Garigal could have meant Wind People as the local word for wind was Garr or Gurr.

The Garigal clan would have lived in an almost perfect environment, a kind of paradise, with the forests, bushland streams, freshwater lagoons, bays and beaches providing an abundance of food and shelter.

They were reported to be physically larger and stronger than other Aboriginal peoples, probably as a consequence of their rich marine and bush diet.

The abundance of resources meant that the area was probably also an important ceremonial gathering place.

With very little cold weather each year, heaving clothing wasn’t essential and simple bark huts or caves sufficed for shelter.

These bark huts were usually made from the bark of a single tree, bent in the middle with the two ends placed on the ground with a fire made at the mouth of the hut.

Old canoe wood was also used

This second excerpt from the Garigal Clan of Pearl Beach and Patonga, published by the Pearl Beach Aboriginal History Committee, explores what life would have been like for the Garigal Clan prior to 1700.

for this purpose.

They often built their huts beside caves so they could shelter there if need be from wind of heavy rain.

At the mouths of these caves midden were found – piles, often metres thick, of discarded sea shells built up over many, many years.

Ample evidence exists of many middens, especially at the wind-protected southern ends of beaches.

The early European settlers prized these midden because the shells they contained could be burned into lime, necessary to plaster over inferior building materials and make the mortar for the buildings in the first settlement.

Limestone or chalk didn’t naturally occur in the Sydney area and with very little lime brought

from England the lime shortage was acute.

Remnants of these shells can still be seen in the mortar of some of Sydney’s early colonial buildings today.

The Garigal clan would have moved in and out of the area for food feasts, ceremonies, kinship ties and trade.

Their economic and social links would have extended far beyond this area.

We know this because stone from the Central Coast and Upper Hawkesbury has been found along the Sydney coastline.

At the end of each winter the family clans of a tribe would come together in a big corroboree.

Pearl Beach was probably a regular ceremonial centre because of its protected terrain, its plentiful availability of varied foods, its magnificent lookouts that promoted privacy, its caves that provided shelter and its natural beach and beauty.

It is likely that several clans met and undertook seasonal celebrations and various rituals.

Ceremonial business was often highly protected and private

business could include grievances between clans, initiation ceremonies, dancing and artworks.

Living on the Coast, the main foods of the Garigal would relied on were from the sea.

Rock engravings depict abundant fish and animal species, quite a few of which no longer exist here today.

Seals, dugongs, penguins and whales were in abundance as well as jewfish, snapper, mullet, mackerel, whiting, john dory, rock cod, leather-jacket and others were eaten.

Shellfish including oysters, mussels and cockles were a staple part of their diet which was supplemented by various vegetable foods, macropods, birds, possums and grubs.

They ate Burrawang (macrozamia) nuts which, without knowledgeable preparation, are highly poisonous.

Wild honey was also plentiful as well as yams, fern roots, the heart of the cabbage tree palms, lillypillies, native fig and various edible berries and roots.

Booklet, 6 Jan 2017
The Garigal Clan, Pearl Beach
Aboriginal History Committee



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Pearl Beach brigade formed early to fight bush fires

Bush fires were a major concern for the early settlers in Pearl Beach.

The formation of a brigade to fight bush fires came early and for many years was a significant reason for the continuing existence of the Pearl Beach Progress Association which was formed in 1929.

In the early days, the only water available for firefighting was the water in the creeks, springs and wells and in private water tanks.

Mostly the fire fighters cleared fire breaks using shovels, axes, hoes, mattocks and tried to beat out encroaching flames with green boughs cut from the trees, or beaters made of canvas or hessian attached to pieces of wood and fitted with handles.

These beaters were soaked in water where possible to make them more effective.

They were later supplemented by knapsack sprays.

The fire brigade was composed entirely of local volunteers who lived in the valley or were visiting for the summer holidays.

At the first sign of a fire, an alarm was sounded summoning them to gather to fight it.

There were not many vehicles available to transport them though some fire fighters possibly came

on bicycles, others on foot.

Once the brigade acquired a vehicle it was necessary to build a shed in which to keep it as well as all the equipment.

A proper fire station was located on the bank of Green Point Creek adjacent to the Diamond Rd bridge.

As well as the tanker and hoses, town water had been laid on so fire fighters were able to access the mains.

That old fire station was often flooded by the creek and in the late 1980s was washed away.

It was then decided to rebuild on the current site at the end of Emerald St.

It is only fairly recently that the volunteers have been supplemented by a core of professional fire fighters and that the Pearl Beach Brigade has become part of the large network established by the Rural Fire Service.

