

## Liberals 'knew of rail costs' before election, Tesch claims

The Liberal Government was aware of the escalating costs of the Woy Woy railway underpass before the 2015 State election, according to documents secured by the Labor Party under Freedom of Information legislation.

The estimates showed construction costs had escalated from \$52 million to \$112 million to complete the project.

However, the Government kept quiet about the estimates until after the election, when it used them "as an excuse to scrap the project", according to Labor candidate Ms Liesl Tesch.

The Labor Party had obtained hundreds of pages of documents, emails, minutes of meetings and payment claims under Freedom of Information legislation, she said.

"According to the documents, the State Government was made aware of the increased costs associated with the project on multiple occasions prior to the 2015 State Election.

"In October last year, the former Minister for Roads, Mr Duncan Gay, claimed it was the former Gosford Council that had not adequately costed the project or informed the Government of the cost blowouts, despite numerous emails and documents suggesting otherwise," she said.



Labor candidate for the Gosford by-election, Ms Liesl Tesch, with Shadow Minister for the Central Coast, Mr David Harris, at the level crossing in Woy Woy

The documents revealed that Central Coast Council had continued to receive funding for ongoing work on the project.

By October 2016, the expenditure breakdown was roughly \$4.1 million for project

management and consultancy fees; \$5.8 million on the pedestrian underpass and adjacent road and footpath work and \$5.3 million on preparatory works for the rail underpass and road construction at the base of Bulls Hill.

"Total expenditure to date is in the vicinity of \$15.2 million," the documents revealed.

According to Ms Tesch, it was current NSW Premier, Ms Gladys Berejiklian, who botched the project when she was Transport

Minister, by adopting a "head-in-the-sand" approach to its true cost.

"This reveals a scandal," Ms Tesch said.

"These documents reveal a State Liberal Government that has shown complete disregard for the Central Coast.

"It hasn't shown or applied the slightest bit of care or attention for the Central Coast.

"Premier Berejiklian has overseen massive spending on Sydney-centric projects and is happy to bury her head in the sand when it comes funding our local infrastructure.

"The Liberal candidate for Gosford needs to make a commitment to cleaning up the mess left behind by the Premier," she said.

Liberal candidate for Gosford, Ms Jilly Pilon, has claimed the \$52 million promised by the NSW Government for the railway underpass was still available.

However, she said the Council would need to find the remainder of the money to complete the now \$112 million project.

Media release, 14 Mar 2017

Liesl Tesch, Labor  
Candidate for Gosford  
Interview, 16 Mar 2017  
Jilly Pilon, Liberal  
Candidate for Gosford  
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

## Gosford accounts referred for external audit

The financial reports for the former Gosford Council, for the period from July 1, 2015, to May 12, 2016, have been referred for an external audit following an Extraordinary Central Coast Council meeting on March 13.

A residents' forum was held

prior to the Extraordinary Meeting to allow community members to present their views on the reports which were made public on March 9.

Council administrator Mr Ian Reynolds said Council was "following due process" and had been required under the

proclamation to prepare financial reports for the two former Councils, including the former Gosford Council.

"My task as administrator is to ensure proper process has been followed and that these reports have been prepared under relevant legislation and accounting

standards and I am satisfied they have been," Mr Reynolds said.

"The reports will now be referred for external audit and we will await their advice.

"The community can be assured it is business as usual for the new Central Coast Council.

"We will continue to deliver

the services they need, want and value," he added.

The financial reports and minutes of the meeting are available on Council's website.

Media release, 13 Mar 2017  
Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council

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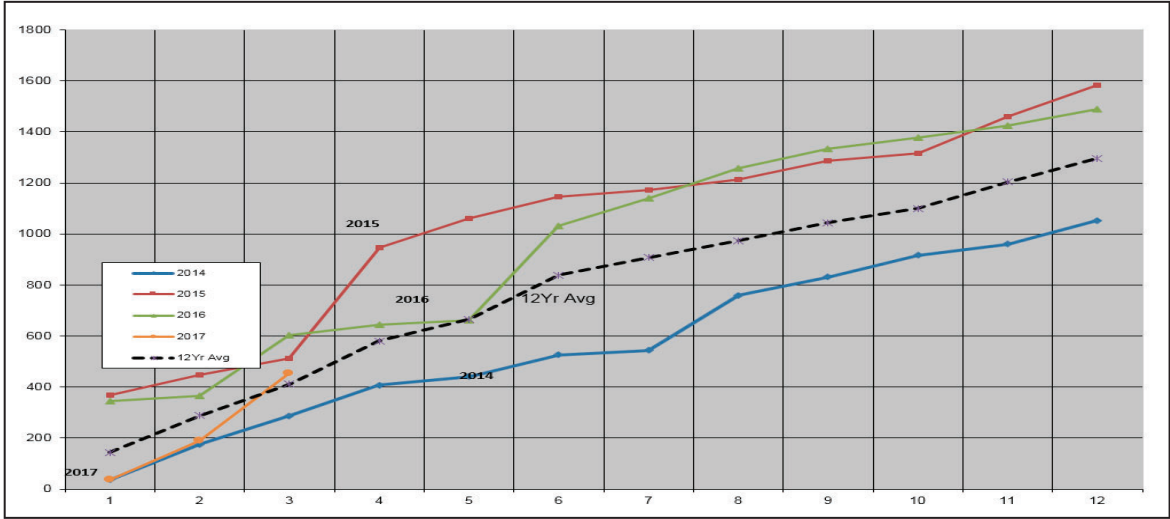
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## Twice the month's average rainfall already

The Peninsula has received more than twice its average rainfall for the month of March in the first half of the month.

A total of 264mm had been recorded by March 17, 114.6 per cent more than the March average of 123mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

The three largest daily rainfall totals for the year have been recorded this month, with 66.9mm being recorded on March 15, 41.5mm being recorded on March 4 and 36.5mm recorded on March 1.

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Spreadsheet, 17 Mar 2017  
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

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# Jilly Pilon is Liberal candidate

**Ms Jilly Pilon has been announced as the Liberal candidate for the by-election in the Seat of Gosford.**

Although she lives outside the electorate, Ms Pilon said she belonged to the Woy Woy branch of the Liberal Party, joining in January after she met the branch president at an event in the Central Coast Car Museum where Prime Minister Mr Malcolm Turnbull was speaking.

Ms Pilon said she was born in Gosford hospital in 1970, attended Erina Heights Public School and Terrigal High, and has called Wamberal (outside the electorate) home for most of her life.

She said her connections with the Gosford electorate were strong even though she lived outside its boundaries.

When she left high school she worked for the National Australia Bank for 12 years including stints in the Umina and Woy Woy branches.

"Dad was first manager of Woolworths store at the Imperial Centre," Ms Pilon said.

"First he was the youngest



Ms Jilly Pilon

manager in a variety store in Mann St, then he got sent to Sydney for a while and then he was the first manager at the Woolworths supermarket in the Imperial centre so I spent a lot of time in Gosford with dad.

In 2015, Ms Pilon's youngest son, Banjo, was killed when he was hit by a car on his skateboard. "Obviously the passing of Banjo changed all of our family's lives for ever in many ways, and we were able to donate Banjo's organs.

"He was able to save six lives including little babies, children and a grandmother and that is something we felt was right to do.

"It keeps him close and in a way he is still living," she said.

"The community rallied behind us to put forward the idea of a skate park as a memorial for Banjo but also to help keep kids off the street.

"Mick and I are still working with Council to finalise the skate park after we successfully lobbied to get bipartisan support for \$500,000 federal funding for the project."

Encouraging people to consider organ donation has become a passion for Ms Pilon and she has been invited to the 2017 donate life forum in Brisbane in May.

Her other son, 14-year-old Fletcher, won Australia's Got Talent in 2016.

"We took Fletcher down to perform at State Parliament at an education presentation last year.

"Parliament was sitting and we went into question time, and we were quite shocked by the whole process, and my son said 'Mum I think you should get involved', and

that was another little thing that led to this commitment."

Ms Pilon said she would do her best to connect with as many people in the electorate as possible.

"I think at the moment because it is just the first week, it is really about what the community wants from me so I am connecting, door knocking, meeting with different businesses, making phone calls."

In terms of the priorities she had gleaned from her early conversations with voters: "Roads needs to be looked at and addressed further".

On the loss of the Woy Woy Motor Registry, Ms Pilon said: "We see the new Services NSW as providing a lot more transactions.

"People can complete more transactions in the one location and have extended trading hours.

"People who use the services are really pleased with the service they are getting so it is proving to be a really successful one stop shop," she said.

**Interview, 16 Mar 2017  
Jilly Pilon, Liberal  
Candidate for Gosford  
Reporter: Jackie Pearson**

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# Citizen of the Year stands for Christian party

Gosford City's 2016 Citizen of the Year, Mr Andrew Church, will stand as the Christian Democratic Party's candidate in the Gosford by-election on April 8.

Mr Church, who is married with three children, grew up on Sydney's Northern Beaches but moved to Gosford 25 years ago.

He established his own businesses and has two training organisations: Eagle Wing Education and Training, and a specialised training academy, Kreative Kaizen.

Mr Church is director of Rhema FM Gosford, chairman of the Central Coast Interactive War Exhibit Inc. and a board member of Rise-Up Foundation, an organisation that helps youth with eating disorders.

He is also a member of the Gosford City Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Gosford National Service Re-Enactment Group, which sees him take part in Anzac Day and Remembrance Day activities.

Mr Church has written seven books, including the best seller How to Solve Your Problems without A Super Hero: A DIY Guide for the Mere Mortal.

Mr Church is keen to use his party's balance of power in the



Mr Andrew Church

NSW Legislative Council to push his policies.

His first target is installing a level crossing at Woy Woy.

"After about 40 years of Labor representation in the State Parliament and about four years of Liberal representation, this is the golden opportunity to give the CDP a go at fixing this mess," he said.

Mr Church would also like to reopen a Services NSW branch on the Peninsula and open the Gosford Performing Arts Centre.

He is opposed to having another government building on the site of the old Gosford Primary School.

Media release, 16 Mar 2017  
Ian Smith, Christian Democratic Party

# Holstein will not run in by-election

Former Member for Gosford, Mr Chris Holstein, has declared he will not run as a candidate in the Gosford by-election.

"The reality is I currently hold a number of positions within the not-for-profit sector, organisations that work hard to support those suffering homelessness or escaping domestic violence, assisting those with disabilities and supporting our youth on the Coast," Mr Holstein said.

"While these commitments are currently short-term, to step away from them at this time with major initiatives and substantial projects in planning or commenced would be something I couldn't do without a feeling of desertion and of letting good people down," he said.

