

Fast ferry service proposal presented to Premier

A fast ferry service with an interchange at Ettalong is being proposed as part of a billion dollar business plan that Central Coast Council has presented to the Premier and Cabinet of the NSW Government.

The proposal, presented to NSW Government Ministers at a recent Community Cabinet meeting, included the "construction of Ettalong Wharf and Pier including a transport interchange and parking facilities.

"Council is seeking an audience in confidence with the State Government to present the opportunity and formulate a strategy and roadmap for the realisation of the project with a view to it being a State Significant Project," briefing notes presented to the Ministers said.

"This State Significant Project will require partnership with the NSW State Government across a number of portfolios including planning, lands and Roads and Maritime Services.

"It has the potential to change the face of the Central Coast region, bring significant



An example of a high speed ferry that travels between Japan and South Korea

employment and economic stimulus to the region and contribute to the social wellbeing of the community," the notes said.

Mr Steve Duncan, Chairman of the G5 Global Vision Foundation, and one of the proponents of the project, said it had involved years of planning.

Mr Duncan had also played

a part in previous proposals to develop a fast ferry service between Central Coast and Sydney.

"The Central Coast Council has been very meticulous in dealing with our proposal because they want it to happen," Mr Duncan said.

"Our group specialises in

infrastructure capital raising and we have serious projects on the go in India, South Africa and Asia," he said.

"We have the DA process and the public involvement process ready to go.

"He have brought in the best architects and engineers Australia has to offer and this is

about infrastructure.

"As an international investment banker, I knew I had to secure the funding first and that is what I have done.

"We have asked Council to give us the green light to start working through all the issues with the community and the environment," he said.

Another element of the proposal would be a privately-owned dredge to keep the Brisbane Water channel at Half Tide Rocks navigable for the fast ferries at all time.

"The actual channel into Brisbane Water has been filled up from reckless dredging and beach replenishment so Brisbane Water is under-utilised because the boating fraternity won't bring their vessels in," he said.

The boats to be used are similar to those that are currently in use as ferry services between South Korea and Japan.

Cabinet briefing notes, 9 Feb 2017
Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council
Interview, 21 Feb 2017
Steve Duncan, G5 Global Vision Foundation
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

Centenarians celebrate birthdays

Two Peninsula Villages residents are celebrating milestone birthdays this month.

Ms Biddy Abrahams and Ms Eileen Banks marked their 100th and 103rd birthdays respectively with a special morning tea held in their honour.

The centenarians were each also given birthday cakes and a bunch of flowers containing one flower for each year of their lives.

"We love to celebrate our residents, especially when they reach such important milestones as the 100 club," said Peninsula Village chief executive officer Mr Shane Neaves.

"We now have three lovely ladies who are aged over 100

years living at Peninsula Villages.

"Both Biddy and Eileen are much admired around the Village so we were grateful for an opportunity to spoil them," Mr Neaves added.

The newest centenarian at the Village, Ms Abrahams has lived a fascinating life.

Born in 1917 in the throes of the First World War, she was brought up by her grandmother and later trained to be a nursery help for a nanny.

Ms Abrahams joined the Women's Land Army in 1941 where one of her jobs was to deliver the mail to different farms.

Because she didn't know how to ride a bike, she was given a horse to make her rounds.

The Women's Land Army is

one of Ms Abrahams' fondest memories, as it was an opportunity for her to be back in the bush, acting resourcefully and feeling valued.

Ms Abrahams moved to Umina in the early 1980s with her late husband Eric and said she loved the Central Coast lifestyle.

She's been living in her own home at Peninsula Villages for two years where she can enjoy hobbies such as knitting, crochet and embroidery.

"Both Biddy and Eileen have a wonderful sense of humour and enjoy their independence, perhaps pointing to some secrets of ageing well," Mr Neaves said.

Media release, 27 Feb 2017
Katey Small, Brilliant Logic PR



Ms Biddy Abrahams joined the 100 club in style at Peninsula Villages

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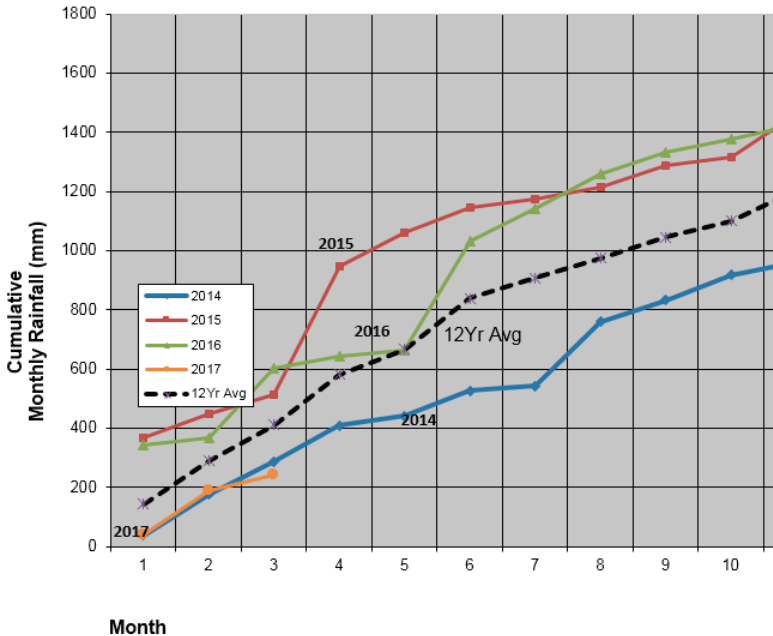
The Peninsula finished with rainfall close to average for the month of February, with falls totalling 111.8mm being recorded in the last two weeks.

The February total of 152.9mm was 7.9mm more than the February average of 145mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

At the end of the month, the total rainfall for the year stood at 189.6mm, which was about one third less than the average cumulative total of 288mm.

In the first three days of March, a further 51.8mm of rain had fallen, just over 40 per cent of the average of 123mm for the month.

Spreadsheet, 3 Mar 2017
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy



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Peninsula news and Woy Woy Little Theatre would like to offer readers the chance to win one of three double passes to see David Williamson's *When Dad Married Fury* at the Peninsula Theatre.

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'Beautiful opportunity' for Liesl Tesch

Labor candidate for Gosford, Ms Liesl Tesch, has called the chance to represent the people of her electorate a "beautiful opportunity".

The Paralympic champion said her diary already resembled that of a busy politician's so she was not daunted by her new role.

"I am loving it, I really am," Ms Tesch said during her first week of campaigning.

"I love meeting people and I already do all this stuff with the community."

She has already been busy door knocking on the Peninsula and has devised a survey she is hoping residents will complete so she can determine what their needs and priorities are.

Ms Tesch was born in Queensland, spent some time in New Zealand and then lived in Lake Macquarie and Newcastle.

She studied at Newcastle University and then moved to Sydney for teaching before settling on the Central Coast in 1996, settling at Woy Woy.

Ms Tesch was brimming with confidence about her ability to survive the tough life of a politician.

"Through my whole Paralympic career I have worked full time and managed my career, so I have already had a full time job, managed



Liesl Tesch will stand as the Labor Party's candidate in the April 8 Gosford by-election

my community commitments and had a Paralympic career so I am already used to going hard,' she said.

Geography is her passion but she also teaches aboriginal studies

and business studies.

Ms Tesch has a double degree in geography and science, studied Japanese and has lived in France, Spain and Italy.

In her role as a teacher at the

Brisbane Water Secondary College senior campus, Ms Tesch has run a program for aboriginal students, a Best Buddies program to help students transition from the junior to the senior campus and she is the basketball coach, in addition to her usual teaching responsibilities.

"I have officially been in the Labor Party for three years but I have lived with Labor voting my whole life.

"When I sat down with my partner and discussed this he challenged whether the Labor Party would make me compromise my viewpoints and I said these are already viewpoints," she said.

Education is obviously one of her key areas of interest.

"I think, because I have come from public education, the importance of good education at grass roots level, access to quality preschool, and access to tertiary education for our kids so they can go into work, are important issues.

"I have come through the public health system with great support.

"I crashed my bike when I was 19, and I believe the current threat to privatise Wyong Hospital is going impact Gosford."

Ms Tesch said other priorities would include employment and "getting the Coast to move forward".

She said her early foray into

campaign doorknocking revealed just how many people are not at home up until 7pm on the Peninsula.

"The commute to Sydney and the compromise to family life because people are on that road for 25 years are also important issues."

As a passionate geography teacher, Ms Tesch said she was also interested in the impacts of climate change on the residents of the Gosford electorate.

"We need as a society an adaptive system and I think our aboriginal elders are going to be part of that conversation; if anyone has adapted in our society it has been the aboriginal community.

"More than anything else I will be listening to the people of the Peninsula and really trying to get a feel for what the people want.

"If I am elected then I am responsible for their priorities; it is a beautiful responsibility but I want to know that people can approach me and tell me what their concerns are," she said.

Mental health advocacy, roads and infrastructure and the changes to Sunday penalty rates are also on her radar.

**Interview, 2 Mar 2017
Liesl Tesch, Labor
Candidate for Gosford
Reporter: Jackie Pearson**

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Gosford by-election to be held on April 8

The Gosford by-election will be held on Saturday, April 8.

Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly, Ms Shelley Hancock, announced a by-election would be held for the electoral districts of Gosford, following the receipt of resignation letters from former Member, Ms Kathy Smith, as a result of her ongoing treatment for cancer.

By-elections for the Seats of Manly and the North Shore will be held on the same day following the resignations of former NSW Premier Mr Mike Baird and former NSW Minister for Health Ms Jillian Skinner.

"Subsequent upon receipt of the resignations of the previous members elected in the 2015 NSW General Election, I wish to announce that a by-election in the

vacant seat of Gosford will be held on Saturday, April 8," Ms Hancock said.

"I congratulate all three members for their commendable parliamentary service, representing the people of their electorates.

"I extend my very best wishes to their families, and wish each of them well in the next stages of their lives," she said.