The Pearl Beach community continues to undertake fundraising activities to assist the brigade.

The recent Pearl Beach Jazz in the Arboretum successfully raised \$1100 which will go toward enlarging the brigade's current Pearl Beach garage and shed.

Media release, 21 Nov 2016
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association



This historic fire truck would visit the children of Pearl Beach each year at Christmas until it was sold

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4363 1156.
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publicity@artcentralcoast.asn.au
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info@ccpotters.org
4324 5343

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hospitalartaustalia.com.au
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www.coastcommunityconnections.com.au
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7.30pm 2nd Mon
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CWA Hall Woy Woy
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From left: performing artist Greg Gould with Samara Shehata and Jessica Alex from the Laramie Project

Laramie takes shape at Woy Woy theatre

The Laramie Project is underway at the Peninsula Theatre under the directorship of Ettalong resident, Ms Jessica Alex.

Ms Alex said the project, which comes under the umbrella of the Flash Festival, has already bridged the gap between diverse residents through continued outreach.

She said "productions" of the project have always intended to move beyond their scheduled performances.

"Diverse residents, leaders and representatives are encouraged to attend the event to contribute to this discussion surrounding education, class, politics, sexual education and most importantly the difference between tolerance and acceptance," Ms Alex said.

"Most recently the cast and crew who range from 17 to 85, participated in a series of topical discussions led by community representatives and leaders at the Peninsula Theatre.

The Laramie Project will be

staged at the Peninsula Theatre in Woy Woy as part of Woy Woy Little Theatre's Flash Community Arts Project for a strictly-limited season across four performances, from February 10 to 12.

Tickets are on sale now from www.woywoylt.com.au and you can contribute to this dialogue and the project through the play's Facebook page, The Laramie Project at WWLT.

Media release, 17 Jan 2017
Jessica Alex, The Laramie Project

Songwriters' conference deferred for a year

The Australian Songwriters' Conference to be held at Ettalong has been deferred for a year.

Conference organiser Ms Lisa Butler said: "After much consideration, and in the best interest of Australian songwriters as well as the event itself, we have decided to defer the conference and hold the next one in 2018, with a view to holding the event every two years after that.

"The new dates are Thursday, June 7, to Monday, June 11, 2018," Ms Butler said.

"By running the event biennially, there will be more time to apply for funding and to encourage registrations through promotion and marketing to songwriters and

the music industry.

"There will be more time to organise the conference and procure the very best hit songwriters and industry professionals.

"We have reconfirmed a number of the 2017 speakers and mentors for our 2018 Faculty, including Grammy award winning Los Angeles songwriter, Alan Roy Scott, hit Australian writer and producer team, Barbara and Adrian Hannan, and hit pop-urban-Christian artist and writer, Gary Pinto," she said.

Others who have already committed to the 2018 event include Diana Torossian, Matthew Donlevy and Jack Nigro.

Media release, 18 Jan 2017
Lisa Butler, Australian Songwriters' Conference

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The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Monday, Jan 23

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Tuesday, Jan 24

Supersized Creations, Woy Woy Library, 10am to 11:30am

Thursday, Jan 26

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Australia Day celebrations at Pearl Beach beachfront reserve, beach races, sausage sizzles, speeches, fun fair, refreshments, brass band, 8am to 12pm

Australia Day celebrations, Woy Woy waterfront from 2pm to 9:30pm including fireworks

INXS/Divinyls Tribute Show, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club, 8pm

Compost and Worm Farming Workshop, Woy Woy Landfill Education Centre, 9am to 11:30am

Wicking Bed Construction workshop, Woy Woy Community Garden, Moana St, Woy Woy, 9am to 11:30am

Friday, Jan 27

The Jazz Picnic with the

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

The Rewbies, Patonga Beach Hotel, 8pm

Short and Sweet Semi Finals, Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, 8pm

Saturday, Jan 28

Saturday Bingo, fund raising for Mary Mac's, Peninsula Community Centre, 1:30pm to 4:30pm

Sunday, Jan 29

Short and Sweet Semi Finals, Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, 8pm

Wednesday, Feb 1

Umina Library Book Club commences for term 1, discussing favourite Christmas reads, 10:30am to 11:30am

Thursday, Feb 2

Woy Woy Library Book Club, 2pm to 3pm

Saturday, Feb 4

Troubadour Folk and Acoustic Music Club, featuring Michael Fix (Aust) and Christine Collister

(UK), CWA Hall Woy Woy from 8:00pm

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Monday, Feb 6

Umina Library Knitters, weekly

Friday, Feb 10

The Laramie Project, Peninsula Theatre to February 12

Saturday, Feb 11

Coloured Pencil workshop with local artist Belinda Lindhardt, Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre, bookings essential