"In the end my conscience wouldn't let me walk away from these important initiatives and projects that have been commenced for those vulnerable sectors of our community.

"This coming by-election for the seat of Gosford has had Labor and Liberal anoint their candidates (by various means) and those selected are of good character, have a story to tell and no doubt will have a desire to make a difference if elected," Mr Holstein said.

"But this is a by-election, it will not change government nor would it place government in a position to deal with cross benches.

"It's a two-year term, a difficult time to get up, running, across the issues and needs of the community fully.

"So the community needs to decide in electing an opposition member or one within the government, but either with little to nil political experience.

"In making that choice at the ballot box, the question is: Who will be the most effective?

"The public has a right to expect that whoever is elected to the seat, acts firstly with the community in mind, and not solely under direction of those who anointed them from the parties.

"I wish the candidate's the best of luck and hope that they are true to themselves first, the community second and the party last.

"Be assured the Central Coast Taskforce will be highlighting the issues of this region and especially those within the Seat of Gosford as agenda items for them to address or ignore at their own peril," Mr Holstein said.

Email, 10 Mar 2017  
Chris Holstein, Central Coast Taskforce

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# Gosford Council assets reduced by \$1.4 billion

**The former Gosford Council's draft financial accounts for 2015-16 have included a \$1.389 billion reduction in the value of its assets to around \$9.6 billion.**

They have also revealed "serious control weaknesses" that meant Central Coast Council could not vouch for the accuracy of some balances in the reports.

Central Coast Council chief Mr Rob Noble said asset valuations and the "control issues" had resulted in matters being referred to unnamed "third parties", understood to include the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

"The reason why we have been obliged to report to external agencies is because of these control issues and significant changes in valuations.

"It will be up to those parties to determine whether they want to inquire further, hand it back to the Council to do more of its own investigation or take no further action," Mr Noble said.

Mr Noble said there were two key elements in the apparent inflated valuations of some assets.

"The first one really related back

to about 2010 to water authority assets when there was a double counting of sewer manholes from 2010, so that we had to make an adjustment now for the prior year error," Mr Noble said.

He said the remaining part of the asset write down related to 2014-2015 year when \$720 million of bulk earthworks assets could not be verified by the staff team putting the draft financial reports together.

According to Mr Noble bulk earthworks included asphalt, tar, gravel, lime and all the other materials used to build roads.

"The former Council did a revaluation as they were required to do.

"We are legally required to revalue all our fixed assets on a periodic basis to make sure we are describing them on a fair value basis, but it did not look right," Mr Noble said.

"It looked to be overstated so our staff started inquiring into that, looking at the standard methodologies for valuing bulk earthworks," he said.

"They compared the method used in Gosford with the method used right across NSW local government, and they found a

drastic difference in methodology. "So the result of that was a \$720 million reduction in the value of bulk earthworks assets."

Land under roads was another category of asset that was written down in the draft financial accounts.

"It is a little bit hard to answer this one because there was \$74 million worth of an asset showing on Gosford Council's books that had insufficient data or records ... to demonstrate what that particular supposed value actually applied to.

"We could not find a connection to that value and any land under roads, there were no records."

In answering a question about how such a miscalculation could occur, Mr Noble said: "I don't know the answer to that question and nor do my finance staff.

"They just don't know why that figure was sitting there when there were no supporting documents.

"We would have needed to see some documentary evidence of a connection between the \$74 million and evidence of ownership of land under roads somewhere in the Gosford Local Government Area," he said.

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Residents in the public gallery at the Council chambers in Gosford for the Extraordinary General Meeting

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# Gosford Council assets reduced by \$1.4 billion

## From P5

In addition to the total \$1.389 billion asset write down, the other major issue revealed by the draft financial accounts of the former Gosford Council was described as "significant weaknesses in fundamental information technology and other internal controls".

The report tabled at the Extraordinary General Meeting held in Gosford on Monday, March 13, said the most notable weaknesses were "inoperative security controls that enabled a limited number of officers and software vendors to script changes, deletions or additions into the financial tables contained within the financial system without any effective control reporting or audit trail."

"The apparent absence of such controls is unusual and not expected in a sophisticated and large government entity such as the former Gosford City Council."

"In the absence of any reporting on changes made to the data, it is

not possible to confirm or validate that no unauthorised changes were made."

In response to a question about how such security issues could have been allowed to arise, Mr Noble said: "We don't know the answer to that."

"We know they existed. There was a lack of ability to track changes that were related to our corporate financial data," he said.

The draft reports stated the Central Coast Council had no way of knowing whether changes had not been made to the data.

When Mr Noble was asked whether there was evidence that changes had been made, he said: "We have neither because there is no audit trail documentation to provide us with certainty that it hasn't been tampered with."

Under the NSW Local Government Act the financial statements of the former Gosford Council, up to its dismissal on May 12, 2016, must be certified by senior staff as presenting fairly the Council's financial results for the

period.

This certification is meant to ensure those senior staff take both responsibility for and ownership of the financial statements.

However, as a result of the anomalies found in the preparation of the draft accounts, the Central Coast Council stated it was "unable to fully attest to the completeness and accuracy of the balances within the Income Statement and classifications of equity within the financial reports."

It has rewritten the prescribed statement required under the Local Government Act to deal with the unusual nature of the draft accounts and has provided 'caveats' above the spaces for the signatures of Mr Noble, administrator Mr Ian Reynolds and chief financial officer, Mr Stephen Naven.

**Agenda, 13 Mar 2017**  
Extraordinary meeting,  
Central Coast Council  
Interview, 16 Mar 2017  
**Rob Noble, Central Coast Council**  
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

# Taskforce asks for infrastructure commitments

**Mr Chris Holstein and the Central Coast Taskforce are calling on April by-election candidates Ms Jilly Pilon and Ms Liesl Tesch to give their commitment to several infrastructure issues.**

Mr Holstein said the Taskforce wanted answers on the Woy Woy Rail Underpass, road upgrades around redeveloped Gosford Hospital, Brisbane Water Dve traffic flow improvements, Peninsula road upgrades and management of the Gosford Waterfront.

"While the needs of the Gosford seat are not limited to these matters, they are matters of major infrastructure importance to the community," Mr Holstein said.

Mr Holstein also pointed out that Labor have the chance to place on the record early commitments to

the seat of Gosford, with only two years to another full state election.

"If Labor's intention is to whinge and complain about the current government then it will be seen as just hot air and a lack of commitment and substance on Labor's behalf."

"They must understand that their candidate must bring to the table future commitments, not two more years of nothing."

"As for the Liberals, if they are serious about regaining this seat, the voters are looking for commitment to the future."

"Resting on past glories of hospital redevelopments and just continuing current road works will not cut it with the voters," Mr Holstein said.

**Media release, 15 Mar 2017**  
**Chris Holstein, Central Coast Taskforce**

# Teenager airlifted after crash

**A teenage driver was airlifted to Sydney's Royal North Shore Hospital in a critical condition after crashing his car in Woy Woy.**

CareFlight's rapid response rescue helicopter landed at Woy Woy Public School, adjacent to the crash scene, on the corner of Rawson Rd and Edward St, Woy Woy on March 8.

NSW Police and NSW Fire and

Rescue worked for about half an hour to free the 17-year-old male from his vehicle, which rolled after crashing into a tree.

The CareFlight medical team sedated and intubated the teenager.

He was then transferred to the helicopter to be flown to Royal North Shore with serious head and suspected spinal injuries.

**Media release, 8 Mar 2017**  
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## Chamber disappointed with Liberal selection

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has expressed its disappointment that the Liberal Party has not pre-selected a local resident for the Gosford by-election.

Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales said: "We are disappointed with the pre-selection of Ms Jill Pilon for the up-coming by-election in Gosford.

"We understand that Ms Pilon does not live in the electorate and does not have any long-standing ties with our local community," Mr Wales said.

With over 50,000 registered voters in Gosford, Mr Wales said he believed it was disappointing to think that the NSW Liberal Party could not find a local candidate and instead had to resort to recruiting from outside the electorate.

"Now more than ever, it is important to ensure that both major parties nominate local candidates especially ones that

fully understand local issues," he said.

"With less than four weeks until the by-election, there is no time to waste on candidates trying to learn local issues and earn the trust of the local community.

"The business community is looking to the NSW Government to re-commit funds to the Woy Woy Rail Underpass and ensure that the project is completed as promised at the last State election."

He said the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce was looking for long-term commitments on roads funding and other infrastructure projects such as the new Ettalong Wharf beyond this by-election.

"If the Liberals are unsuccessful at the April 8 poll, then we would expect that any promises made during the election campaign be honoured regardless."

Media release, 12 Mar 2017  
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

## Labor challenges Liberals over 'abandoned' electorate

The Labor Party has called on the Liberal candidate for Gosford, Ms Jilly Pilon, must give residents an explanation for why her party has abandoned the electorate.

Shadow Minister for the Central Coast, Mr David Harris, said Ms Pilon should explain "the sad neglect" by the Liberal Party.

Mr Harris said the NSW Liberal Government had, without explanation, abandoned the Woy Woy Road underpass project despite committing to it in the 2011 and 2015 state elections.

The Liberal Candidate will also have to explain to angry locals why their Woy Woy Motor Registry was closed, forcing them to travel to Gosford where there is limited parking, he said.

"There is a long list of betrayals, broken promises and neglect by this Government which any Liberal candidate must provide explanations for.

"This Liberal Government and their candidate can't look at people in the eye and say they seriously have the interests of locals at heart given their record over the last six

years," Mr Harris said.

According to Mr Harris, other issues including the dredging of Brisbane Water, have also been neglected by the Government.

Mr Harris said he was proud that Labor was putting up a real local for the upcoming Gosford by-election.

"Labor's Candidate Liesl Tesch lives and works in the Gosford electorate and is a geography teacher at Brisbane Water Secondary College," he said.

Media release, 9 Mar 2017,  
Maegen Skyes, Office of David Harris

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## Village development to go before Council administrator

The development application for the Bayside Gardens Lifestyle Village at Empire Bay will be considered by Central Coast Council administrator Mr Ian Reynolds at a general council meeting.

Central Coast Council told Peninsula News in a statement that the matter was under assessment.

"The application has been

informed by a number of specialist reports providing detail on matters including bushfire affectation, flooding, flora and fauna and traffic," the statement said.

"These reports are being evaluated as part of the assessment process," it said.

"As there have been over 50 public submissions, this application will be reported to an ordinary

council meeting for consideration following the assessment process."