"Consequent to advice received from the Electoral Commission, today I wrote to the Electoral Commissioner, Mr John Schmidt, advising him of my intention to issue writs on Friday, March 17, for a by-election to be held on Saturday, April 8," Ms Hancock said.

Media release, 3 Mar 2017
Brigid O'Brien, Office
of Shelly Hancock

Council to spend \$1 million on Peninsula

Three of Central Coast Council's major projects will inject more than \$1 million into the Peninsula.

The 10 major projects to improve community services, facilities and deliver new infrastructure on the Central Coast have been given a slice of \$9 million in funding through the NSW State Government's Stronger Communities Fund, following the establishment of

Central Coast Council.

New starting blocks and an electronic timing system will be installed at Peninsula Leisure Centre at a cost of \$135,000.

A playground at the Umina Child Care Centre will be renovated and upgraded at a cost of about \$60,000, from \$122,500 of funding to be shared with Niagara Park Children's Centre.

Amenities at Austin Butler Oval

and Woy Woy Tennis Courts will be redeveloped at a cost of \$900,000.

Council administrator Mr Ian Reynolds said the funding was made available as a direct result of amalgamation and was designed to fast track the delivery of priority infrastructure and services the Central Coast community needed, wanted and valued.

Media release, 1 Mar 2017
Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council

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Jane Smith, CEO

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Elusive

Memorial erected to lone dolphin



The memorial near Woy Woy wharf

A permanent memorial has been erected and dedicated to the memory of Elusive, Brisbane Water's lone bottle nosed dolphin.

Elusive died after becoming tangled in an anchor line in November 2015.

The dolphin was first spotted in October 2013 in Brisbane Waters.

She was a lone dolphin and was quickly named Elusive by the locals because "you never knew" when she would pop up to say hello.

"She was a beloved wild pet to people ranging from the ferry passengers to local boat users and residents on the Central Coast," said Daniel Rond from Central

Coast Ferries.

"Elusive treated the local ferry, Saratoga, as her mum and at times would rub her tummy up against the hull of the ferry while it was moored at Woy Woy public wharf," he said.

"She was a crowd puller and crowd pleaser demonstrating her tricks alongside the ferry to the amusement of passengers.

"Unfortunately in November 2015 she became entangled in an anchor line at Empire Bay and drowned.

"She had the line caught around her dorsal fin and tail.

"I was involved with local people affected by her death and under the supervision of National Parks and Wildlife in the retrieval of the

Elusive's body.

"After her death the community expressed an interest to dedicate a Facebook page to remember Elusive Our Brisbane Water Dolphin.

"An interest was then expressed to have a permanent memorial constructed in memory of Elusive and a generous amount of money nearing \$2000 was donated by the community.

"A permanent memorial has been erected and dedicated to the memory of Elusive near the Woy Woy Wharf.

"Left-over donated funds were given to the Animal Welfare League at Woy Woy," he said.

**Media release, 18 Feb 2017
Daniel Rond, Central Coast Ferries**



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News



The channel at Woy Woy between Lion's park and Fisherman's Wharf is in urgent need of dredging

Photo: Matt Lauder

Woy Woy channel 'worse than halftide rocks'

The entrance to the Woy Woy channel between Lions Park, Woy Woy, and Pelican Island, is getting so shallow that it is becoming a hazard for both commercial and recreational craft.

Central Coast Ferries captain Mr Daniel Rond said: "It is getting to the point where the ferry has to cross to the left-hand side or we run aground between half tide and low tide.

"I passed a sail boat one day with a 1.7 metre draft with its keel out that was hard and fast aground and the sailor was scratching his head because he had followed the channel markers," Mr Rond said.

"It is worse than Half Tide rocks," he said, referring to the narrow and

shallow channel at the entrance to Brisbane Water from Broken Bay.

"At Woy Woy the mud and sand on the eastern side of Pelican Island has moved across into the middle of the channel.

"I call it the Kendall channel because the only reason it remains navigable is between half and low tide the Lady Kendall, which draws 2.2 metre, drags herself across the mud and is basically being a dredge.

"When the Lady Kendall goes to Brisbane for her annual service the channel becomes very shallow and I would say if she stopped running after about a year we would not be able to use the channel and that would mean the Brisbane Water ferry service would stop.

"It needs to be permanently dredged.

"It is also narrow – the channel at Half Tide Rocks is approximately 10 to 12 metres in width but at Woy Woy it is down to between two and three metres between half and low tide.

"Our ferry has a 5.1 metre beam and if we don't go straight down the guts of the channel, if we deviate two or three metres to the right, the right hand side of our boat will hit the mud.

"The Woy Woy channel is a four knot zone but the RMS doesn't want to acknowledge it is worse than Half Tide Rocks," he said.

Interview, 2 Mar 2017
Daniel Rond, Central Coast Ferries
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

Petrol prices skyrocket to 13 cents more than Gosford

Peninsula residents have continued to pay, on average, more than 13 cents per litre for petrol than their Gosford neighbours.

Peninsula residents were paying 139.9 cents per litre for unleaded, 139.2 cents for e10 and 132.9 cents per litre for diesel on March 1 according to the NRMA's Fuel Check and Compare the Markets fuel quote service.

On the same day Gosford's average prices were 125.3 cents per litre for unleaded, 123.2 for e10 and 131.9 cents per litre for diesel.

The best place to fill up on the Peninsula was United Umina where diesel was 128.9 cents per litre, unleaded 134.9 and e10 for 132.9.

Caltex Woy Woy was next best, offering unleaded for 135.9 cents per litre and e10 133.9 (no diesel listed).

All listed Gosford service stations providers beat Peninsula prices by 10 cents per litre.

MotorMouth, an independent fuel quote service, listed the Central Coast seven day rolling average for fuel on February 28 as: diesel at 130.4 cents per litre; unleaded at 131.5; and e10 at 128.8.

Member for the Federal Seat of Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks, has started a petrol price petition that she is urging Peninsula residents to sign.

Ms Wicks said: "I am looking at

the price of petrol today at Coles Express Woy Woy and it is 146.4 cents per litre but when I filled up at Wahroonga it was 128.4 cents.

"It is a huge difference and you've got to ask yourself why, only 40 minutes down the freeway, the price is so much lower," Ms Wicks said.

"The reason it is such a concern is it impacts families every day, you need the car to drive the kids to school, to get to work, to get your groceries.

"That is why I have started the petrol price petition to ask the ACCC to consider doing a deep dive into the Coast to have a look at petrol.

"The more support and the more stories we have from people sharing their experiences, it does help to add to the picture and to provide a more fulsome explanation of why this is such a burning issue."

Ms Wicks said residents concerned about petrol prices could sign the petition via her facebook page or call her office to have a hard copy of the petition sent out to them.

"We know people are talking about it and are very frustrated and we want to see as many people as possible who share this frustration," she said.

Websites, 1 Mar 2017
NRMA, Compare the Market and
MotorMouth, Central Coast
Interview, 2 Mar 2017
Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson
Reporter: Dillon Luke

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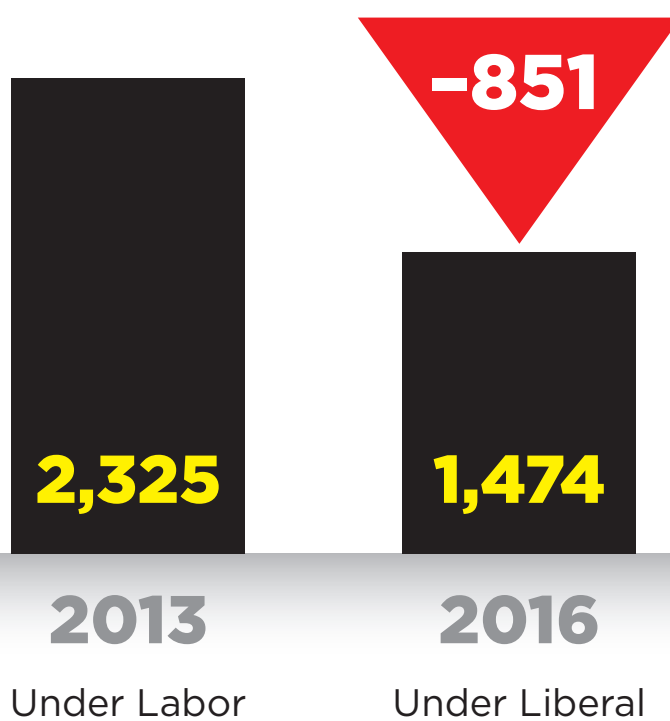
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News



The Woy Woy and Bouddi Peninsulas are becoming increasingly popular locations for jetskis

Association writes to Premier about jetskis

The Wagstaffe-Killcare Community Association has written to the NSW Premier and five NSW Government Ministers asking them to take action over the dangerous use of jetskis in areas adjoining Bouddi National Park and elsewhere on the Bouddi Peninsula.

In the letter, association president Dr Peta Colebatch said: "At the very least, it is suggested that jetskis be banned from landing on national parks, for example, Tallow and Lobster Beaches.

"Members of the Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association are fortunate to live in a beautiful area bounded by the Bouddi

National park and beaches," Dr Colebatch said.

"However, the peace and enjoyment of this area is increasingly being tarnished by the threatening use of jetskis, often without regard for the local community," she said.

The letter said the association had a number of grounds for concern including: damage to the environment; speeding in areas where there are kayakers and young children; excessive noise; rude and threatening behaviour by some jet ski riders when they are asked to desist.

Dr Colebatch said that local beaches are being taken over by the jetskis, preventing peaceful enjoyment by family groups and

others.

She said they were a threat to local tourism and consequently economic wellbeing.

They also damaged areas where people have traditionally enjoyed fishing.

"In the past, individuals who have written to complain have been told to include with their report photos of the registration number of the jet ski, and other impractical suggestions which will most likely impinge on the safety and wellbeing of the complainant," she said.

The association has asked the NSW Government to require jet ski commercial operations and associations to provide a code of behaviour which recognises

the rights of others to peaceful enjoyment of beaches and national parks.