Sunday, Feb 12

Psychic Reality Show with Philippa Lee, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club

Friday, Feb 17

The UK Bee Geez Show, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club

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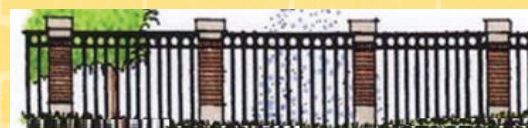
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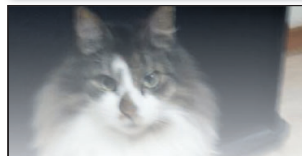
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Ocean Beach to host Central Coast championships

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club will be hosting the Surf Life Saving Central Coast Branch Championships on February 11 and 12.

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The Ocean Beach club is off to a winning start after claiming top spots in the Killcare Masters Carnival on January 14.

Representatives from Ocean Beach who won their events were: Cassandra Wong (two kilometre beach run - female 30 to 39); Allison Tucker (beach flags - female 40 to 49); James

White (beach flags - male 40 to 49); Phillip Tubby (beach flags - male 50 to 59); Richelle Ingram (beach relay - female 140 years minimum); Allison Tucker (beach relay - female 140 years minimum); Cassandra Wong (beach relay - female 140 years minimum); Peter Quick (beach relay - male 200 years minimum); Cassandra Wong (beach sprint - female 30 to 39); Allison Tucker (beach sprint - female 40 to 49); James White (beach sprint - male 40 to 49); and Phillip Tubby (beach sprint - male 50 to 59).

Ocean Beach's youngest members also had success at the Junior Carnival in Terrigal on January 15.

Representatives from Ocean Beach who won their events were Ella Busch (beach flags - female under 11), Hayden Doyle (beach

relay - male under 14), Liam Drake (beach relay - male under 14), Blaine Hayes (beach relay - male under 14) and Cooper-Jay Staunton (beach relay - male under 14).

Media release, 19 Jan 2017
Belinda Thompson,
Ocean Beach SLSC



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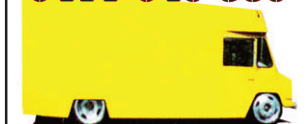
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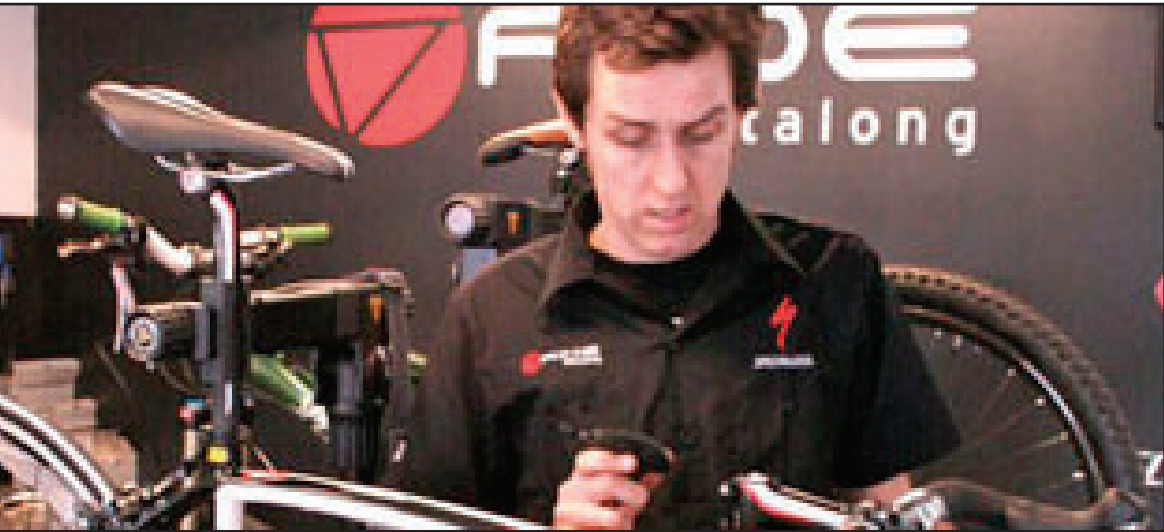
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Mr Gracie provided neutral

mechanical support to the best cyclists in the world at this year's Tour Down Under competition spanning six stages and 880 kilometres.

"The role of the neutral service team was to provide mechanical support to any rider that is unable to be serviced by their own support crew", Mr Gracie said.

The competition is the biggest cycling event in the southern hemisphere and brings together the elite of world cycling, including Tour de France winners.