An Empire Bay residents' group has opposed the development for 52 new manufactured homes at the village.

The proposal would bring the total number of sites within the park to 108.

Media statement, 7 Mar 2017  
Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council

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Visitors and locals travel to Patonga for the traditional Easter Fete

## Patonga to hold Easter Saturday fete

**The annual Patonga Easter Saturday Fete will be held on Saturday, April 15.**

The usually sleepy village of Patonga is expected to come alive from 9am to 1pm on Easter Saturday when dozens of residents converge on the Patonga Progress Hall on Brisk St to lend a hand in putting on the traditional Easter Fete.

The Easter Fete is one of the major fundraisers for the Patonga Progress Association.

A variety of stalls are expected to sell arts and crafts, homewares,

antiques and collectibles, jewellery, show bags, children's toys as well as a selection of homemade cakes, preserves, plants, books, bric-a-brac, gifts and more.

Gallery owner Ms Jocelyn Maughan is offering to sketch portraits on the day for a small donation to the Patonga Rural Fire Service.

Sausage sandwiches and morning tea with homemade scones and jam will also be on sale.

The "chocolate wheel" will be spinning all morning for a chance

to win Easter egg prizes and an Easter egg hamper raffle will be drawn after the fete.

"A visit to the Patonga Fete is always a fun day out for everyone," said organiser Ms Judy Singer.

"We encourage visitors to make a day of it by coming along to the Fete in the morning to enjoy the quaint village atmosphere and friendly local hospitality then head down to the beach in the afternoon with a picnic rug to have a swim, a fish or a snooze in the sun."

**Media release, 16 Mar 2017**  
**Judy Singer, Patonga Progress Association**

## Council brings library fees into line

**Fees paid by members of Woy Woy and Umina Libraries will be aligned with the nine other libraries in the new Central Coast local government area from April 4.**

As part of the process of streamlining all fees and services, a document outlining the first stage in fee alignment for the libraries has been placed on public exhibition.

The first fees to be aligned were for overdue items, reservations, inter-library loans, lost library

resources, damaged library items and reapplication of item identification.

When all Council libraries move to one library management system in the new financial year, residents will be able to check the catalogue, borrow, reserve and return at any of the 11 Council libraries and access a greater range of e-resources, using one card, according Council administrator Mr Ian Reynolds.

**Media release, 13 Mar 2017**  
**Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council**

## Anzac ceremony at Empire Bay

**Empire Bay village will conduct its annual Anzac Day ceremony at the cenotaph between 11am and noon on April 25.**

Kendall Rd at the corner of Shelly Beach Rd and Sorrento Rd will be closed on the cenotaph side of Empire Bay Cellars for the service.

The service includes a flag and wreath laying ceremony as well as several speeches and singing.

The ceremony will be led by Lt Col Ralph Johnson of the Salvation Army.

The service has been a tradition in Empire Bay for over 20 years.

**Letter, 3 Mar 2017**  
**Geoff Melville, Empire Bay Progress Association**

## Community forum about access to doctors

**Federal Member for Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks, has held a Breakfast Community Forum to discuss access to doctors on the Peninsula.**

Over 100 people, including residents and medical practitioners registered to attend the forum,

which was held on March 17 at Jasmine Green's Park Kiosk at the Umina Recreation Precinct.

"Over the past few weeks, I have heard from many residents who have told me they are concerned about access to doctors on the Peninsula," Ms Wicks said.

Ms Wicks said hard-working

Umina GP Dr Ray Martin had admitted it was "past crisis point".

"I took these concerns to Parliament and raised them with Assistant Minister for Health, Dr David Gillespie, and invited him to hear from our community at the forum."

**Media release, 13 Mar 2017**  
**Tim Sowden, Office of Lucy Wicks**

## Water main upgrade

**Temporary traffic control measures have been in place along a section of Brisbane Water Dve, Woy Woy, until Friday March 10, to allow Central Coast Council upgrade water mains.**

The works, being carried out in the vicinity of the Spike Milligan Bridge, have been undertaken at

night to minimise the impact on local traffic.

Warning signs were in place to notify motorists of the changed traffic conditions and traffic controllers were on site from 8pm to 5am to enhance community safety.

**Media release, 7 Mar 2017**  
**Central Coast Council**

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# Community plants out new Runway playground



Woy Woy Public School students learning about mulch and compost at the Runway

**Community groups have mulched and planted hundreds of plants to create a community garden at the Runway Playground on Trafalgar Ave, Umina.**

Over 300 seedlings were planted on March 7 by Umina Community Group members and

students from Woy Woy South Public School.

Federal Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks helped plant saplings and seedlings.

Landscaping and earthworks signalled phase two of the project, which aimed to deliver a modern park, playground and community

green space.

A nearby early childhood centre also got involved and has its own patch set aside as an "early learning garden".

Interview, 14 Mar 2017  
Tracey Davies, Goodstart  
Early Learning Centre  
Reporter: Dillon Luke



Federal Member for Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks, with Woy Woy South students during the planting

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### Bills

In February, the **Motor Racing Legislation (Newcastle 500) Bill** was passed. The legislation facilitates the transfer of the V8Supercars race from Homebush to Newcastle. The NSW Government improved the rights of commercial tenants on the Central Coast with the passage of the **Retail Leases (Review) Bill 2016**. Retail businesses will benefit by being able to have more disputes heard in NCAT; removes a minimum 5 year term for retail shop leases; and clarify landlord's disclosure requirements.

In March, the **Fines Amendment Bill 2017** passed. I spoke noting regional areas are heavily reliant on private cars for transport. The Bill gives greater flexibility for Courts to impose sanctions other than Licence cancellation and vehicle registration.

The **Local Government (Rates-Merged Council Areas) Bill 2017** was introduced by the NSW Government. If passed, Central Coast ratepayers will have certainty that 'rate path protection' will be effective for 4

years from amalgamation. There will be no rate 'harmonisation' in this period.

### Motions

Motions read by Members are an opportunity to foster important debates and record significant achievements in the community. On the 21st February I read a **Motion bringing to Parliament's attention the public rebuke by the AMA of Labor's Health Spokesperson**, the Hon Walt Secord, for undermining the public Health system. Mr Secord blocked this debate.

The Legislative Council spent some time discussing my Motion on **'Safer Pathways'**. Safer Pathways was launched at Tuggerah Police LAC by Minister Goward. It assists victims of Domestic Violence navigate their way through support services and the Courts. It is co-ordinated by Central Coast Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service.

I brought to Parliament's attention the **Point Clare Speed Zone review** on Brisbane Waters Drive; **Central Coast Australia Day Awards**; death of **Mr Michael Chamberlain** and a moving ceremony conducted by the **Toukley RSL Sub-Branch**.

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## News

# Volunteers' ladders go missing

**Volunteers working to bring new life to the bus shelter in Taylor St, Woy Woy Bay, have called on the community to assist them in locating missing equipment.**

The pair of volunteers, who were painting the bus shelter on March 13, had to quickly leave the area when a large storm broke out shortly after 4pm.

In their haste, the pair left two ladders behind the bus shelter and upon returning to the bus shelter found the ladders had been removed.

Anyone with information regarding the ladders' whereabouts should contact the Bays Community Group.

Newsletter, 14 Mar 2017  
Bob Puffet, Bays Bulletin

# Man charged following shooting

**A man has been charged following a shooting at Woy Woy.**

A 41-year-old man approached police on the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and Dunalban Rd on the evening of Wednesday, March 8, after having been shot in the back.

The police officers administered first aid and called for an ambulance.

The man was taken to Gosford Hospital where he was treated for

the gunshot wound to his lower back.

Early the following morning, police arrested a 21-year-old man at a house in Waterloo Ave, Woy Woy.

He was taken to Gosford Police Station where he was charged with discharging a firearm intending to cause grievous bodily harm.

He was refused bail.

Media release, 9 Mar 2017  
NSW Police Media

# Council holds developers' forum

**Central Coast Council held its first Developers Forum on Monday, February 27 to help get the development industry on board with meeting that challenges of activating town centres and delivering housing choice for its growing community.**

Over 140 industry leaders and development representatives were given an overview of the key growth challenges on the Coast and directly asked how Council could better work with them to deliver the right housing, employment and environmental outcomes for the community.

Council Administrator, Mr Ian Reynolds, said he was pleased with the interest from the development sector to explore ways to improve planning processes to ensure we get the right development in the right place while maintaining the enviable Coast lifestyle.

"We started a conversation about how Council and the sector can work together to deliver the housing and infrastructure our extra 70,000 new residents will need," Mr Reynolds said.

"We need to ensure our planning controls and policies deliver the development we want, sustainable and innovative, and that developers are able to build.

"We need to get developers on board with our real and exciting plans to activate our town centres and public spaces and to make the Coast the very best it can be."

Council Group Leader Environment and Planning, Mr Scott Cox, said the forum was a great opportunity to get direct feedback on Council's various planning and development controls and how they can be best meet the needs of the Coast.

"We need to provide 41,500 additional houses by 2036 to meet

the population increase on the Coast and the Premier has already set the benchmark at 40 days to turn housing DAs around.

"I told the forum Central Coast Council is aiming to beat this standard so Council is not standing in the way of new housing and we can get sustainable development in this area moving faster."

Council Group Leader of Assets, Infrastructure and Business, Mr Mike Dowling, outlined key projects underway on the Coast to support the increasing number of housing and jobs the Coast will need to continue to thrive and prosper.

Not one of the projects mentioned by Mr Dowling was located on the Peninsula.

Due to the high interest in attending the forum, Council is planning on holding an overflow session for those who couldn't make it to the initial meeting.

Media release, 28 Feb 2017  
Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council



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# Umina man to face court

**A Umina man will face court following a search warrant executed at his home uncovered alleged stolen property.**

Officers from Brisbane Water Anti-Theft Unit executed a search warrant at a home on Neptune St, Umina, on Tuesday, February 28.

During the search, police allegedly located a stolen "Stacer" boat and trailer, firearms, ammunition and steroids.

A 33-year-old man was arrested

and taken to Gosford Police Station where he was charged with two counts of goods in custody suspected of being stolen, two counts of possess unregistered firearm, two counts of possess prohibited drug, and with possess ammunition without holding a licence/permit.

He was granted conditional bail to appear at Gosford Local Court on March 21.

Media release, 1 Mar 2017  
NSW Police Media

## Workshops

**Writers' workshops will be held in the Pretty Beach Public School library during lunch time on Wednesdays from March 8.**

Writers' workshop coordinator Ms Michaela Bridgman said: "These workshops will provide students with fun activities which seek to further develop their writing skills.