The association has asked that "sellers of jetskis be encouraged to provide the code of behaviour to anyone contemplating purchase of a jet ski; enhanced powers be given to national parks to allow them to ban use of jetskis from national park areas; and jet ski users be banned from taking over beaches as they often do at present, denying others access".

"To bring this about, it is suggested that an interdepartmental committee be formed, chaired by the Premier's Department, to report within one month on practical measures.

"We see no reason why prompt

action should not be taken.

"Restrictions have been placed on jetskis in Sydney Harbour.

"Moves have been made interstate on this matter but it is abhorrent that this latest machine can threaten limb and life in this way, and that many others have quiet enjoyment destroyed by the excessive speeding and show off behaviour exhibited by some drivers."

The letter has been sent to NSW Premier Mr Gladys Berejiklian, Minister for Environment Ms Gabrielle Upton, Minister for Roads and Maritime and Freight Ms Melinda Pavey, Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation Mr Matt Kean, Minister for Planning Mr Anthony Roberts, and Parliamentary Secretary for Planning and the Central Coast, Mr Scot MacDonald.

Copies were also sent to Shadow Minister for the Central Coast, Mr David Harris, Federal Member for Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks, Senator Deborah O'Neill, State Member for Terrigal, Mr Adam Crouch, Central Coast Council administrator Mr Ian Reynolds and Mr Russell Medele, acting director of the National Parks and Wildlife Services Hunter and Central Coast.

Letter, 18 Feb 2017
Peta Colebatch, WTKCA



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Mary Mac's Place acting co-ordinator Ms Sarah Williams accepts a cheque from Ms Vivien Sale

Film proceeds donated to Mary Mac's

Proceeds from a film about the Woy Woy Peninsula have been donated to Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy.

Local film producer and Coast FM announcer Ms Vivien Sale has donated the proceeds from the sale of her recent film, *Peninsular Paradise*, to CatholicCare's Mary Mac's Place.

Ms Sale was inspired by the 1936 film, *Woy Woy: The Venice of Australia*, a black and white film capturing the delights of the area over 80 years ago.

Last April, she couldn't get the eight-minute film out of her mind and dreamt of picking it up and telling the story of the ensuing 80 years.

With the help of her friend, local film maker Mr Noel Sandler, the dream gained momentum.

Within six months the story was told, the film was made and

the 45-minute documentary, *Peninsular Paradise*, was opening to a two-week season at Cinema Paradiso in Ettalong.

"It was bizarre" Ms Sale said.

"What started as a dream quickly became a reality.

"The film was so popular and the DVD sales went through the roof.

"I am so happy to donate the proceeds to CatholicCare's Mary Mac's Place."

Mrs Sale was the recipient of an Australia Day Award from Central Coast Council in January, for her significant contribution to cultural development in the community.

"I was both surprised and deeply honoured to receive the award," she said.

"I truly love the Central Coast and the community here.

"I love the work that I do with Coast FM and am so very happy

to be able to help our community institutions in any way I can."

Mary Mac's Place serves over 80 hot meals a day, Monday to Friday, to the hungry, homeless and struggling in local community.

"We are so grateful for the donation from Mrs Sale," said Ms Sarah Williams, acting coordinator of the service.

"We rely heavily on the generosity of the local community to help us continue to provide hot meals, showers, laundry facilities as well as many other resources such as counselling and legal aid to those in need.

"One of the best things about Mary Mac's Place is the very warm welcome everyone receives and the love and respect shown to all.

"The money donated goes a long way to helping achieve this."

Media release, 1 Mar 2017
Sarah Williams, Mary Mac's Place

Senator congratulates Tesch as Labor candidate

Local Labor Senator Deborah O'Neill has congratulated Woy Woy Paralympian Ms Liesl Tesch for her decision to run as Labor's candidate for the Gosford State by-election.

"Liesl has been a school teacher, a Paralympian and a campaigner for many years.

"Today, Liesl has put her hand up to represent our community in the NSW State Parliament.

"As a dear friend of Liesl for many years, I know she understands the challenges we face on the Central Coast, privatisation of hospitals, cuts to our schools and a lack of services being delivered to our community," Senator O'Neill said.

"Liesl will be a fierce advocate

for our community and won't let the State Liberal Berejiklian Government get away with ignoring us anymore.

Senator O'Neill said: "I am also thrilled that Ms Anne Charlton will again contest the Federal seat of Robertson at the next election.

"As Labor's former candidate, Anne championed a fantastic campaign and took the fight up to Mr Malcolm Turnbull and Ms Lucy Wicks at the last election.

"Anne knows the Turnbull Government is out of touch with our community and will not let Ms Wicks and the Liberal Party continue to put our community last with cuts to Medicare, schools and infrastructure spending."

Media release, 24 Feb 2017

Rhys Zorro, Office of
Deborah O'Neill

Power supply interrupted with thunderstorms

Power was interrupted to parts of Umina, Woy Woy, Ettalong, Empire Bay, Blackwall, Booker Bay, Killcare, Pearl Beach, and St Hubert's Island after severe thunderstorms moved through the region on the afternoon of Friday, February 17.

Crews had to patrol several major powerlines across the Central Coast to assess damage

before they could safely restore customers.

By around 6pm, power had been safely restored to about 7000 homes and businesses in and around Empire Bay.

Emergency crews continued working to restore power to about 33,000 customers across a large area of the Central Coast after intense lightning and thunderstorms moved through that afternoon.

Media release, 17 Feb 2017

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Residents' group opposes home park expansion

An Empire Bay residents' group has opposed a development application for 52 new manufactured homes at Bayside Gardens Lifestyle Village at Empire Bay.

The proposal would bring the total number of sites within the park to 108 with a series of new internal roads to service the new sites.

"This DA was lodged in October 2015 and Central Coast Council has spent the past 15 months looking at legal, flooding and zoning issues and is expected to make a decision on the DA soon," said the group's spokesperson Ms Kaye Lovie.

The \$1.2 million project includes adding sites and infrastructure work to the Bayside Gardens Caravan Park which fronts Wards Hill Rd and Pomona Rd.

According to the Council's Development Application Tracker, more than 50 objections have been received, which would trigger its referral to the Administrator for discussion at a Council meeting.

"Our major concerns include that the land is zoned 7c2 Scenic Protection for small rural holdings and caravan parks are not allowed," Ms Lovie said.

"The owners are claiming existing use rights to extend park but this development is a significant over intensification of the site and not in keeping with the Environmental Planning Act," she said.

"The caravan park was originally approved for casual, short-term use only, not permanent long-term use.

"In 2006, approval for 26 long term sites was granted but no formal DA approval for the remaining 42 sites appears to exist for the long term tenants.

"Local Government regulations state no caravan parks are to be built on flood prone land.

"A 250 metre levee wall of concrete and earth goes down the eastern boundary to protect the

park from flooding.

"The park is also dissected by a drain which floods.

"It is proposed the new 48 homes will drain into this system affecting neighbours and current park residents.

"The land is in an identified bush fire prone area but the developer's expert states the maps are wrong.

"The owners of the park have been clearing the land over the past year with no formal consent.

"No DA approval appears to exist for a storage facility nor do park residents have access rights to Pomona Rd.

"Local residents have complained to council for years but little to no action has been taken.

"The DA is likely to propose the new homes be raised due to flood issues and that will mean they will overlook adjoining neighbours.

"Surrounding acreages have one home but the caravan park on the eastern side would then have 22 homes.

"The caravan park originally was six lots of land joined, once approved two lots, today it is one L-shaped lot.

"This allows any development or rezoning of land to greatly affect neighbours.

"This development is not in keeping with the rural environmentally sensitive surrounds.

"It makes no consideration to the character of the area and Bouddi National Park.

"Local residents held meetings, paid for a town planner to challenge the application, but when the amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong Councils took place things changed.

"Central Coast Council no longer responds to emails, has not contacted the 42 people who submitted objections nor have they held any onsite meetings.

"The developer pays a fee to Council and they work together to gain approval.

"Residents, the people whose lives will be affected by Council's decision, are not properly being considered, nor advised by the

Administrator.

"Residents elected councillors to represent them in Council and to vote on DA approvals but under the present system those rights have been removed.

"Councils are expected to protect the rights of residents not work against them.

"Council has been constantly concerned about where it stands legally in this application, what they can and cannot make recommendations upon.

"Residents purchased in Pomona Rd and surrounds with the knowledge from Gosford Council that the caravan park could not be extended under the current zoning.

"Caravan park residents are purchasing manufactured homes for permanent tenancy unaware they are in a flood area and that their new home is not built to flood standards."

At the time the application was lodged the site was serviced by a pump out septic tank system but has since been connected to the recently-installed reticulated sewer system that now services Empire Bay properties.

The applicant has argued that State Environmental Planning Policy 21 applies to the subject land which allows for its use for short-term or long-term residents or both.

The applicant, in a Statement of Environmental Effects submitted with the application acknowledged that, according to the State Policy, Council must determine the number of sites that are suitable for long-term residence or short-term residence.

The Residents' Group has asked the Council to update its website listing of application, as the most recent entry was published on October 28 at the completion of its referral to Central Coast Council's engineering section.

Media release, 17 Feb 2017

Kaye Lovie, Empire Bay

Residents' Group

Website, 1 Mar 2017

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The scenic Central Coast will have an additional 10,000 residents in the Gosford City Centre and 75,000 or more on the Central Coast.

In July, 2005, I made comments to the Department of Planning & Environment, Gosford, about the failures of planning. In January, 2017, I made a submission to the Central Coast Council regarding changes to planning instruments for the Gosford CBD.

Comments I made in July, 2005, were repeated in January, 2017. The flaws and failures of the planning process have remained intact. Why?

Any foreseeable improvement will be limited to eco-villages and communities that have unique character. There are examples of these on the Central Coast which will remain secret to protect the lifestyles of the residents.

I oppose development based on the history of the infamous Taj Mahal, Koolewong in 1990. I expect that long term residents familiar with this development are equally sceptical. The concerned public cannot rely on the planning instruments and nor can they rely on the authority to ensure compliance.

I have almost accepted the inevitability of the challenge and prepare to sit and observe the community, meaning everyone, adapting to a changing LGA.