The Tour Down Under is the first event on the UCI World Tour cycling calendar and the only event of its kind in Australia.

"This service was critical if, for example, a rider had a flat or a mechanical issue and their service car was nowhere to be seen," Mr Gracie said.

Mr Gracie is no stranger to supporting the world's best, having previously provided neutral mechanical support to cycling teams competing at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, MTB World Championships and Ironman Events.

Mr Gracie was asked to join Shimano's neutral mechanical support team for the second year running.

"It is an honour to be asked by Shimano to be a part of this essential service, as only the most experienced and highest level bicycle mechanics in the country are invited to be a part of the world professional cycling tour", said Mr Gracie.

The Tour Down Under ran from January 17 to 22.

Media release, 11 Jan 2017
Ainsley Martlew, Ride

Old and former members invited

Old members and former members of the Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club have been invited to a get-together at the club.

The informal luncheon will be held at the clubhouse on Friday, February 17 from 12pm.

"If you know of any old members or ex-members please advise them of the above date," said Mr Dick Huntington, one of three members planning the event.

Mr Huntington joined the club in 1960, shortly after his family moved from The Entrance to Woy Woy when his father was appointed the Fisheries' inspector at Woy Woy.

"I have lived in and around the Woy Woy Peninsula ever since," he said.

Mr Huntington said older

members of the Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club had been meeting regularly for informal luncheons at the clubhouse during 2016 and the group wished to start the occasions again for the new year.

He said he was attempting to put together a list of old- and former-club members in the hope of holding an event later in the year.

"There have been so many members over the decade that if they all came back for one meeting we would have to fill Woy Woy Oval," he said.

Mr Huntington said he hoped as many old faces as possible made it to the luncheon on February 17 so the meeting could be planned.

Media release, 10 Jan 2017
Dick Huntington, Woy Woy

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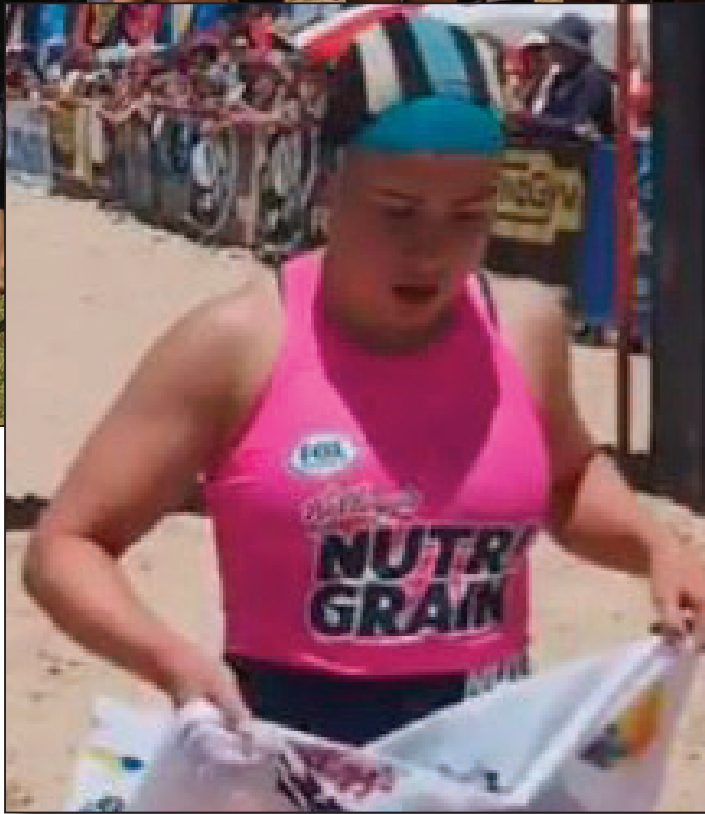
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First place in round five

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January 7.

The club congratulated Jemma, 17, in a statement made on its Facebook page.

"Hours of training and dedication has led to an accomplishment that no one has ever achieved in our

club before," the statement read.

Smith also placed first in the female surf ski.

Website, 7 Jan 2017

Paul Sharpe, Umina Surf Life Saving Club

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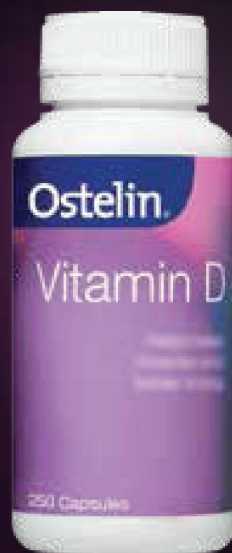
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