"A number of parents have kindly volunteered to help enrich our learning experiences through sharing their knowledge and expertise with us," Ms Bridgman said.

"These workshops are open to all students," she said.

Newsletter, 2 Mar 2017  
Michaela Bridgman, Pretty Beach Public School



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## Business decision pays off

**Empire Bay couple Zac and Leigh Peteh decided to establish their own mortgage broker business over two years ago and their decision has paid off.**

Mr and Ms Peteh's business, Mint Equity at Somersby, has just taken out the award for Best Regional Office in the 2017 Better Business Awards.

The award recognised the individual office in a regional location that had most effectively driven business growth over the previous 12 months.

Mint Equity, a mortgage broker, increased their Residential Loan Book by 339 per cent from financial year 2015 to financial year 2016.

This was due to a 239 per cent

increase of residential home loans for the same period.

Ms Peteh said: "We've done this purely by increasing the number of repeat business and referrals and not by the acquisition of additional brokers, purchasing an existing book or big budget marketing."

"Our clients love what we're doing and they keep coming back for more. It's a good feeling and a great achievement."

The Better Business Awards is the mortgage and finance industry's leading program for state-based performance focused on mortgage brokers and the lenders and service providers that support them.

Media release, 27 Feb 2017  
Alison Orren, Brilliant Logic

## New restaurant opens at Hardys Bay

**A new restaurant has opened for business at Hardys Bay Club.**

Harry Hardy's will open from 6pm to close on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights and

from 12pm to close on Saturday and Sunday

The new restaurant operators are offering a Mediterranean-inspired menu.

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

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# COAST COMMUNITY NEWS

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### Remaining former school site land being sold with proposed Finance Office space

Property NSW has confirmed that the remaining 1.1 hectares of land from the former Gosford Public School, including the 7,000 square metre State Finance Office building, is to be sold as a single parcel of land.

### Proposed Finance building on former school site approved by JRPP

A new commercial building to house NSW Department of Finance workers is on the way for Gosford after receiving Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP) approval on Thursday, March 2.

### Gosford Waterfront Alliance disappointed at loss of former school site as an option

The Gosford Waterfront Alliance (GWA) welcomed the development of a State Finance Office for Gosford, but remained extremely disappointed that the NSW Government went for the quick and easy option of putting it on the iconic waterfront, rather than...

### Council nominates Leagues Club Field as location for Performing Arts Centre

Central Coast Leagues Club Field has been nominated as the Central Coast Council's preferred location for the proposed Regional Performing Arts and Conference Centre (RPACC) for the region.

### Leagues Club Park needs to be retained as open space say ACF

The Central Coast Branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation has called on the Central Coast Council to re-assess their planned location of the Regional Performing Arts Centre (RPAC) in Gosford.

### PAC site a reclaimed shale riverbed

Sea level rise and traffic flow are the most important issues to address when considering any redevelopment of the Gosford Waterfront Precinct, according to local historian and spokesperson for community group, Crown Land Our Land, Ms Kay Williams.

### ALP candidate selection undemocratic

Mr John Della Bosca, former Labor Party (ALP) Minister for the Central Coast and a local ALP and community activist, has condemned as arrogant and anti-democratic the ALP National Executive's decision to select a candidate for Robertson by a vote

### Leagues Club Field has for at least 10 years been earmarked for a City Playground

Not everyone is convinced the Central Coast Leagues Club Field is the best site for a Performing Arts Centre (PAC) in Gosford.

### Preferred location for a Regional Library and Learning Centre announced

Central Coast Council announced, at its February meeting, that the Parkside Building on Donnison St, Gosford, is the latest preferred location for a Regional Library and Learning Centre.

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

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### Wallarah 2 gets draft consent but conditions could make it unviable

The Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) has issued draft development consent for the Wallarah 2 Coal Project.

### Gosford books are history: new Council is 'safe, stable and sustainable'

CEO of the Central Coast Council, Mr Rob Noble, has reassured Central Coast ratepayers that the new Council is "safe, financially stable and sustainable" following a forum at which Gosford ...

### Council to build its own aviation hangar at Central Coast Airport

Central Coast Council has lodged a \$2.5 million development application to build an aviation hangar at its Warnervale airport.

### Back to the future with coal mines and power stations

Mr Mike Campbell, former Secretary of Coastal Residents Investigating Power Stations (1985) and former President of Wyong Ratepayers Association, has given an overview of the history of power stations and public health on the Central Coast.

### \$50 million for food research at Campus

Regional Development Australia Central Coast CEO, Mr John Moulard, has welcomed the announcement that the Food Agility Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) will be funded with \$50 million over ten years, through the ...

### Community concerned over possible ash dam pollution

Toukley-based Northern Lakes Disability Tourism Precinct (NLDTP) has asked the NSW Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for answers to questions about ash dams within the Vales Point Power Station.

### Delta Electricity strongly rejects any pollution claims

Delta Electricity has strongly rejected the claims by Environmental Justice Australia about the need for an EPA investigation into air pollution from Vales Point Power Station

### Move rail facility to pay for Link Road

The State Government could move its proposed inter-city rail maintenance facility from the troubled Kangy Angy site to Warnervale as a way to fund the proposed Link Road from Watanobbi to Warnervale.

### Compass Housing to deliver 600 new dwellings for Social and Affordable Housing Fund

Leading community housing provider, Compass Housing, has been awarded a major contract from the NSW Government to help boost social and affordable housing, including new dwellings for...

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# Has Brisbane Water plan been ‘disapproved’?

Peninsula News, March 6, included reports on the deteriorating health of Brisbane Water.

What is the status of the Brisbane Water Plan of Management?

The issue of jetski use has been referred to the NSW Premier and five NSW Government Ministers.

The Brisbane Water Estuary Management Plan Draft, April 2011 included Action C12, “Investigate options for either banning or further limiting the use of jet skis in Brisbane Water Estuary”.

Reading between the lines, no action has been taken since 2011.

The sedimentation issue now requires serious investigation and research above and beyond Action R09: “Conduct ongoing monitoring (by survey) of key navigation channels including Ettalong, Paddy’s, Lintern, Woy Woy,

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Wagstaffe, Cockle, Saratoga”.

How serious are these issues for Central Coast Council?

There is no appointed officer to administer the Brisbane Water Plan of Management.

Increased funding of the plan

will be necessary as the estuary and catchment are developed as reported in PN Feb 20, page 3: “Combined with the forecast growth projected for the Central Coast region, the problem will continue to escalate”.

Has the Plan of Management been “disapproved”?

The estuary will suffer the same development fate as the catchment.

Appendix A of the draft plan contains 178 actions.

This number is reduced to 72 in Appendix B due to funding availability.

Development should have catchment fees imposed that will be directed to fund actions in the Brisbane Water Plan of Management.

Letter, 8 Mar 2017  
Norm Harris, Umina

# Produce the money and the boats

Lest anyone is tempted to laugh at yet another proposal for a fast ferry service from Ettalong to Sydney, I think it is worthwhile pointing out that all of the previous similar proposals had the same thing in common, and that is to secure the valuable waterfront crown land at Ettalong for commercial exploitation.

The proposed ferry service is merely a Trojan horse aimed at convincing the government to approve the leasing and development of the land in the area.

All of the previous proposals have foundered because there is not the slightest possibility that an Ettalong to Sydney ferry service could ever be commercially viable, feasible or productive.

In 1994 it was estimated that such a proposal would cost in the vicinity of \$50 million and even if

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that optimistic figure was anywhere near correct, today, the cost of the same venture would run to at least three times that amount without factoring in the cost of the now proposed full-time dredge to be stationed at Ettalong to carry out constant dredging.

I believe the last proposal for a fast ferry dragged on in Gosford Council for years until finally the Council asked the proponent to demonstrate they had the money and the boats, and when the applicant could not produce either that was the end of the matter.

I suggest council and government adopt the same methodology when considering this latest plan and require the developer to put up or shut up and save us all a lot of time, angst and money.

Email, 12 Mar 2017  
Vic Jefferies, St Huberts Island

# I thought fast ferry nonsense had died years ago

Well, I nearly choked on my Weeties this morning as I was reading all about the proposed fast ferry in your last issue.

I really thought this nonsense had died a few years ago, following a great deal of publicity in another paper with photos of the proposed ferry with comfortable seating and cocktail and coffee bars.

At the time thousands of dollars and man hours had been spent by our Council in the preparation of concept plans, lease agreements and God knows what else.

For goodness sake, who is

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going to pay for the jolly thing?

Where will it berth if it manages to get to Sydney Harbour, and finally who will use it to make it economically viable?

Has the possibility of a one metre swell or a black nor’easter with an outgoing tide been considered?

Furthermore the reality of a commercial wharf and shelter shed at the Bangalow St end, would be nothing short of vandalism.

The improvement along that part of The Esplanade is undoubtedly one of the very best things Gosford

Council has ever done on the Peninsula.

Go there any time of the day and you will find hundreds of people including excited children using the amenity and riding their scooters and bikes.

You would also see a few oldies using the exercise equipment to stay healthy and recapture their youth.

It goes without saying that you could be lucky indeed to find a parking spot anywhere in the vicinity which would rather make it difficult for the proposed development.

Apart from the parking problems, any wharf in that area with boats being tied up to it would completely block and destroy that wonderful view from Ettalong to Half Tide Rocks and Box Head.

I sincerely hope that common sense will ultimately prevail.

Letter, 9 Mar 2017  
Fred Landman, Daleys Point

# Library decision doesn’t inspire confidence

The decision to construct a regional library in Gosford is typical of the 20th-century thinking of the Council which hasn’t yet come to grips with new technologies and with changing patronage patterns.

The way in which library services will be used in the future will be best served by a network of linked satellite libraries (already partly in place and easily adapted and expanded), with close access to local communities, particularly to schoolchildren and the aged.

This might be supplemented

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by a small central archive and reference/research unit that could be accommodated almost anywhere - perhaps on or adjacent to the Ourimbah campus or even associated with the university library.

What is not needed is another monumental structure in a location far from the bulk of the Central Coast population, and the sorry story of the library project that has been bounced around from location to location like a jumping jack, apparently without much basic thinking about reader requirements, doesn’t inspire much confidence in either the old elected council or the Administrator who has succeeded it.

Email, 9 Mar 2017  
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy



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## Community event was not for neutral voters

On March 12, I attended the community event organised by Liesl Tesch and the Labor Party.

I attended thinking it was a community event.

There must be very strong Labor support on the Peninsula, as all I saw were red Labor signs and plenty of real Liesl Tesch t-shirts worn by volunteers and supporters.