Conflict will be ubiquitous. Adaptation will be the 24/7 message.

N Harris
8 Lovell Road, Umina

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Labor candidate selection ‘undemocratic’, says Crouch

Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch has described Labor’s selection of Ms Liesl Tesch as its candidate for Gosford as “undemocratic”.

“We have now seen Sydney Labor parachute three candidates on the Central Coast in a little over two years, denying their members any say in who represents them.

“Labor has imposed a Sydney head office candidate after some bitter internal fighting.

“In stark contrast, the Liberal candidates will soon proceed to a democratic preselection.

“I am excited by the diversity

and quality of candidates looking to represent the Liberal Party and the Gosford community in the NSW Parliament.

“This upcoming by-election offers two distinct differences, with Labor it is a vote to put somebody into Opposition who can promise everything but deliver nothing, while the Liberal candidate will be a strong voice in Government for Gosford, who can continue delivering the roads, education and health services the community needs,” Mr Crouch said.

Media release, 1 Mar 2017
Kerryanne Delaney, Office of Adam Crouch

President’s position not filled

The position of president was not filled at the Bays Community Group’s annual meeting on Wednesday, February 15.

Retiring president Mr Bob Puffett agreed to continue to act as an interim president until the group’s next general meeting on Wednesday, April 19.

Ms Jill Napier was elected to the

role of vice president, Ms Andrea Wilkinson as secretary and Mr Dick Kirk as treasurer.

Community liaison members were Mr Jim Doe, Mr Paul Lepora and Ms Andrea Wilkinson.

Mr David McMahon and Ms Margaret Vidler were elected as events coordinators.

Newsletter, 20 Feb 2017
Bob Puffett, Bays Community Group

Vietnam Vets expand Ettalong office

The Vietnam Veterans’, Peacekeepers’ and Peacemakers’ Association plans to expand its office space at Ettalong so it can assist more people.

Branch president Dr Steve Karsai said he believed there were up to 3000 veterans living on the Peninsula.

The Vietnam veterans now range in age from 67 to 90 but the Peninsula is also home to an increasing number of younger men and women who have done their service in Afghanistan and Iraq and cannot afford to buy homes in Sydney.

Dr Karsai said homelessness and Veterans’ Affairs over-payments resulting in debts were just two of the many issues the Association helped local veterans to deal with.

The newest of the three pieces of law was supposed to separate civilian and military compensation and rehabilitation to reflect the unique circumstances that are born out of military service.

“The new Act may put veterans behind the eight ball because the old Act focused on getting the veteran better including a pension for life that was a non-taxable income as well as treatment and rehabilitation in the form of a Gold Card,” he said.

“Under the 2004 version they can still get the treatment but it is hard for them to get up to the gold card status.

“They get a white card for treatment of a specific condition but the condition keeps having to be reassessed.”

According to Dr Karsai, veterans who’ve accidentally been paid under the 1986 and 2004 Acts have ended up with debts from \$1200 up to \$190,000.

“I had one veteran with school age children who had served in Iraq and Afghanistan who had to sell his house in Umina and move further north to find a house he could afford after he had paid back the debt.”

The Association now has four volunteer team members working on claims under the various acts for veterans, war widows and overseas claims.

“Claims used to take 10 weeks but now they can take up to five years,” Dr Karsai said.

All claims must now go through Veterans’ Affairs’ Melbourne office before being farmed out to other offices.

Claims get lost.

DVA personnel do not necessarily understand the unique circumstances of individuals who have done military service, Dr

Karsai said.

“There is no such thing as an automatic entitlement for veterans but even if documents are provided from the individual’s military file from the time they incurred their injury, when they were still in the service, they will still be required to go to a doctor and specialists to prove the injury.

“I have seen men with PTSD and in agony from their injuries forced to go through examinations even if there is clear evidence of their claims.

“Then the Department of Veterans’ Affairs may decide not to take any notice of the specialist and the veteran will be sent to a doctor who has never seen them before, spends 20 minutes with them, doesn’t listen to what they say and then rejects their claim.

“I currently have three local people going through veterans’ review boards and administrative claims tribunals to fight their claims decisions.”

The number of veterans in need of claims assistance on the Peninsula is growing and getting younger.

“A lot of them are suffering and don’t trust the RSL and they are put off by our name but we are there to help with their pensions and their welfare.

“We had two offices that had to be shared by volunteers but now we have four very spacious offices which means our volunteers have space to help clients privately and take more time with them,” he said.

Office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 9:30 am to 1:30pm and the Association can be contacted on 4344 4760.

Interview, 1 Mar 2017
Steve Karsai, Vietnam Veterans’, Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

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Chamber calls for Liberals to select local candidate

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has expressed disappointment at the Liberal Party's inability to select a candidate for the Gosford by-election who was a resident of the electorate.

Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council CEO, Mr Sean Gordon, who is a Newcastle resident, has withdrawn from contention to become the Liberal preselected candidate.

It is understood that former Gosford councillor Ms Deanna Bocking, who lives on the Bouddi Peninsula, and Ms Jilly Pillon from Wamberal are the leading contenders for the Liberals.

"You would think that of the 55,000 voters in this electorate, you could find at least one outstanding person to represent our community without having to recruit from outside the area," Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales said.

"From our perspective, our major concern is that the parties preselect or consider candidates that live in the electorate.

"That is a key consideration for us.

"Our view is they need to have a clear understanding of what our local issues are particularly on the Peninsula and we will certainly as a chamber be looking to engage the preselected candidates from both the major parties.

"We are certainly keen as a business organisation to talk to Ms Tesch, particularly regarding the Woy Woy underpass," Mr Wales said.

"Our focus is ensuring that not only does the Labor Party identify the underpass as a key project but also understands that there are other significant road priorities that we want addressed.

"The cornerstone for us is that the NSW Liberals also make a commitment to funding and resolving the underpass issue and that, whether they win the by-election or not, they honour those commitments," he said.

Mr Wales said he understood the funds pledged by the NSW Government for the rail level crossing replacement project at Woy Woy had been returned to consolidated revenue.

"I don't believe the funds have been quarantined but we have made it very clear to Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast, Scott MacDonald, that we want those funds either reallocated to the underpass project or targeted to other key road projects which we have already publicly announced.

"Those priorities have not changed and we will certainly be ramping up our representations leading up to the by election," he said.

Interview, 2 Mar 2017
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

Attorney-General asked about court closure

NSW Shadow Attorney-General, Mr Paul Lynch has asked questions about the changes to Woy Woy Court House in the NSW Legislative Assembly.

Mr Lynch asked the NSW Attorney-General Mr Mark

Speakman on February 14 why he had reduced services at the Woy Woy Courthouse.

The questions are due to be answered on March 21.

House papers, 14 Feb 2017
Paul Lynch, NSW Shadow Attorney general

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Other Regional News - In brief

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

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Member for Gosford, Kathy Smith, resigns from Parliament

Member for the State Seat of Gosford, Ms Kathy Smith, has announced her resignation from NSW Parliament, due to her ongoing struggle with cancer.

Sportsbet see Liberals as 5 to 1 outsiders to win back Gosford

Pauline Hanson's One Nation party, which has been enjoying a resurgence in popularity across the country, has not been registered as a political party in NSW and so will not ...

Makeup of staff at ATO building still unclear

The new Gosford building for the Australian Taxation Office is expected to open for business in December, but the makeup of its staff, including the final number of jobs that will go to ...

Labor Party candidate selection process still to be decided

The community can be assured that the NSW Labor Party will run a strong candidate in the by-election for the State Seat of Gosford, according to a member of the party's State ...

Liberals offer best wishes

NSW Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast, Mr Scot MacDonald, wished Ms Kathy Smith the best as she prepared to undergo more medical treatment.

Secret documents reveal serious failures by shark netting contractors

The NSW Opposition has called into question the current effectiveness and the future viability of the State Government's current Shark Meshing (Bather Protection) Program.

Fears grow that Performing Arts Centre could lose State Government funding

As the long awaited Performing Arts Centre for Gosford remains in limbo, fears of \$12 million in State Government funding being pulled from the project, grow.

Performing Arts Centre key stakeholders attend Council update

Central Coast Council held a meeting with key stakeholders to provide an update on the Regional Performing Arts and Conference Centre project.

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Environmental Justice Australia calls on EPA to act on serious air pollution at Vales Point

Community groups have initiated an EPA investigation into air pollution from the Vales Point power station at Mannering Point.

Council's actions over airport questioned

State Member for Wyong, Mr David Harris, has posed questions in the NSW Parliament about the Central Coast Council's ongoing efforts to expand the airport at Warnervale.

Parliament hears of unfairness of coal mine assessment process

The current assessment process for coal mines in NSW is totally unfair, unbalanced and stacked in favour of mining companies, according to NSW Shadow Minister for the Central Coast and State Member ...

Living near mines and power stations has a detrimental effect on health

Wyong resident and Executive of the Australian Coal Alliance, Mr Mike Campbell, said communities surrounding power station complexes and mines in NSW have had to pay greatly with their long-term health and amenity.

Glenning Valley development placed under controlled action

Glenning Valley resident and activist, Ms Kylie Boyle, announced the Glenning Valley development has been placed under controlled action by the Federal Department of the Environment and Energy due to the possible presence of ...

New San Remo BMX facility to receive \$640,000 upgrade

The Wyong region is set to receive a \$640,000 grant out of a possible \$9 million that was available as part of the NSW State Government's Stronger Communities Fund.

Alison Homestead improvement grants could be lost because of Council delays Volunteer groups at Alison Homestead, home of the Wyong District Museum and Historical Society, are at loggerheads with Central Coast Council over their desire to build a new office ...

Change to State Government funding model forces closure of Business Enterprise Centre

The Central Coast Business Enterprise Centre (CCBEC) has been closed as a result of changes in State Government funding models.

Council not involved in garbage collection dispute

Central Coast council has distanced itself from ongoing industrial action between domestic waste truck drivers and their employer, Remondis.

