



Looking across Correa Bay from the foreshore reserve with boat ramp in bottom right hand corner

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## Correa Bay closed after sewage discharge

**Correa Bay boat ramp and the adjoining foreshore area were closed after the discharge of sewage into the bay during a severe thunderstorm on Wednesday, March 22.**

Central Coast Council issued a public health alert at 4:55pm on Friday, March 24, two days after the storm, to advise the public that water quality may have been affected.

The council attributed the contamination to a combination of large storm water flows and a power outage at a sewage pump station.

As a precaution, Council closed the boat ramp and adjoining foreshore area and advised residents to avoid swimming, fishing and other recreational activities in the area until further

notice.

"Council continues to monitor the situation closely and is working with the NSW Environment Protection Authority and other relevant authorities," the council statement said.

The boat ramp and foreshore area remained closed until 4:54pm on Monday, March 27, when it was reopened after the council confirmed "water quality is suitable for recreational purposes".

The Central Coast Council has an Environment Protection Licence which states that the Council is required: to prevent as far as practicable sewage overflows and sewage treatment plant bypasses; to have proper and efficient management of the system to minimise harm to the environment and public health; and to have practical measures in

place to protect the environment and public health from sewage overflows and sewage treatment plant effluent.

As part of its licence conditions, Council is required to notify the EPA of the date, estimated start time and estimated duration of the bypass; the estimated volume of the bypass; the probable cause of the bypass; any actions taken to stop the bypass happening; and any actions taken to prevent the bypass happening again.

As licensee it must also record details in relation to each observed or reported overflow from the reticulation system and from the sewage treatment plant: the location of the overflow; the date, estimated start time and estimated duration of the overflow; the estimated volume of the overflow; a description

of the receiving environment of the overflow; classification as a dry or wet weather overflow; the probable cause of the overflow; any actions taken to stop the overflow happening; any actions taken to clean up the overflow; and any actions taken to prevent the overflow happening again.

Any risks to public health should also be made public "immediately" under the licence and the Department of Health and the Safe Foods NSW Shellfish Quality Assurance Program must also be informed where the bypass or overflow could have potential impacts on shellfish production.

**SOURCES:**

Media releases, 24 and 27 Mar 2017  
Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council  
Website, 30 Mar 2017  
Environmental Protection Authority

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# Ettalong channel not listed in State dredging strategy

**The Brisbane Water channel has not been listed in the NSW Government's dredging strategy.**

Priority regional locations listed in the strategy included 28 coastal harbours and river entrances from Tweed Heads in the north to Eden in the south but Brisbane Water was not included.

"Locations where dredging would maintain navigational access to state-owned maritime infrastructure were considered as priority regional locations," the strategy said.

"Dredging at these locations will be fully funded by the State Government under the NSW Government's Coastal Infrastructure Program," it said.

The Department of Primary Industries has stated Brisbane Water does not include State-owned maritime infrastructure.

"Other locations in regional coastal NSW where dredging is required to meet community needs and that deliver navigational benefits in local waterways will be delivered in partnership between state and local government under the Rescuing our Waterways



The Brisbane Water Channel

Program," it said.

Priority regional locations were to receive \$2 million over four years and local waterways over \$6 million over four years through the Rescuing our Waterways Program.

Funding opportunities were to be \$1.5 million per year in total.

The strategy listed the benefits of dredging as including safer navigation; accessibility to local waterways and boating

infrastructure and facilities; improved waterway conditions; improved water flows for healthy estuaries; use of dredged sand for beach nourishment especially at locations susceptible to coastal erosion; flow-on benefits for local economies by increasing coastal tourism opportunities through activities such as fishing and boating.

"Boating access to NSW

waterways contributes significantly to regional economies, ... helps drive employment, investment and business growth."

The dredging strategy was to be implemented in three stages to maintain accessibility to waterways and improve environmental health.

Stage one was from 2017 to 2020 and priorities included: supporting local government and building their capacity to undertake dredging

operations in local waterways; assisting councils to prioritise and establish long-term dredging delivery plans to maximise funding opportunities under the Rescuing Our Waterways Program; assisting councils to identify linkages with dredging works and coastal hazard mitigation; and beach amenity improvements; and to identify co-funding opportunities under the Coastal Management Program (administered by the Office of Environment and Heritage).

Applications would be assessed on the basis of: access to existing and proposed maritime infrastructure; contribution of boating to the region's economy; severity of shoaling and longevity and practicality of dredging; environmental benefits and sensitivity; compatibility with coastal zone management planning and demonstrated support from local community.

Central Coast Council has not indicated whether it will be applying for funding under the program.