Needless to say, red was the dominant colour - a shock for a neutral voter concerned about the many serious issues reported in every edition of the Peninsula News.

How many neutral voters had the opportunity to discuss issues with Liesl Tesch on the day?

A few minutes at the event provided enough time to realise, Liesl Tesch is representing Labor,

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not the Gosford electorate.

I advised a volunteer not to invite me to future Labor-Tesch community events.

One is enough.

There is an urgent need for quality independent candidates to counter the control and in-house interests of political parties.

The event was more like a backyard barbecue than a community event for the voters of the Gosford electorate.

Disappointed, definitely.

Any independent candidate could get my vote because of his or her commitment to the electorate.

An informed vote would be the best option.

Letter, 13 Mar 2017  
Norman Harris, Umina

Having just read the March 4 edition of Peninsula News regarding the fast ferry, the photo of the Kobe fast ferry on the front page representing the proposed fast ferry from Ettalong to Sydney is totally unsuitable.

Being foil borne that vessel draws about four to five metres draft when moving at slow speed and stopped, so would need six metres of water depth to operate west of Little Box Head at low tide.

The area would require a large amount of continuous dredging from Little Box Head around Half Tide Rocks as well as a large deep channel along the Ettalong shore.

This deep channel would then suck all the sand from the beaches including Lobster Beach.

That sand would come off the beaches and the dredging would then dump the sand in deep water at the entrance of Broken Bay.

I am certain the beach goers would complain if their beaches suddenly disappeared over night due to tidal erosion or storms.

As Ettalong is built on sand, after a few years the erosion could be bad enough and with dredging the town might slip into the channel.

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Citizens, vote with your feet at the next council elections.

Email, 15 Mar 2017  
Brian Costello, East Gosford

## Let's leave the beach for the grand kids to play safely

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High speed ferries can cost a lot of money to run so the fares would be approaching aircraft fare costs and there would not be too many people living on the Coast that could afford two trips a day for a week and every week all year

round.

This is in addition to the parking problem at Ettalong, where we have just lost a lot of car spaces opposite the Mantra Resort.

These type of ferries are only suitable for deep water long distance runs and need deep water berthing facilities.

They have high maintenance running costs, as well as the damage to foils hitting the sea bed in shallow waters.

The old Manly hydrofoil ferries were stopped by high maintenance costs.

Let's leave Ettalong as it is: a nice quiet retirement and holiday area where the grand kids can safely play on the beach and stay with their grandparents during the holidays.

Email, 7 Mar 2017  
William Bollard, Ettalong

## Won't see ferry in my lifetime ... still

I note the front page splash "Fast Ferry Service" (PN, March 6).

This is another chance for councillors to sit around and blow smoke to each other.

This proposal was put to council 20 years ago - it was going to be better than sliced bread.

Nothing was done.

I was 20 years younger and I said: "I'll never see it in my lifetime".

I've just turned 79 and it's for sure I won't see it now.

Our beloved council will let this opportunity go to the deep, like the



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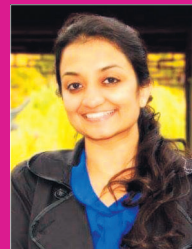
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# Non-invasive brain treatment for depression

A Woy Woy private hospital is the first in the region to offer a non-invasive brain stimulating treatment for depression.

Brisbane Water Private Hospital is delivering repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation for the treatment of depression, according to CEO Ms Kathy Beverley.

"The method is particularly effective for patients who have tried a range of antidepressant medications without success," Ms Beverley said.

Carried out under the supervision of a psychiatrist, the non-invasive treatment takes around 45 minutes per session.

Patients sit in a comfortable chair under a magnetic device which induces small electrical

currents that stimulate the superficial parts of the brain that control mood.

"Studies have evaluated the role of this stimulation in the treatment of depression since the mid-1990s and they have clearly shown that it is more effective than a placebo type of stimulation, especially in patients who have not responded well to antidepressant medication treatment," Ms Beverley said.

Brisbane Waters Private Hospital will be hosting a free community forum from 6pm to 8pm on Monday, March 20, for any member of the local community who would like to know more about the technology and treatment options.

Media release, 8 Mar 2017  
Kathy Beverley, Brisbane Water Private Hospital



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Melanoma survivors Mr Jay Allen and Jody Mckinnon

## Tesch meets nurses and health workers

Labor candidate for Gosford, Ms Liesl Tesch, met with nurses and allied health workers in Woy Woy on Tuesday, March 14, to discuss their concerns with the State Government's privatisation agenda.

The meeting, which included Deputy Opposition Leader, Mr Michael Daley, followed an announcement that Labor would deliver a dedicated nurse walk-in centre for Gosford,

Ms Tesch said: "It's clear from what we've heard here today that hospital and health staff are being put under increased stress from the Liberal Government's lack of

support for the sector," Mr Daley said.

"Waiting times and the experiences of these staff are the frontline effects of the Liberals mismanagement of our health system," he said.

Ms Tesch said: "Our nurses, allied health workers and clinicians do a fantastic job for our community and are being let down by a government who just don't seem to care.

"The flow on effects of the Liberals' privatisations are clear: We will see less staff, less resources and worse outcomes for patients," she said.

Media release, 14 Mar 2017  
Maegan Sykes, NSW Labor

## Support for Melanoma March

A Umina skin cancer March in Queensland has survivor who completed a urged Peninsula residents leg of the Longest Melanoma to support fellow melanoma

survivor and principal marcher, Mr Jay Allen, on his 1200km journey.

Umina's Ms Jody Mckinnon said she urged locals to get behind the campaign, which Mr Allen hoped would raise \$250,000 to fight skin cancer.

According to Ms Mckinnon, Mr Allen started The Longest Melanoma March in honour of friends he lost to melanoma over the years and to give hope to those battling the disease.

Ms Mckinnon marched with Mr Allen for a week, celebrating her 40th birthday and five years being cancer free.

Email, 14 Mar 2017  
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## Presentation on suicide prevention

A free presentation on suicide prevention will be held at the Peninsula Community Centre on Thursday, March 30.

The Living Works safetalk presentation will be run by Lifeline. It aims equip participants over the age of 16 with skills to recognise when someone is at

risk of suicide and how to respond accordingly.

They are designed to help people feel much more prepared to deal with helping a loved one who may be at risk of suicide.

The skills are presented as a four-part method: tell, ask, listen and keep safe.

Coast Community Connections' acting CEO, Ms Jenni Allan, who runs the centre, said: "It's never easy to talk with a loved one about suicide.

"Sometimes, we need to raise awareness by focusing on what is not said, like recognising behaviours and warning signs.

"This training can save lives", said Ms Allan.

"In these presentations, participants learn that people at risk of suicide often signal their distress and invite help.

"This presentation will teach participants how to respond to these signs and link them with further suicide intervention support," said Ms Allan.

Spaces are limited and must be booked in advance, with preference given to local residents.

The workshop is sponsored by Gosford North Rotary Save our Kids Project.

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Katey Small, Brilliant Logic

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The Peninsula Villages Choir at Deepwater Plaza

## Choir performs at shopping centre

Peninsula Village celebrated the NSW Government's "Seniors Festival" with a week of resident activities from March 3 to 12 and a public performance at a local shopping centre on Friday, March 10.

The Peninsula Village choir sang a number of classic songs and tunes as well as one of their own at Deepwater Plaza.

"We feel like we celebrate

seniors all year round, but were pleased to mark the annual Seniors Festival with a fantastic live performance from our singing group," said Peninsula Villages chief executive officer Mr Shane Neaves.

"We now have 17 members in the singing group that includes both residents and a number of volunteers who thoroughly enjoy the company of each other and the joy that singing together brings to them and others whom they

perform to," Mr Neaves said.

"The 2017 Seniors Festival theme was 'Let's do more together' and I believe this special singing performance and our seniors' activities this week reinforced the value of togetherness.

"We have also seen great benefit in offering music-based activities and programs within our residential aged care facilities as a way of promoting positive wellbeing, improved brain functionality and a sense of social

support," he said.

"There is a wealth of evidence to demonstrate the value of music therapy in aged care, in particular for those with cognitive difficulties, neurological damage or disease, depression and stress related illness, as well as locals within palliative care.

"Singing provides many benefits for older aged locals.

"Ongoing research has shown that regular singing can lift your spirits, increase your immunity and

provide a workout for your brain and your lungs and these benefits are even more significant for those experiencing mild to moderate memory loss.

"We offer a range of music and singing activities as part of our resident programs and are now also exploring a dedicated music therapy program that will be part of Peninsula Villages additional services offered to residents in 2017," said Mr Neaves.

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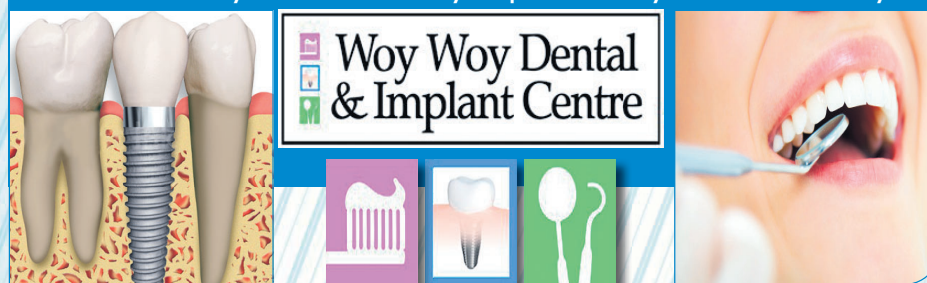
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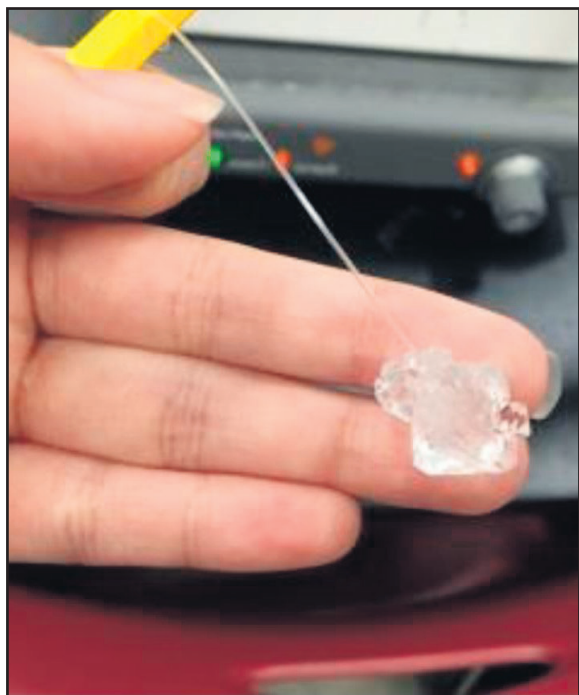
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## Education



Students have been growing crystals during library classes



Crayons become a work of art

### Science experiments for Umina students

**Students at Umina Beach Public School have been undertaking experiments during their classes recently.**

All classes have been watching crystals grow during their library time.