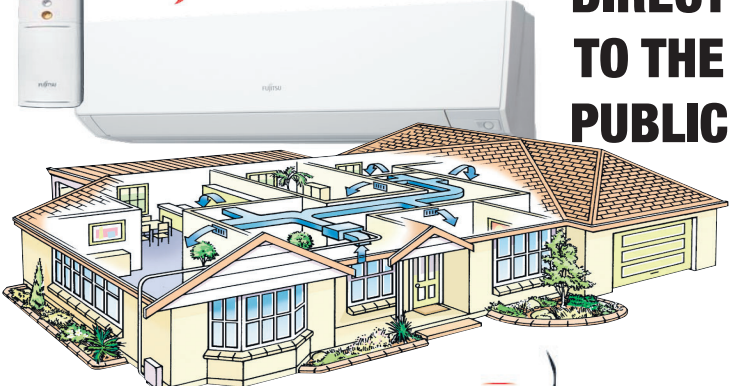
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Less opportunity with penalty rate cuts

It is so painfully unfunny how the only proponents of the Fair Work Commission's decision to cut penalty rates are the retired and those that work 9 to 5 Monday to Friday.

It is not surprising that Matthew Wales and the Chamber have welcomed the Commission's decision as it must be so unimaginably difficult to find an open cafe on a Sunday on the Peninsula.

After all as Mr Wales implied in his media release (February 23) the Peninsula is a desolate un hospitable place on weekends because business owners can't afford to operate since weekend penalty rates (which are older than I am) are just insurmountable.

Except its not and any business owner who can't afford to operate on weekends in a prime tourist region like the Central Coast needs to re-evaluate their business model.

These cuts are a very real slap in the face to the people who bend over backwards to keep retail and hospitality alive on the coast and it is disgraceful to target this demographic of workers, who fall into the lowest income bracket of the NSW workforce and who give up their weekends and public holidays so other people can enjoy theirs to the fullest.

Mr Wales can continue to spin the tale that this will be good for the Peninsula and that this will create more employment opportunities

Forum

and bring more revenue to the area, but I say good luck finding staff happy to work under the same conditions for less pay.

I'm not sure what's funnier, that employment is so terrible in this country that the Commission is banking on people just taking the pay cuts to keep their jobs, or the fact that people like Matthew Wales think "employment opportunities" will arise from this.

It's just mind boggling.

What employment opportunities?

People losing their jobs for refusing to work Sunday's?

What about the people that refuse to work Christmas or Boxing Day?

Are we going to replace the people that won't accept the pay cut with people who will?

How does that count as an "employment opportunity," if it's just reversing who is and isn't employed?

And please don't pretend that this isn't a reality.

People will refuse to work Sundays and public holidays because of this.

People will lose work because of this.

Employees and business owners alike will suffer because of this.

Some people are set to lose up to \$6000 per annum.

That's a kick in the guts if ever

there was one.

Also the argument that employers can hire more staff now is moot because what hours/shifts will employers have to give other than those that existing employees already have?

Is it realistic to expect employers to hire people just to work Sundays and public holidays because existing staff now don't want to work these days with the loadings slashed?

These days often have modified working hours.

Is it feasible for an employer to hire someone just to work maybe one day a week on non-set hours?

As someone who's worked in many a competitive retail environment on the coast I can tell you that these changes are going to hurt so many workers in this region.

As Matthew said, the hospitality and retail sectors are tough at the best of times.

The conditions suck, the hours are often long and unfixed, meaning the employee has to give up any semblance of a clock off time and just cop it on the chin if its busy and on top of this customer service always has to come first (so when that one jerk walks into your workplace at five minutes to closing time you have to pretend like he hasn't just ruined your life).

The loading is literally the only redeeming thing about these industries aside from any internal perks like employee discounts which are determined by the business in question and not nearly enough to tempt me to work for a crappy hourly rate with no weekends.

The fact is this is a heinous attack on low income earners disguised as an employment initiative that will provide minimal employment opportunities since these pay cuts are not going to generate more work on any other day then Sundays or public holidays.

These cuts don't simply magic extra hours into a business.

Email, 27 Feb 2017
James Smith, Ettalong

Elections must go ahead

The elections must go ahead.

Since the abolition of wards in the Gosford Council, any approach to a Councillor has been met with the stock answers of "Not my problem" or "I don't represent you".

The sooner the elections are held and we can shirt-front our councillor the better.

The Peninsula has been the whipping boy for too long.

We pay millions and get hundreds.

The longer the delay, the longer we wait for value for our rates.

Postponing things will only delay the much needed capital works we

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are crying out for.

We all appreciate that Mr Ian Reynolds has an enormous task to perform and that time constraints don't make it easy, but moving the long understood finalisation date is not the answer.

If Mr Reynolds is falling behind, get him some help, don't just prolong the agony.

The elections must go ahead in September.

No excuses, no postponements.

Email, 23 Feb 2017

Laurie Powell, Woy Woy

Action needed on fuel price fixing

The price of fuel out here is at least 20 cents dearer than West Gosford.

Our esteemed Federal Member said in an email if enough people sign a petition she may be able to get something done.

An article in that Murdock paper said the NRMA expert says to buy your petrol in Gosford.

My answer to both is: why?

Why should we sign a petition?

She is a Member of Parliament.

I thought there were laws

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against this sort of thing.

It's called price fixing.

Why should we have to go off the Peninsula to buy fuel?

The NRMA gets on other band wagons about other things and gets things done, or may be there wouldn't be enough publicity in this one?

Email, 23 Feb 2017

Rod Munson, Woy Woy

Back to square one

I refer to recent correspondence regarding the absence of a safe footpath over the Booker Bay Rd Bridge.

I have been in touch with Council whose responsible officer indicated that it was a matter for the Roads and Maritime Service.

I have now received a reply from the RMS, which was not totally unexpected.

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They have referred my correspondence to the Council, which means we are back to square one.

I have also written to Adam Crouch MP, but have had no response to date.

Letter, 22 Feb 2017

Fred Landman, Daley's Point

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Party heavyweights won't change vote

Campaigning has begun for the seat of Gosford.

I willingly joined the 15,000 who opposed the closure of the Roads and Maritime office at Woy Woy, courtesy of the Liberal Government and opposed by former Member for Gosford Kathy Smith.

The Liberal Party is stacked with non-performers, many contributing to the deterioration of Gosford Council and its forced, experimental amalgamation with Wyong Council.

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This experiment, controlled by one man and the Government, is not open, transparent or reviewed by expert, independent consultants.

The Premier of NSW and the party heavyweights can visit the Peninsula every day until the election without influencing and changing my voting decision.

Letter, 20 Feb 2017
Norman Harris, Umina

Traffic blind spots need correction

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No doubt, many motorists could identify such difficult and risky intersections on the peninsula.

My view is that the traffic lights at Woy Woy, should be moved to

the intersection and of Brisbane Water Dve and the Boulevarde.

Other blind spots are Oval Ave and the Boulevarde, Blackwall Rd and McMasters Rd and Railway St and Allfield Rd Woy Woy.

Email, 26 Feb 2017
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

Rail crossing missing link needs funding

Don't re-elect Gosford councillors

The long promised and awaited regional library for Gosford still has not progressed passed the draft concept or design stage.

This just shows why we need to put a broom through the old Gosford Council at the next election.

They have been talking, planning and collecting levies from the Gosford ratepayers for the past 15 years and still can't deliver our much needed library.

It would not surprise me that the \$8.1 million raised by the levy over the past 15 years has been put towards other areas of council

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and has not been left to pay for the library it was intended for.

The last Council for Gosford should not be re-elected because if that happens the new Central Coast Council will be infested with the same old problems Gosford Council had.

It is time to elect new blood for the Gosford ratepayers so we get the representation we require and deserve.

Email, 21 Feb 2017
Carl Veugen, Umina

I am extremely concerned about the lack of action on the Rawson Rd level crossing.

These are my feelings about The Missing Link.

We need community support to get this project back on track.

There are sound reasons why the Rawson Rd level crossing must be replaced by a road tunnel at the bottom of Bulls Hill.

The level crossing is too dangerous.

This level crossing was the site of a fatality on January 17, the latest of many fatalities and suicides at this vital rail crossing.

The Rawson Rd crossing was closed to traffic (both ways) for approximately four hours because of the latest fatality.

The train driver must be traumatised.

Will this Rail Corp employee ever be able to drive a train again?

This particular level crossing is the only currently-available way for tall emergency service vehicles like ambulances and fire trucks to cross the busy Great Northern Rail Line to and from the Woy Woy Peninsula.

These tall vehicles cannot use the current one-way underpass adjacent Shoalhaven Drive.

Long traffic delays at this crossing are quite common, causing lives and property to be at an additional risk during an emergency.

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These are totally unacceptable delays, just because a 100-carriage freight train (1.8Km long) is severing the Rawson Rd level crossing during an emergency.

This should not happen in 2017. Millions of Dollars have already been spent on pre-tunnel infrastructure.

Many detailed surveys and designs have been carried out and consultants paid.

Land has been acquired and/or purchased.

The pedestrian and cyclist underpass at Rawson Rd has been completed.

This is hardly used at all,

because the level crossing is still active.

Civil works (roads, drainage and roundabouts) have already been constructed by the Central Coast Council on both sides of the proposed road tunnel.

They lie idle waiting for the road tunnel to be constructed.

This missing link (tunnel) is needed to complete the project.

Rail Corp insist on building the road tunnel themselves and have asked for \$115 million to construct it using their expensive jacking method.

That price is multiples of the consultant's estimate for the Cardno conventional design and should be questioned as to its validity.

None of this past expenditure is worth anything whatsoever if the project is not completed.

It just becomes an appalling waste of effort and the misuse of taxpayer money.

How do we resolve this problem now and move forward to realistically fund the missing link (tunnel) to the already constructed new roadworks?

Email, 20 Feb 2017
Robyn Thompson, Woy Woy

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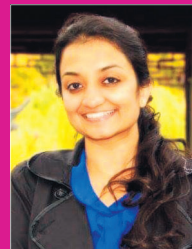
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Wicks speaks about Peninsula GP shortage

The shortage of GPs on the Peninsula has been raised by Member for Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks in Federal Parliament.