Meanwhile students in 3A have

been experimenting with melting crayons during art classes.

The 3A science unit for Term 1 is "melting moment".

It explores how different substances melt at different temperatures.

The class has discovered that one particular brand of crayon

melts the fastest using a hair dryer.

In 2B, the children discovered that coloured water can "walk" up paper towel and down into an empty cup and then mix together to make a new colour.

**Newsletter, 14 Mar 2017  
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School**



Blue and red coloured water "walks" to make black



From crayon to melting moment

### Steve Collins leaves Woy Woy South

**Woy Woy South Public School has announced that teacher Mr Stephen Collins will be leaving the school.**

After working in the role of relieving principal at Kulnura Public School during the first few weeks of the 2017 school year, Mr Collins has been offered the position in a permanent capacity and has accepted, following a merit selection process.

"Mr Collins has for many years worked tirelessly in his roles as a classroom teacher, assistant

principal, deputy and relieving principal," said Woy Woy South relieving principal Mr Matt Barr.

"His knowledge, leadership and humour will be missed at our school but we know that his impact on Kulnura will be equally as influential.

"On behalf of our entire school community, we wish him all the very best in his new role," Mr Barr said.

**Newsletter, 8 Mar 2017  
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School**

### Splash-a-thon postponed due to the wet

**Umina Beach Public School has postponed its annual Splash-a-thon fundraiser due to the wet weather.**

"Unfortunately due to weather conditions and the condition of the playground, the annual Splash-a-thon will be postponed until Friday, April 7," said P and C president Ms

Jodi Reith.

Parents and students were informed that, as a result of the date change, their sponsorship forms and money were due back on Wednesday, April 5.

**Newsletter, 16 Mar 2017  
Jodi, Reith, Umina Beach Public School**

### Mental health first aid project launched

**A Teen Mental Health First Aid Training Project has been launched at the Peninsula Community Centre by NSW Minister for Multiculturalism, Mr Ray Williams.**

The program will be for Years 10, 11 and 12 students to help them to recognise the signs of mental health problems.

The project was a result of a survey completed by 700 local

young people, in which 80 per cent recognised the need for improved information on mental health issues.

Representing the NSW Department of Family and Community Services, Mr Williams was joined by Coast Community Connections president Ms Sharryn Brownlee and the organisation's acting CEO Ms Jenni Allan, who accepted the \$20,000 grant to fund the project.

"Our Evolution Youth Services team will be facilitating a number of sessions with young people in the local community to help them understand the signs of poor mental health including depression, anxiety, psychosis and eating disorders," Ms Allan said.

"The rollout of the Teen Mental Health First Aid Project will be delivered through three 75 minute sessions and will also provide information and tools to assist young people to better recognise and detect signs of mental health crisis, touching on issues such as suicide, aggressive behaviour, self-injury, trauma and substance abuse," she said.

As well as launching the youth program, Mr Williams took the opportunity to take a tour of the organisation's ageing and disability services facilities located in the Yaringaa building at Woy Woy.

**Media release, 14 Mar 2017  
Katey Small, Brilliant Logic**



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## Harmony Day activities planned

**Woy Woy South Public School's Harmony Day Celebration will be on March 21.**

The message of the day is "everyone belongs" and aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone. Students are invited to wear a

touch of orange with their school uniform on the day.

A special assembly will be conducted and students will also engage in specific activities linked to the ideals of the celebration.

A Harmony Day menu will also be available at the canteen on the day.

**Newsletter, 15 Mar 2017  
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School**



*Pretty Beach Public School students ready in their gloves for Clean Up Australia Day*

## Executive team holds planning day

**Woy Woy Public School's executive team held a successful planning day on Thursday, March 9.**

"Our school executive team consists of Ms Janine Szostak, Ms Louise Rayner, Ms Leanne Wiliame, Mr Robert Steller, Mr Andrew Brady (term 1), Mr Dan Betts and myself," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"Gosford network principal liaison officer Mr Brad Lewis was our guest," Ms Buckley said.

"With Mr Lewis's guidance, our team worked through a new online application to formulate our annual report for the school for 2016, our self-evaluation assessment for educational delivery and a future validation process," she said.

"This process enables us to look deeply into our school processes, policies, procedures, community connections, student achievement data and external student results to determine future focus goals and milestones.

"The Annual Report for 2016 for

our school will be available on our website after April 1," she said.

**Newsletter, 16 Mar 2017  
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School**

**Pretty Beach Public School students got involved in tidying up their school for Clean Up Australia Day.**

"We are very fortunate at Pretty Beach to have such a beautiful

environment," said principal Ms Deborah Callender.

"As a whole school, we respect this and are always responsible for putting any rubbish in the bins so on the day there was not a lot of

litter, but we all still enjoyed putting on our gloves and using the special bags provided," Ms Callender said.

**Newsletter, 16 Mar 2016  
Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach Public School**



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## Swimming team competes

**Woy Woy South swimming team competed in the SSC Zone Swimming Carnival at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on Tuesday March 14.**

Woy Woy South showed their determination and superb sportsmanship throughout the day, according to relieving principal Mr Matt Barr.

The school achieved first place in the 50m Freestyle with a new southern Central Coast record for 10 year olds at 36.06 seconds.

**Newsletter, 15 Mar 2017  
Matt Barr, Woy Woy**

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"Not everyone who is experiencing problems hearing needs a hearing aid.

"Sometimes it's just hearing the TV at normal volumes, hearing your doorbell, or hearing your friends on the phone that's the problem," Mr Reid said.

No appointment is necessary.

Australian Hearing will provide hearing checks to any interested adults who visit the bus on the day.

Media release, 7 Mar 2017  
Vicki Foster, Australian Hearing

Duo sing at folk club

Penny Davies and Roger Ilott will be performing at the Troubadour Folk Club in Woy Woy from 7pm on Saturday March 25.

Davies and Ilott's music spans folk and country, according to club president Mr Michael Fine.

"They have reinvigorated the bush ballad, kept alive the protest song, and have celebrated all that it means to be Australian without a cork hat, lager phone or phoney

accent on the horizon.

"Davies has one of the richest voices in Australian folk and country music; and when you add in the integrity of Ilott's gentle delivery, you have the best harmonies you're likely to hear."

Tickets will be selling for \$10, \$13 and \$15.

Media Release, 10 Mar 2017  
Michael Fine, The Troubadour Woy Woy



HOTEL GOSFORD

# BLUES AND ROOTS

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
RESIDENT BAND  
**BLUESANGELS**

This month's  
special guest artist  
**Mark 'n' The Blues**

**FREE ENTRY**

**April 1 - 7pm till 11pm**

www.hotelgosford.com.au  
Cnr Mann & Erina St Gosford  
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AN ALL AGES EVENT!

A Show featuring Music from Grease, Can't Stop the Music, Mamma Mia, Priscilla, Viva Las Vegas, Slum Dog Millionaire & more. Plus the Six Pak Show Girls.

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**Sun 9 April** Tickets: \$10 Members & \$15 for guests  
Doors at 2.30pm, 3pm Show

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Sat 15 April  
\$20 for members & \$25 for guests  
Doors open 8.30pm

**Good Morning ETTALONG**

Milko Foucault-Larche in ENGELBERT THE WAY IT USED TO BE

Entertainer, Producer, Artistic Director & recording artist Milko Foucault-Larche pays tribute to the life, the career and the wonderful songs of Engelbert Humperdinck.

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Break for lunch.  
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Patonga artist Ms Vanessa Ashcroft is supporting Art for Epilepsy as part of a nation-wide effort

## Patonga artist in epilepsy art auction

A Patonga artist is one of 160 prominent and emerging artists nationwide participating in Art for Epilepsy, an online art auction raising funds for people living with epilepsy.

Ms Vanessa Ashcroft, from Patonga's Salt and Sand studio and gallery, said she was happy to donate to the cause when event organisers approached her.

"Throughout my 25 years as an artist, I've endeavoured to help others through acts of art philanthropy when I can and when I was asked to get on board there was no way I could decline," Ms Ashcroft said.

"The need was there, and I really enjoy the fact that this auction makes art more accessible to people, with the majority of the pieces up for auction being really affordable," Ms Ashcroft said.

Ms Ashcroft's piece, entitled "Seated Nude", is composed with

inks, oils, pastels and acrylics and adds an element of home to the national auction, with the piece featuring Central Coast life model Ms Jaqui Pasco.

Close to 200 artworks are up for auction, including water colours, abstracts and illustrations.

The auction opened on February 14 and will conclude at 9pm on International Epilepsy Awareness Day on March 26.

Epilepsy Action is the largest provider of education and support services to children and adults with epilepsy across Australia.

Funds raised from the auction will go towards supporting their programs.

The charity's mission is to enable people living with epilepsy to unlock their true potential, better manage their condition, and to ultimately lead happier lives.

Interview, 14 Mar 2017

Vanessa Ashcroft, Artist

Media release, 14 Mar 2017

Rachel McDougall, Lanham PR

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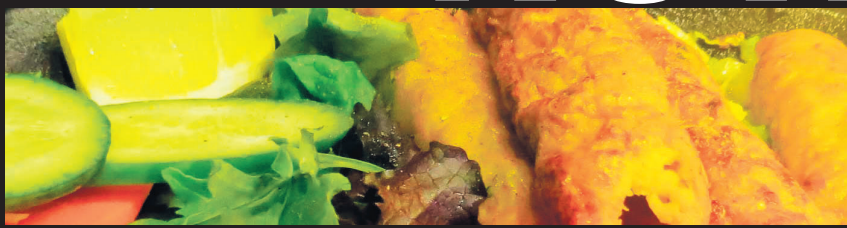
### Ph: 02 4341 7234

46 Picnic Parade, Ettalong Beach, NSW – 2257

Lunch: 12:00 – 2:00pm (Mon – Friday)

12:00 – 2:30pm (Sat – Sunday)

Dinner starts at 5:00pm – till late





# Directory - Not for profit Community Organisations

## Art & Culture

**Central Coast Art Society**  
Weekly paint-outs  
Tues 4369 5860.  
Workshops 9.30am 1st & 3rd  
Wed Gosford City Art Centre  
4363 1156.  
Social Meetings 1.30pm 4th  
Wed for demonstrations  
publicity@artcentralcoast.asn.au  
4325 1420

## Central Coast Handweavers, Spinners and Textile Arts Guild

Spinning and weaving,  
patchwork and quilting, felting  
and other fibre and fabric  
crafts, community quilting bees  
Day and Night Groups  
4325 4743  
www.cottagecrafts.net.au

## Central Coast Potters Society

Running classes, workshops,  
demonstrations, exhibitions  
and social events - Annual  
exhibitions in May and  
December  
info@ccpotters.org  
4324 5343

## Ettalong Beach Art & Crafts Centre

Adult classes in Pottery  
Watercolours, Oils, Acrylics,  
Pastels, Silvercraft,  
Patchwork & Quilting  
Children's Art & Pottery  
Mon - Sat 10am - 3pm  
4341 8344  
madogis@hotmail.com

## Point Clare Art & Craft

Wed - Adult Art Class  
Wed & Fri - Adult Crafts  
Bunka Embroid, Cards,  
Crotchet, Cross Stitch \$3  
Point Clare Hall  
10am - 12noon 4325 5007

## Hospital Art Australia Inc.

Meet every Tue and Fri  
9am-2pm - 109 Birdwood Ave,  
Umina - Painting and Canvas  
drawing. Volunteers welcome  
hospitalartaustalia.com.au  
0431 363 347

## Bushwalking

## National Parks Association Central Coast

Twice weekly bush walks,  
varying distances and grades  
of difficulty. Explore, enjoy  
scenery, fauna, floral, history.  
Keep fit and make friends.  
4389 4423 & 4332 7378

## Community Centres

## Peninsula Community Centre

**Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd Woy Woy**  
Activities, programs and  
support groups for children,  
teens, adults and seniors  
including occasional care,  
playgroups, dance classes,  
karate, fitness classes,  
youth services, gambling  
solutions, internet kiosk  
and social groups.  
www.coastcommunityconnections.com.au  
4341 9333

## Ettalong 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre

Mon - Fri - Cards, Computer  
Lessons, Dancing, Indoor  
Bowls, Fitness, Handicrafts,  
Leatherwork, Line Dancing,  
Painting, Scrabble, Table  
Tennis, Tai Chi, Yoga, Darts  
4341 3222

## Central Coast Community Legal Centre

Not for profit org in Wyong  
providing free legal advice.  
Intake times for legal advice  
Monday to Friday 9am-5pm  
**4353 4988**  
centralcoast@clc.net.au

## Community Groups

**ABC "The Friends"** Support  
group for Public Broadcaster.  
Aims: Safeguard ABC's  
independence, adequate  
funding, high standards.  
Meetings through the year +  
social afternoons

Well-known guest speakers  
www.fabcsnw.org.au  
4341 5170

## Central Coast Social Group

Social contact, entertainment  
events, new friendships, for  
30's-60's  
Live music, house parties,  
dinners, BBQs, picnics, trips  
away etc.  
Monthly Meet & Chat  
0422 243 101  
email cco30s@live.com.au

## Central Coast 50+ Singles Social Group

Ladies & gents dinner, dancing -  
BBQs & socialising each w/end.  
Monthly programme for all areas  
0412 200 571  
0437 699 366  
50pssg@gmail.com

## Mingaletta Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander

Provides members and other  
groups a meeting place and  
referral hub for education,  
health, well-being and cultural  
programs.  
Mon-Fri 9am - 4pm  
6 Sydney Ave Umina  
4342 7515  
admin@mingaletta.com.au

## Peninsula School for Seniors

Community Centre,  
McMasters Road, Woy Woy  
Discussions, rumikin, craft,  
history, walks, & coach trips  
Tues, Wed, Thur  
4341 5984 or 4341 0800

## Peninsula Village Playgroup

Carers, Grandparents, parents  
& children 'Intergenerational  
Playgroup'  
Tues 10-11.30am  
4344 9199

## Probus Club of Woy Woy

Friendship, Fellowship,  
and social functions  
for active retirees.  
1st Wed - 10am  
Everglades Country Club  
4344 7070

## Seniors Computer Club Central Coast

Classes held Monday to  
Friday for everyone over 50  
Basics: Mon , Tues and  
Thurs 10am to 12noon  
Different programs every day,  
10am to 12noon or 1pm to 3pm  
Apple-Mac: Mon, Tues, Wed  
All at our club rooms, Kincumber  
Neighbourhood Centre  
Bookings or inquiries  
02 4307 9421

## The Krait Club

Community Centre - Cooinda  
Village, Neptune St, Umina  
10.30am For seniors. Gentle  
exercises, quizzes, games,  
social activities, guest  
speakers, entertainment and  
bus trips - 4344 3277

## Umina Beach Men's Shed

Men share a variety of tools,  
pursue interests and hobbies,  
spend time with other men and  
learn new skills  
Darrell 4342 9606

## Volunteering Central Coast

Refers potential volunteers  
to community orgs. Supports  
both volunteers and community  
orgs. Training for volunteers &  
their managers. 4329 7122  
recruit@volcc.org.au

## Wagstaffe to Killcare Community

Protect and preserve the  
environment & residential  
nature of the Bouddi Peninsula  
and to strengthen community  
bonds  
2nd Mon, 7.30pm Wagstaffe  
Hall 4360 2945  
info@wagstaffetokillcare.org.au

## Health Groups

### Al-Anon

If someone's drinking is  
causing you problems...  
Al-Anon can help  
4344 6939

1300 252 666  
Meetings Sat 2pm  
Woy Woy Hospital  
Ocean Beach Road

## Arthritis NSW

Woy Woy support group  
Woy Woy Bowling Club  
North Burge Road Woy Woy  
3rd Tues 10.30am  
1800 011 041

## Better Hearing Australia - Central Coast

Hearing loss management  
support and education.  
7 groups across the Coast  
Providing practical experience  
and confidence  
4321 0275  
www.centralcoast.betterhearingaustralia.org.au

## BlueWave Living

Woy Woy Community Aged  
Care facility providing residential  
aged care to the frail aged.  
Permanent and respite care  
accommodation available.  
Information 2nd and  
4th Tues - 11am  
4344 2599  
reception@bluewaveliving.org.au

## Central Coast Parkinson's Support Group

We aim to help individuals and  
their families better manage living  
with Parkinson's Disease  
Guest speakers are a regular  
feature of our meetings.  
2nd Tue - 1.30pm  
1800 644 189

## Gambling Solutions

Gambling help counsellors  
providing free confidential  
professional service to  
gamblers, family and friends.  
Woy Woy, Kincumber,  
Gosford and The Entrance  
4344 7992

## GROW Support Groups

Small friendly groups formed to learn  
how to overcome anxiety, depression  
and loneliness and to improve mental  
health and well-being. Anonymous,  
free and open to all. Bring a support  
person if you like. Weekly meetings at  
Woy Woy, Bateau Bay and Wyong  
1800 558 268  
www.grow.org.au

## Meals on Wheels

Delicious meals delivered free  
Join us for a midday meal  
Help with shopping and  
cooking classes  
4341 6699

## Mary Mac's Place

Providing hot, freshly cooked  
meals - Mon to Fri 11am-1pm  
with support, info & referrals  
4341 0584  
marymacs@woywoycatholic.org.au

## Overeaters Anonymous (OA)

12-step fellowship for those  
with eating disorders. No  
dues, fees, or weigh-ins.  
Peninsula Com. Cntr, cnr. Mc  
Masters Rd & Ocean Beach  
Rd. Woy Woy, Fri 8pm  
www.oa.org  
0412 756 446

## Peninsula Village Wellness Centre

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

## Peninsula Village Meals

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

## Peninsula Village Carer's Support Group

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

## Prostate Cancer Support Group (Gosford)

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

## Riding for the Disabled

Horse Riding as a therapy

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

## Schizophrenia and Bipolar Fellowship

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

## Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance

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

## Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club

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

## Music

## Brisbane Water Brass

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

## Gosford Musical Society Minstrels

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

## Soundwaves

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

## Troubadour Central Coast Folk, Traditional & Acoustic

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

## Political Groups

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

## Umina Ettalong Branch

2nd Mon Umina Beach Bowling  
Club 7.30pm 4342 3676  
**Ourimbah/ Narara Branch**  
Niagara Park Primary School  
7.30pm 1st Mon  
0410 309 494  
kyle.macgregor@hotmail.com

## Woy Woy Branch

Everglades Country Club  
7.30pm 2nd Mon  
0412 517 520  
belindaneal@bigpond.com

## Peninsula Day Branch

1pm 2nd Mon  
CWA Hall Woy Woy  
4341 9946

## Central Coast Greens

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

## Politics in the Pub Central Coast

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

## Service Groups

## Lions Club of Woy Woy

1st and 3rd Mon. Woy Woy  
Leagues Club  
0478 959 895  
Make new friends and have fun

while serving your community.

## Northern Settlement Services - Volunteers

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

## Rotary Clubs

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

## Rotary Club of Kariong

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

## Rotary Club of Umina Beach

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

## Rotary Club of Woy Woy

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

## Special Interest

## Brisbane Water Caravan Club

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

## Biz Plus Networking Association

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

## Bridge

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

## Cash Housie

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

## Central Coast Family History Society Inc.

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

## Central Coast Tenants' Advice and Advocacy Service

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

## Central Coast Lapidary Club, Minerals & Gems

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

## Central Coast Rescue Unit

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

## Central Coast Soaring Club Inc

Gliding Club, Learn to fly,  
Instruction FREE to members  
Come and have an Air

Experience Flight  
All Welcome

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

## Peninsula Environment Group

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

## Woy Woy Judo Club

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

## Veterans

## National Malaya Borneo Veterans Association

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

## Vietnam Veterans' Peacekeepers' and Peacemakers'

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

## Woy Woy Ettalong Hardy's Bay RSL

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

## Women's Groups BPW Central Coast

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

## Country Women's Association Umina

Opposite Fisherman's Wharf  
**Branch Meetings**  
2nd Wednesday 10am  
**Craft & Friends**  
Wednesdays 9.30am  
2nd and 4th Sundays 12.15pm  
0416 193 070 - 4340 1746

## Country Women's Association Woy Woy

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

## Gosford RSL Women's Auxiliary

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

## Peninsula Women's Health Centre

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

## WOWGIRLS Wave of Wisdom

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

# NEWSPAPERS

## central coast

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



# Junior judo players compete at Castle Hill

**Woy Woy Judo Club's junior players competed at the Budokan Judo Club at Castle Hill in the Monsters League Judo Tournament on March 13.**

For some of the students, it was their first judo competition.