Ms Wicks said she had met with the Minister for Health, Mr Greg Hunt.

She said she had also spoken at length with the Assistant Minister for Health, Dr David Gillespie, who has responsibility for health workforce.

Dr Gillespie accepted Ms Wicks' invitation to visit the Peninsula and form a strategic and considered approach to attract quality health providers to the area.

The date for the visit has not yet been confirmed.

"Families in my electorate ... deserve to be able to access a local GP nearby when they are sick and when they need to see one," Ms Wicks said in her speech.

"I rise to speak about this important issue because, sadly, it appears not to be the case for too many people living in suburbs like Woy Woy, Umina, Ettalong and Patonga," Ms Wicks said.

"The shortage of GPs on the Peninsula, in particular, has, to quote a respected local doctor, moved 'past crisis point'," she said.

"This has been a major issue and a great source of frustration for many people on the Peninsula for a number of years now, with the added pressure of a rapidly growing population.

"We will work closely with local stakeholders, like the highly-effective Primary Health Network, and our local community, to create a strategy for recruitment with a focus on long-term sustainability and supply."

Mrs Wicks said she recently met with Dr Ray Martin at his Umina surgery about this issue.

Dr Martin has been practising as a GP on the Peninsula for three decades.

"He said that the doctor shortage was 'quite extreme'.

"With plans to move on and finish up his practice at the end of the month, around 1200 patients will now be looking for a doctor

because Dr Martin has not been able to successfully recruit another GP to replace him," Ms Wicks said.

She said Peninsula locals had reached out to her about this issue.

"Tania said she was finding it extremely difficult to find a practice which has its books open to accept new patients.

"This being the case, she feared the only solution for many of the affected people would be to go to emergency at Gosford Hospital.

"Dr Martin had been the family doctor of Robert from Booker Bay for many years and he fears he will have no access to a GP nearby when he closes this practice.

"Maria's family moved to Umina in December 2013 and that they still have not been able to see a local doctor.

"Ray, also from Umina, has to book four or five days in advance to see a doctor.

"Kane has lived on the Peninsula since October and he has been turned away from every practice on the Peninsula.

"Even if there is a booking free, they will not see him.

"Clint said the line 'we're not taking new patients' is what you hear from almost all the surgeries in Woy Woy and Umina.

"Woy Woy pharmacist Lance Clarke has been servicing the area for 32 years, described the situation as 'ridiculous'.

"Of course, ultimately it is not the Government's job to either train or hire GPs.

"We can, of course, put long-term plans in place but, ultimately, it is actually our responsibility to listen to the concerns of our residents, to raise these concerns in the parliament and to act where we can on issues as urgent as this.

"It is especially important because of the personal impact it has on the lives of people who live on the Peninsula.

"We have a strong record of delivering on this important issue in the past.

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Media release, 2 Feb 2017
Tim Sowden, Office of Lucy Wicks



Member for Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks, with Assistant Federal Minister for Health, Dr David Gillespie

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An artist's impression of the redeveloped Brisbane Waters Private Hospital

Sod turned for hospital redevelopment

The first sod of dirt was turned to make way for the \$10 million redevelopment of Brisbane Waters Private Hospital at Woy Woy on Friday, March 3.

Mr Steve Atkins, Group Chief Executive Officer of Healthe Australia, the private health provider that owns and operates the hospital, visited Woy Woy to dig the first shovel full of dirt and mark the start of the project.

The project will include 24 additional rehabilitation beds, a second gym and a hydrotherapy pool that will be available for inpatients and outpatients to use.

The extension will also include new consultation and group rooms, a new patient lounge and dining room, a café and a new hospital reception and admission area.

The finalised extensions will also include a daily living kitchen.

Brisbane Waters Private Hospital currently accommodates

56 general hospital beds and 33 mental health beds; provides geriatric services backed by the support of an Allied Health Team comprising dietitians, occupational therapists and physiotherapists.

It is also the only private mental health facility in the Central Coast region.

Various existing single storey structures, driveways and hardstand will be demolished to make way for the extensions.

The construction is expected to be completed by December and the doors to the new facilities opened immediately after completion.

Another 20 to 30 people could gain employment as a result of the expansion, across nursing and allied health as well as cleaning and kitchen staff, according to Mr Atkins.

Media release, 1 Mar 2017
Petrina Waddell, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital Website, 20 Dec 2016
Central Coast Council DA Tracker, DA48744/2015

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Pedestrian injured in motorcycle accident

Police are investigating after a pedestrian was struck in Woy Woy on February 26.

The man was walking on Mackenzie Ave when he was struck by a motorcycle heading west.

The 34-year-old man was treated at the scene by NSW Ambulance paramedics before being taken to Gosford District Hospital with multiple fractures.

The driver of the motorcycle, a 16-year-old male, was taken to Gosford District Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

Officers from Brisbane Waters Local Area Command attended and established a crime scene.

Crash Investigation Unit officers attended and conducted an examination of the scene and motorcycle involved.

Media release, 27 Feb 2017
NSW Police Media

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A week of activities for seniors

The Peninsula will host events as part of State-sponsored senior citizens activities from March 3 to 12.

The activities will be part of the NSW Government Seniors Festival program, formerly called Senior Citizens Week.

A grandparents story time and morning tea will be hosted in the Woy Woy Library from 10:30am; aqua fitness will return to the Peninsula Leisure Centre at 12:30pm; and free health and fitness assessments will be conducted at various time throughout the day at the Leisure Centre all on March 6.

Indoor bowls and darts will be held at the Ettalong Learning and Leisure Centre from 9am-12pm on

March 7.

On the same day, Umina Library will host a grandparents story time and morning tea from 10:30am; Woy Woy Library will host an understanding your pension program from 10:30am-11:30am; and Peninsula Leisure Centre will host yoga from 7:30pm.

The Ettalong senior citizen's centre will have indoor bowls from 9am-12pm on March 8.

On that day, Umina Library will have a Seniors Fair from 10am-12pm; Peninsula Leisure Centre will have yoga from 10:30am, aqua fitness from 12:30pm and a CPR awareness session from 2pm; Woy Woy library will have another grandparent's story time morning tea; and from 12:45-3:45pm the Ettalong Leisure and Learning

Centre will have scrabble.

On March 9, Ettalong Leisure and Learning Centre will have indoor bowls from 9am-12pm and Mahjong from 12:30-4pm; from 10:30am Umina Library will have a grandparent's morning tea.

On March 10, hearing tests will be available at Ettalong senior citizen's centre from 9am-3pm and line dancing will be on from 12:30pm to 4pm.

On March 14, Woy Woy Library will host a safety for senior's seminar from 10:30am to 12pm; and the Ettalong Leisure and Learning Centre will host a year's ahead driving program on March 20 from 10-11am.

Media release, 24 Feb 2017
Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council



Push bike donated as prize

A new set down and pick up bay is nearing completion at the Bays Community Hall.

"The work is nearly completed, once the railings are installed the barriers will be removed and the area will be fully functional," said interim president, Mr Bob Puffett.

Mr Puffett said contributions

from local businesses, the Central Coast Council and the Federal Government supported the project.

"This contribution makes it safe for those visiting the hall and having to get out of their vehicles in what has a very dangerous location on the verge of the roadway," Mr Puffett said.

"Could all residents please note: the area created is not for parking," he said.

"Its purpose is to allow the safe set down and pick up of people who are visiting the hall."

Newsletter, 20 Feb 2017
Bob Puffett, Bays Community Group

A push bike has been donated to Umina Beach Public School for use as a fund-raising prize.

It will be used as one of the major prizes for the school's annual Splash-a-thon fun Day, to

be held shortly.

It will be drawn at a school assembly following the fund day, said school principal Ms Lyn Davis.

Newsletter, 22 Feb 2017
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School

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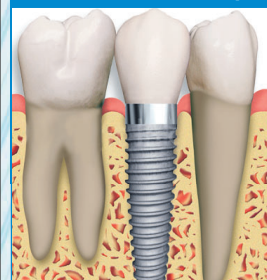
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Education



Woy Woy South Public School students in their new representative sporting attire

New sports attire

Woy Woy South Public School has unveiled its new representative sports attire for 2017.

Sports coordinator Mr Nathan Lincoln said the new representative

uniforms had been made possible with the support of the Everglades Country Club and the school's Parents and Citizens Association.

Everglades and the P and C provided the school with \$4000 to fund its new, smart-looking

representative sporting attire.

"We all look forward to seeing them used in action this year," he said.

**Newsletter, 22 Feb 2017
Nathan Lincoln, Woy Woy South Public School**

School writes to the Council

The School Council of Umina Beach Public School has written to the Central Coast Council about student safety in Melbourne Ave.

School principal Ms Lyn Davis said the letter was about students who cross Hobart Ave and walk home down Melbourne Ave.

"A representative from the Council has agreed to visit the school and to observe what occurs in Melbourne Ave at 3:15pm to see if the Council can assist in any way," Ms Davis said.

The first meeting of the School Council was held on Wednesday, February 15.

Parent representative Ms Rebeca Gale Collins was elected as president and another parent representative Ms Yvette Whelan was elected secretary.

Ms Lischke Coleman also joined as a teacher representative.

The School Council meets twice each term.

**Newsletter, 21 Feb 2017
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School**

Kaelan is ACT judo champion

Ettalong Public School student Kaelan Markey has claimed an open junior judo championship.

Kaelan won a gold medal in the

over 50kg Junior Competition at the Judo ACT Open Competition.

As a result, he is the ACT Open Junior Champion for Judo.

**Newsletter, 28 Feb 2017
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School**

Principal describes school's targets

Woy Woy Public School principal Ms Ona Buckley has set out the school's targets for 2017.

"We are in the last year of the current three-year school plan cycle and are working towards making sure all of our targets set down are achieved," Ms Buckley said.

"Our improvement measures for Quality Teaching and Learning are to have 100 per cent of students demonstrating growth as measured by the Literacy and Numeracy Continuum and in Naplan, to have an increased percentage of Year 5 and Year 7 students showing greater growth than or equal to expected growth to the state in Reading and Numeracy."

In Numeracy, the school also aims to increase results by block timetabling maths lessons across stages of learning.

Structured maths groupings within stages will also be used.

Ms Buckley said the school will also be purchasing the Maths Olympiad program for the whole school; and providing more Teacher Professional Learning in Targeting Early Years Numeracy as well as quality teaching guidelines to improve pedagogy in lesson deliveries for Maths.

In Literacy, Woy Woy Public School's 2017 target will be to continue to build strong explicit teaching by training more staff in the Language Learning and Literacy program in Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 (L3).

Another target is to bump up reading levels for 20 children in Year 1 through the Reading Recovery tutoring program and numerous other students throughout the school through the Learning Assistant Support Teacher tutorial program.

A new spelling program will also be introduced to give students the opportunity to be more responsible for their learning and be challenged according to their individual needs.

The Wushka Reading Program will be introduced throughout the whole school if teachers are happy with a free trial during March.

"The use of Naplan analysis will be a focus area to allow teachers to track weakness areas and build student knowledge and skills to improve future results," Ms Buckley said.

"The introduction of a more explicit Information Computer Technology program by using a typing and computer skills program from Kindergarten to Year 6 will equip students for the pending introduction of Naplan online."

"The fantastic bank of computers purchased from the fete funds will be commissioned to enhance student learning in classrooms across all the curriculum areas."

The school will also trial innovated flexible learning spaces, she said.

"Five classroom teachers are taking up the challenge and many more are starting with room areas allotted to using different furniture areas."

"It is very exciting watching students choose their preferred mode of doing their work or learning."

Throughout the year parents will be provided with information sessions and invitations to have a hands-on view of some of the innovations, Ms Buckley said.

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Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School**



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Attention to helmets at Umina

Staff at Umina Beach Public School have encouraged parents and children to ensure helmets are worn when riding bicycles to school.

"We have recently noticed an increase in the number of students who are not wearing an approved safety helmet while riding to school," said deputy principal Mr Andrew Kinniburgh.

"Cyclists of all ages are required by law to wear a correctly fitted and fastened helmet that meets the Australian Standard," Mr Kinniburgh said.

"Parents and carers are asked to support the school and the Department of Education by assisting us to ensure their child is

obeying this law," he said.

"Schools may advise parents or carers if a student is not wearing a helmet, that it is best that they no longer ride their bike to school.

"Transport for NSW recommends riders of scooters and skateboards wear an approved helmet and protective gear such as knee pads and elbow pads.

"The Department of Education supports this recommendation to ensure all students travel to and from school safely," he said.

"The teacher on bike duty after school will be keeping an eye on student safety by ensuring all students are wearing their helmet before leaving school grounds."

**Newsletter, 28 Feb 2018
Andrew Kinniburgh, Umina Beach Public School**



Umina Beach Public School 2017 Swimming Carnival champions

School holds swimming carnival

Umina Beach Public School held its swimming carnival on Friday, February 24.

The event took place at the Peninsula Leisure Centre and student attendance and

participation were commended by the school's teachers.

The winning house was Waratah.

The school's record in the 50 metres 11 year old boys backstroke

was broken at the carnival with a time of 39:98 seconds.

**Newsletter, 28 Feb 2017
Andrew Kinniburgh, Umina Beach Public School**

Three students set 10 records

Ettalong Public School's annual swimming carnival saw three students set 10 new records.

Jacob Falconer set new records in: 10 year boys' 50 metre Freestyle at 37.68 seconds; junior boys' 50 metre Backstroke at 47.38 seconds; junior boy's 50 metre Breaststroke at 55.33 seconds; junior boys' 50 metre Butterfly at 56.50 seconds; and individual medley at 3.52 minutes.

Aviana Alipate set new records in four events: the 10 year 50 metre Freestyle at 38.91 seconds; junior girls' 50 metre Breaststroke at 52.52 seconds; junior girls' 50 metre Backstroke at 48.59 seconds; and junior girls' 50 metre Butterfly at 50.85 seconds.

Oliver Tucker set a new record

in the 100 metre Open Freestyle at 1.24 minutes.

A new record was set by Blaxland House in the Junior Relay at 3:29 minutes.

The team was made up of Zac Byrnes, Lachlan Byrnes, Aviana Alipate, Lola-Rose Cooper-Girard.

The age champions on the day were Aviana Alipate and Jacob Falconer (junior), Jade Hinchliffe and Oliver Tucker (11 years), Madison Curran and Max Hamstra (senior).

**Newsletter, 21 Feb 2017
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School**

Reading Buddies program runs in libraries

The Reading Buddies program is running in local libraries again this year.

Buddies are volunteer helpers who read with children after school at Umina and Woy Woy libraries.

The aim of the Reading Buddies program is to provide one-on-one reading assistance to school-aged children who experience difficulty with reading.

The focus is on recreational

reading or reading for pleasure.

The volunteers have a Working With Children Check and are given basic training on techniques to assist children with their reading.

A number of them are retired teachers and teacher's aides.

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**Newsletter, 28 Feb 2017
Annette Darmody, Umina Beach Public School**

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Siena Palmer will perform in the upcoming production of Carmen

Umina singer cast in opera

A Umina singer has been cast in Central Coast Opera's upcoming production of Carmen.

Ms Siena Palmer has been cast

as Mercedes, a friend of titular character Carmen, who along with Frasquita provides some of the ensemble highlights in this production.

Performances will take place from May 13-20 at Laycock St Theatre.

Media release, 1 Mar 2017
Lisa Kelly, Central Coast Opera

Performing arts groups formed

A number of performing arts groups are being formed at Ettalong Public School.

The groups will take part in events such as the Central Coast Dance Festival, Central Coast Choral Festival, Schools Spectacular and Showcase.

"They include dance, djembe drumming, choir, public speaking, recorders, band and debating," said principal Mr Colin Wallis.

"These extra curricula activities are all wonderful opportunities for our children and add to the richness of education at Ettalong," Mr Wallis said.

"As well, we are beginning to select sporting teams to represent the school in the state knockouts and other local sporting events in a wide range of sports from netball to rugby league.

"It is a privilege for children to be selected for these special activities and to represent the school," he said.

Mr Wallis said selected Year 6

students have also participated in a Five Lands Walk photographic workshop at school.

"Our students' photographic efforts will be displayed during the Five Lands Walk held later in the year.

"Our debating team travelled to Avoca to participate in the debating workshop in preparation for the Premier's Debating Challenge.

"This will develop further oratory and debating skills in our talented young debaters," he said.

The school's Student Leadership Team and Year 6 Student Representative Council members travelled to Darling Harbour to attend the Young Leaders' Day on Friday, March 3.

"This day is organised each year by the Hallogen Foundation and aims to instil and encourage leadership skills and qualities in our young leaders."

Newsletter, 28 Feb 2017
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

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Williamson play at Little Theatre

Woy Woy Little Theatre is about to present a David Williamson play after a gap of several years.

The theatre company's latest production, David Williamson's *When Dad Married Fury*, is due to open this week.

"Our last Williamson was *Operator*, before that there was *Influence*, *After the Ball*, *Money and Friends*, *Travelling North*," president Ms Christine Vale said.

"Really, Mr Williamson's canon of plays is well represented in the Little Theatre archives," she said.

Australia's most successful playwright's 2012 offering, *When Dad Married Fury*, is due to open on Friday, March 10, at the Peninsula Theatre.

Director Ms Terry Collins said she was blessed with a magnificent cast including leads Andy Kabanoff as 70 year old multi-millionaire Alan and Kellie Martin as Fury.

"Both are brilliant with their delivery and timing," Ms Collins said.

"It's a joy to watch them spar with each other in their roles," she said.

"But the supporting cast is where true talent lies.

"There are Alan's two boys, Ian and Ben, played by Steve Pearson and Rowan Cowley, their wives Sue and Laura, Susannah Bonnor and Louise Sullivan and Annie

Bilton as Judy, whose husband recently committed suicide after losing the family fortune when he followed Alan's financial advice.

"It's Williamson at his best.

"He wasn't well a number of years ago and his writing suffered but *When Dad Married Fury* is a return to form.

"The very greedy characters have to face up to the fact that dad's millions could go to his new trophy wife – half his age – as there's no pre-nup because Fury thought such an agreement 'wouldn't be romantic'".

There are lots of laughs in this black comedy about family loyalty and new beginnings.

David Williamson's *When Dad Married Fury*, directed by Terry Collins, will play at Woy Woy's Peninsula Theatre for 10 performances over three weekends.

Bookings can be made through the Woy Woy Little Theatre website: woywoylt.com.au

Dates: Friday, March 10, 17 and 24 at 8pm; Saturday, March 11, 18 and 25 @ 8pm March 11, 18 & 25; a Saturday matinee on March 25 at 2pm; and Sunday, March 12, 19 and 26 at 2pm.

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for concession and \$8 for children up to 16 years.

Media release, 27 Feb 2017
David Wicks, Woy Woy Little Theatre Company



Rear from left Rowan Cowley, Steve Pearson, Annie Bilton, Louise Sullivan and Susannah Bonnor and on sofa Andy Kabanoff and Kelly Martin

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George Mann at a previous Troubadour performance

George Mann to perform at folk club

New York folk singer George Mann will perform at the Troubadour Folk Club, Woy Woy, on March 18.

Mann sings the songs from the

last century of labour and social activism and his originals, which are often powerful yet comical takes on the state of the nation, according to Troubadour president Mr Michael Fine.

"Mann has been producing labour and protest music for more than 20 years.

"Mann has worked with the likes of folk music legends such as Utah Phillips, Pete Seeger and Tom Paxton and produced national tours in honour of the Almanac Singers and Joe Hill.

"Mann brings his experience as a union organiser and educator to his concerts, as well as stories and songs about real events and the struggle for a better life.

"He has just released *For the Road and the Sky*, his newest CD, and *Until You Come Home: Songs to Heal the Wounds of War*, a compilation CD of songs about the effects of war on those who serve."