The day started off with the youngest and lightest competitors, Kristina Tutic (5), Tim Alchin (6), and Momir Tutic (6).

Kristina went 2 to 1 to take out

the bronze medal in her division of under-21kg.

Tim had some great fights and surprised himself throwing his opponent for Wazari (half point) before unfortunately being thrown with a few seconds to go but he also brought home a bronze.

Momir had some tough fights and managed to throw one of his opponents to the ground and held him down for 20 seconds to take Ippon (full point) and win silver.

Mara Hatfield Favand (6), Sam

Boyd (7), and Harry Imran (8) also had some tough matches.

Mara going 2 to 2, to take a bronze medal in only her second competition.

Sam was off to a flying start throwing his opponent for Wazari and eventually holding him down for the win.

In his final fight, Sam got caught and was thrown for Ippon, taking out the bronze.

Harry made his Judo Tournament debut, throwing his first opponent and following up on the ground holding his opponent for the win.

Unfortunately, in his final match, time got away from him and he lost, but took out a silver.

Head coach Mr Daniel Simmons said: "These kids are absolutely amazing."

"No matter what their result was, there was a lot of experience gained and they should be proud of themselves," Mr Simmons said.

Media release, 14 Mar 2017  
Danny Simmons, Woy Woy Judo Club



Head Coach Mr Danny Simmons (centre) with Woy Woy Judo Club Juniors

## The Fletcher Gallery

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FOR DETAILS CONTACT

ZOE FLETCHER

www.zoefletcher.com

4324 2801 or 0497 766 522

zoefletcher\_1@hotmail.com

## The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

### Monday, Mar 20

Years Ahead Driving Program, Ettalong 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre, 10am to 11am

Umina Library Knitters, 10am to 11am and March 27

### Wednesday, Mar 22

Lego Club, Woy Woy Library, 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Brisbane Water Scrabble Club, Peninsula Community Centre, MacMasters Rd, Woy Woy and March 29

### Friday, Mar 24

Woy Woy Little Theatre presents When Dad Married Fury at the Peninsula Theatre, 8pm and Mar 25, with matinees on Saturday and Sunday

### Saturday, Mar 25

Opera in the Arboretum 2017, Pearl Beach

Trent Crawford Trio, Hardys Bay Club, 7:30pm

Penny Davies and Roger Ilott, Troubadour Folk Clb, CWA Hall, The Boulevard, Woy Woy from 7pm

Central Coast Water Polo Association Grand Finals,

Peninsula Leisure Centre, Woy Woy, 9am to 4:30pm

### Sunday Mar 26

The Deck Sessions featuring Bandditts, Hardys Bay Club, 3pm  
Ben Woodham, Secret Cafe Woy Woy 9:30am then Woy Woy Leagues Club, 4pm

### Tuesday, Mar 28

Science Story Time, Umina Library, 10:30am to 11:30am  
Drawing Techniques Art Seminar, Charcoal demonstration, Woy Woy Library, 2:30pm to 3:30pm

### Thursday, Mar 30

Science Story Time, Umina Library, 10:30am to 11:30am  
Suicide prevention with LivingWorks SafeTALK, Peninsula Community Centre, 6pm to 9:30pm, bookings essential

### Sunday, Apr 2

Sunday Blues Jam Session, Hardys Bay Club, 2pm  
Pretty Beach markets, Pretty Beach Public School, 9am to 2pm

### Thursday, Apr 6

Ben Woodham, Sounds on West, Umina, 6:30pm

### Monday, Apr 10

Wii U for you, Umina Library, 2:30pm to 4pm

### Tuesday, Apr 11

Classic crafts for beginners, Woy Woy Library, 2:30pm to 4pm

### Saturday, Apr 15

Patonga Easter Saturday Fete, Patonga Progress Hall, 9am to 1pm

### Sunday, Apr 16

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

Ocean beach Surf Life Saving Club luncheon for former members at the clubhouse  
Jam with Pete Healy at Hardys Bya Club from 3pm

### Thursday, Apr 20

Classic Tales, Woy Woy Library, 10am to 11:30am

### Saturday, Apr 22

Bob Evans Lonesome Highways Tour, Hardys Bay Club,

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

## Peninsula directory of services, contacts and support groups

## Ambulance, Police, Fire 000

### Emergency

Ambulance, Police, Fire 000

Police Assistance Line 131 444

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

Woy Woy Police Station 4379 7399

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## Roosters have first hit-out

The Woy Woy Roosters had their first hit out for the 2017 season on February 18, when the club took two teams to trial against Berkeley Eagles down at Berkeley Sports Ground on the South Coast.

The players coaching staff and committee members with newly appointed 1st Grade ball boy Brae Goddard from the Roosters U8's headed off from Woy Woy Leagues Club at 8:30am.

The full squad of players was unable to attend as many had previous commitments; never the less new coaches Mr Mack Fawcett and Mr Scott Wilesmith were confident of putting on a good display.

The second grade team took to the field but suffered a blow when captain coach Mr Scott Wilesmith suffered a head knock in the first quarter that had him leave the field and not return.

Miguel Acevedo-Moreno from the under-19s was sent into the game earlier than expected and made an impact straight away and continued throughout his time on the field to take on and trouble the Berkeley defence every time he took

the ball up.

The Eagles got away with an early lead and ended up winners 16-10 but the Roosters performed well and Mr Wilesmith and the coaching staff were happy with the effort considering the number of players that were unavailable and the number of ball work sessions the team had under their belt.

By the time kick-off for first grade, dark clouds were rolling in from the south.

Like second grade, Mack's boys were slow getting into the game and it took a while for them to settle into a rhythm and make the ball stick.

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Once he had his timing, he started directing his support around the park and troubling the Berkeley defence; pushing them onto their back foot as well as

putting a couple of pearlers in from the boot.

The game was cut short due to lightning in the second quarter with the Roosters starting to look dangerous picking up the momentum.

Shortly after the players left the field the weather deteriorated further with hail pounding down, the game was called with Woy Woy ahead 6-0.

Media release, 23 Feb 2017  
Tim McParlane, Woy Woy  
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Back from left: Danny Simmons, Felix Orr, Lachlan Grace, Kieren Handley and front: Archie Orr, Kalen Markey and Jarvis Orr

## Excellent results in national judo tournament

**Woy Woy Judo Club athletes achieved excellent results in the first National Judo Tournament of the year.**

The competition was held in Canberra on February 21 to 22.

Lachlan Grace (12) competed in the Senior Boys' under-40kg division on the first day of the competition.

Lachlan managed to win his first bronze medal at a national tournament.

Felix Orr (16) stepped up to a brand new weight category, Cadet Men under-60kg, and was unfortunately eliminated in a close first round match.

Dorothy Chow (16) rounded out the day competing in three age divisions and taking three fifth places in her debut on the national circuit.

Woy Woy Judo Club's Junior contingent took to the mat on the second day of the competition.

Jarvis Orr (8) was first up going

2 to 1 to take a bronze in the under-38kg division.

Jarvis blasted through his first two opponents winning by Ippon (full point) setting up a semi-final match against the number-one ranked player in the division.

Unfortunately Jarvis was thrown in the last minute and settled for his first silver national medal.

Jarvis' brother Archie (10) competed in the under-46kg division, going also 2 to 1 in a round robin division to take the silver medal and throw of the day.

Kalen Markey (10) fought in the heavyweight division at over-50kg, sweeping through his division to go 2 to 0 and take out his first national gold medal.

Head coaches, Mr Danny Simmons and Mr Kieren Handley, said they were thrilled for their students.

"The ACT Open is one of the toughest competitions on the Australian Judo circuit," Mr Handley said.

"To medal at this level is an achievement and we are proud of all of them," Mr Simmons added.

The Woy Woy Judo Club will compete in another national competition in Queensland, Junior State tournaments and NSW State Titles in coming months.

Media release, 14 Mar 2017  
Danny Simmons, Woy Woy Judo Club

## Bridge club holds autumn pairs

**The Brisbane Water Bridge Club held its annual Autumn Pairs on March 15.**

The winners were Ms Julie Teague and Ms Marilyn Jarrett with 65 per cent.

Ms Gwen White and Mr Bob Morris placed second, while Ms Sylvia Foster and Ms Jaan Oitmaa

placed third.

The club announced that Ms Foster had been elevated to grand master, which required 1000 master points.

Ms Foster is the club's teaching programs organiser.

Email, 16 Mar 2017  
Laurie Powell, Brisbane Water Bridge Club



Winners Julie Teague and Marilyn Jarrett

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**Newsletter, 10 Mar 2017  
Peter Bagnall, Killcare SLSC**



*Pre-season training has begun for the Peninsula Junior Swans*

## Ocean Beach members win bronze

**The Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club members have won bronze medals at the Surf Life Saving NSW Age Championships.**

The Ocean Beach SLSC under-14 Boys Beach Relay team and the Two-Person under-12/13 R&R Blue Team won bronze medals at the championships held at Swansea-Belmont club on March 4 to 6.

The boys, Will Adams, Hayden Doyle, Blaine Hayes, and Cooper-

Jay Staunton have been successful this year in winning bronze at the Branch Junior championships held at Umina on February 5 and came third at the Open Championship in the under-15's category on February 12.

The two-person under-12/13 R&R Blue team consisted of Mercedes Newton and Mikaela Kelly.

**Media release, 10 Mar 2017  
Belinda Thompson, Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club**

## Training starts for Junior Swans

**Training for the Peninsula Junior Swans kicked off this month with Mr Mark Iveli and Mr David Brook taking a group of enthusiastic junior players through fitness and skills training at Kitchner Park, Ettalong on Thursday, March 9.**

During these pre-season training sessions, all ages trained together giving older players a chance to mentor and help younger and less experienced players learn and build skills.

With grassroots AFL rising, and

the launch of a National Women's league in AFL, never has the future for the Peninsula Junior Swans looked brighter, according to the coaches.

Rogers Park is the home ground for the Junior Swans, which with its playing surface restored by the former Gosford Council is claimed by the club "to be one to the best on the Coast".

The club saw itself as providing local juniors with a wider choice of winter sports.

"We have many youngsters who play more than one code of football

in winter, AFL on Sundays which helps with fitness and all round ball skills for all other football," Mr Iveli said.

This year, the club has introduced a "boot bin" for players to donate old boots for community use once they grow out of them.

Peninsula Junior Swans hope to field seven teams this year in under-9s, under-11s and under-12s, which can be played mixed with girls and boys on the same team.

**Media release, 15 Mar 2017  
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