Media release, 1 Mar 2017
Michael Fine, The Troubadour

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Monday, Mar 6

Umina Library Knitters, weekly until March 27, 10am to 11am

Chess for Seniors, Ettalong 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre, 9am to 11am and Indoor Bowls from 9am to 12pm

Get Started Health and Fitness Assessments for Seniors, Peninsula Leisure Centre, various times, bookings essential

Tuesday, Mar 7

Indoor Bowls and Darts, Ettalong 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre, 9am to 12pm

Grandparents' story time and morning tea, Umina Library, 10:30am

Understanding your pension, Woy Woy Library, bookings essential 10:30am to 11:30am

Wednesday, Mar 8

Seniors Fair, Umina Library, 10am to 12:30pm

Grandparents' story time and morning tea, Woy Woy Library, 10:30am

CPR Awareness for Seniors, Peninsula Leisure Centre, 2pm

Thursday, Mar 9

Adam Brand, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club, bookings essential, doors open 8pm Indoor Bowls, Ettalong 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre, 9am to 12pm

Grandparent's story time and morning tea, Umina Library, 10:30am

Friday, Mar 10

Woy Woy Little Theatre's *When Dad Married Fury* by David Williamson, Peninsula Theatre until March 26

The Bays Community Happy Hour, Bays Community Hall, Woy Woy Bay Rd, from 6:30pm

Saturday, Mar 11

Peninsula Environment Group (PEG) Annual General Meeting, 267 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy (the old St Luke's Church) from 2pm

The Everly Brothers and Buddy Holly Tribute, Ettalong Diggers Memorial Club, doors open 7:30pm, bookings essential

Sunday, Mar 12

Robin Norling Remembered, a celebration of his life and work,

Gosford Regional Gallery, 2pm
Sunday Jam Session featuring Top Cat, Hardys Bay Club, 2pm

Monday, Mar 13

Primary Book Club, Umina Library, 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Tuesday, Mar 14

Safety for Seniors, Woy Woy Library 10:30am to 12pm

Friday, Mar 17

Bell Harvey roots, country and rock n roll at Hardys Bay Club, 7:30pm

Hardys Bay Residents' Group Presents Sandy Robson at the Church Hall, Araluen Rd, hardys Bay, 7pm

Saturday, Mar 18

Hardys Bay Community Fair, Hardys Bay Club, 12p, to 6pm

Sunday, Mar 19

Umina Beach markets, Peninsula Recreational Precinct, 9am to 2pm

Sunday Jam Session featuring Rob Whiting, Hardys Bay Club, 3pm

Community fair at Hardys Bay

The Hardys Bay Community Fair will be held from noon to 6pm on March 18.

The fair will feature food and drink, live music and entertainment, art, crafts and children's activities.

Community groups including Killy Cares and Wildlife Seabird and Rescue are expected to have stalls.

Gold coins collected on entry will be distributed to these groups.

An art display, curated by Brendon and Jude Weston from Fine Art Photography Australia, will

include a children's photography competition.

Children's activities will include a "magical sensory trail of weird and wonderful surprises" and free face painting.

Musicians and entertainers will be split between three locations.

Performers will include Chelsea Berman, Molly Millington, Jessie O'Neill Hutchin and Brandon Duff, the Royal River Rats and The Five Buck Blues Band.

Media release, 1 Mar 2017
Lisa Byrne, Hardys Bay Club

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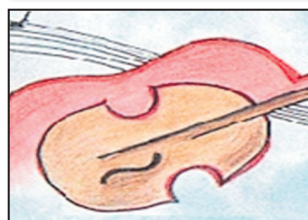
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Mr Roger Norman (left) and Mr John Greenway acknowledged the efforts of Woy Woy Rotarians and community members who supported Graffiti Removal Day

Rotary club recognised at Parliament House

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy was recognised by the State Government at Parliament House on February 21 for their efforts in cleaning up the rampant graffiti on

the Peninsula.

Rotarian Mr John Greenway said the club, which had been active over many years during Graffiti Removal Day, had extended the removal of graffiti to "See it, Remove it".

He said that graffiti, which was a criminal offence, cost the tax payer millions of dollars a year and Rotary was proud to be involved in the state wide project.

Media release, 22 Feb 2017
John Greenway, Rotarian

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Chief executive officer Ms Jane Smith said one of the project's target areas had been birds on the Peninsula.

"We now want to continue the work of the project," Ms Smith said.

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Newsletter, 26 Feb 2017
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THE SHAME FILE

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The Old Salts from left Sweep Scott Hannell, Rowers Glen Cole, Michael Barrett, Phil Welsh and Trent Walker

Ocean Beach returns from carnival

The Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club boat crews returned from an Australian Surf Rowers League Carnival with some excellent results. The carnival was held at Shellharbour on February 17 to 19. The Ocean Beach Old Salt Crew (Masters with ages adding

up to 220 years) won Gold. The Goats (under-23 men's crew) made it to the semi-finals. Pen Island, Ocean Beach club's under-19 men's crew, won 13 points to miss the finals by only three points. "It was a superb effort for our club, and proves we're in a good

spot at the right time of year," said club marketing director Ms Diane Moate. The club competed in the State Championships at Swansea/Belmont on the weekend of March 4 and 5. Media release, 1 Mar 2017 Diane Moate, Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club



Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club Pairs Champions Pat Neal and Lyn Kennedy

Heat interrupts pairs championship

The Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club had to play their Major Pairs Championship over two Fridays due to the weather conditions. Temperatures reached 43 degrees on Friday, February 10, when bowlers began to battle the Pairs Championship Final. Ms Pat Neal and Ms Lyn Kennedy were leading 16 to nil on the 10th end when the heat

became too intense, causing the rest of the game to be postponed. The game resumed with an early morning start on Friday, February 17, before the day had the chance to become too hot. Ms Pat Neal (Skip) and Ms Lyn Kennedy (Lead) defeated Leila Gilmour (Skip) and Jean Saggus (Lead) 24/4. Media release, 27 Feb 2017 Carol Hadley, Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club

Ettalong dominates Triples finals

The Bowls Central Coast Triples Finals held at The Entrance Bowling Club on February 26 was an all-

Ettalong affair. The team of Zach Robertson, John Roberts and skip Lee Trethowan proved too strong for the team of Peter Freestone, Peter

Wiblen and Graham Maeir. With the finals being delayed by wet weather, Aron Sherriff was unavailable for the semi-final and final which saw Under-25 State Representative Zach Robertson called in as a substitute lead. Lee Trethowan, who had been named earlier in the week as the joint winner with Sherriff as the Bowls NSW 2016 Bowlers of the Year, took over the skip's role with Senior State representative John Roberts playing a reliable role as second. It was a formidable trio of NSW State players and they combined well as a team to out play their club mate opponents 26-11 who had played well to reach the final. It was the third consecutive year that Roberts and Mr Trethowan had captured the Central Coast Triple title. Media release, 27 Feb 2017 Kevin Dring, Bowls Central Coast

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Surf clubs each receive almost \$10,000

Ocean Beach, Umina and Killcare Surf Life Saving Clubs have each received \$9800 in funds from Central Coast Council.

The funding was part of Council's annual commitment to helping Surf Life Saving Clubs continue their beach safety work.

"Safety on our beaches is incredibly important as thousands of local residents and visitors enjoy the Central Coast's beautiful beaches each year, which are a key part of our way of life," said Council administrator Mr Ian Reynolds.

"This funding enables Surf Life Saving Central Coast's volunteers to work closely with Council's own Lifeguard service to improve safety and rescue standards across the Central Coast and keep our beaches safe," Mr Reynolds said.

The clubs also run training and education programs at the

beaches and in schools.

"The opportunity now is for us and the newly-amalgamated Council to work together to provide even further consistency in beach safety service levels across the Central Coast," said Central Coast branch president Mr Stuart Harvey.

"Our 15 surf clubs and the branch are thankful for Council's continued recognition of the service we provide and our importance to the community," he said.

"The funds we receive from Council are instrumental in ensuring we can continue to provide this important lifesaving service to the beach-going community.

"Our relationship with Council is a significant one and we look forward to continuing to work closely with them into the future to keep our community safe," Mr Harvey said.

Media release, 23 Feb 2017
Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council



From front Meagan Langford, Jess Thomas, Priya Johnson, Grant Stringer with the new boat on the beach in front of Ettalong Diggers



Charity bowls attracts 50 players

Around 50 bowlers attended the February Charity Bowls Day at Woy Woy Leagues Club.

Organiser Mr Ken Dixon said numbers were bolstered by the gang from Woy Woy Leagues Social Club.

"All up we raised \$1250 for Central Coast Kids in Need including a cheque for \$290 from the Social Club," Mr Dixon said.

"We have now raised over \$3500 for the year to date," he said.

"The Spider was won by Floss Irvine, a popular win.

"There were plenty of prizes on the table, big winners being the Leagues Club Social Group.

John Hughes won the lucky ring draw over John Halling.

John Donahue won the Wednesday Morning Bowlers Hamper.

The Meat Voucher was won by Toni Kenney.

Shirley Taylor won the Quick Serve Voucher.

Bob Fell won the cinema tickets and Shirley Taylor won Chris Newell's bottle of scotch.

Central Coast Kids in Need raises money to assist families who have seriously ill children with prolonged illness.

The next Charity Day will be held on Sunday, March 19.

Media release, 20 Feb 2017
Ken Dixon, Woy Woy Sporties Charity Bowls

Umina launches new surf boat

Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club launched its new surf boat on Wednesday, March 1.

The new boat was dedicated to the Coffey family.

Ms Meagan Langford, a member of the women's rowing team, said: "The Coffey family were a large influence in the club."

Club members picked up the new \$30,000 boat from the Queensland builder less than two weeks ago and her official launch was the first time she had been in the water.

Club President Mr Paul Sharpe said: "The boat the club is currently using is over 10 years old and about 75kg heavier than the new one."

The new boat purchase was made possible as a result of sponsorship from the Ettalong Diggers Club,

"The teams have already been very competitive in that boat, so this new one should help them go a little faster," Mr Sharpe said.

Interview, 1 Mar 2017

Meagan Langford, Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club
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Paul Sharpe, Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club

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