**Strategy document, Mar 2017**  
**Andrew Ling, Department of Primary Industries**

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**The market will operate each Sunday from 8.00am till 1.00pm Rain, Hail or Shine.**

**Gosford City Farmers' Market**

Gosford Racecourse,  
4 Racecourse Rd, Gosford West





# Applications for committee membership

**Central Coast Council has received 51 applications from business and community members for three membership positions on its new Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.**

Council established the committee at its January 24 meeting, and called for expressions of interest for three external members to be appointed.

Council administrator Mr Ian Reynolds said the establishment of an internal audit committee was

recommended by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

He said it was "fantastic" to receive 51 responses.

"This highlights the interest in the business and wider community to make a positive contribution to new Central Coast Council," said Mr Reynolds.

"The role of the committee is to review all of Council's operations including compliance, risk management, fraud control, financial management and governance and it is important

to have external expertise and oversight of those processes.

"We need to ensure we have the right checks and balances in place, and that our finances and process are sound so we can continue to deliver the services our community need, want and value."

An internal panel of senior members of staff is currently reviewing the applications with the aim of recommending three preferred candidates.

**SOURCE:**

**Media release, 22 Mar 2017  
Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council**

# O'Neill welcomes garbage agreement

**Senator Deborah O'Neill has welcomed the agreement local workers and their union have reached with the Central Coast Council to end the garbage truck drivers' deadlock.**

"Instead of locals being kicked out of their jobs when a new contractor comes along our great local garbos and their families now have job security," Senator O'Neill said.

"This is a victory for local workers and our local community.

"This agreement keeps food on the table for hundreds of local families and safeguards local jobs from severe cuts to pay and conditions.

"Cuts to the take-home pay of

hard-working local waste workers simply mean less to spend in our local businesses.

"Our local waste workers had to fight for two years against a Liberal-controlled council and a Liberal-imposed amalgamation and administration just to get the same pay for the same work.

"As a Labor Senator, I am proud to have supported our local workers.

"I wish to congratulate the Transport Workers Union for finding a compromise that protects workers' rights and also guarantees reliable service delivery for the Central Coast community."

**SOURCE: Media release,  
27 Mar 2017**

**Scott Coombes, Office  
of Deborah O'Neill**

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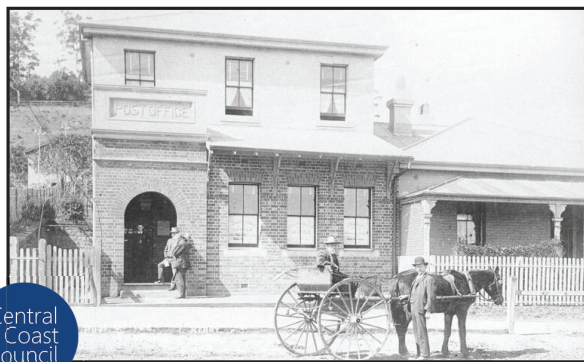
CEN is pleased to launch our Gosford Timewalks Project, a project made possible with funding from the Central Coast Council through their Community Development Grants.

Take a walk in time around Gosford CBD - from the old Gosford Public School on the hill, along where the forgotten creek used to flow, down to a tree planted in memorial of Sister Sumner who helped the troops in the First World War.

We are looking for volunteers to lead our walks. We will provide all training. It is expected that walks will be about 1.5 hrs in duration.

If you are interested in becoming one of our volunteer leaders - send an email to [history@cen.org.au](mailto:history@cen.org.au).

Jane Smith, CEO



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### You're invited!

**Central Coast Environment  
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**Sun, 7 May, 2017**

The Central Coast Environment Forum will be held on **Sunday, 7 May** at Ourimbah.

CEN is a network of individuals, community and environment groups from across the region - so we are inviting all individuals and groups that care about our local environment and communities to come along. Hear great speakers, find out about what local groups are doing, perhaps even join an existing program or campaign. There will be stalls, presentations and workshops - with something for everybody.

This year is a critical year for the future of the Central Coast - especially its environment. It is important for us all to come together for **Our Central Coast - Worth Protecting!** Bookings are essential. For more information and to book - visit [www.cen.org.au](http://www.cen.org.au)

**Shackleton: Escape from Antarctica panel display opens Saturday, 8 April, 2017 at the Central Coast Marine Discovery Centre, Terrigal**

**Follow in the footsteps of renowned Antarctic explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton in new panel display**



It's one of the greatest survival stories of all time and now, over 100 years later, a new panel display on tour from the Australian National Maritime Museum invites visitors to walk in the footsteps of famous Antarctic explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton and discover his epic voyage of survival for themselves.

**[www.ccmdc.org.au](http://www.ccmdc.org.au)**



### CEN Photographic Competition: Flora, Fauna and Foam

CEN is launching a **Photographic Competition** to mark our 20 year anniversary. **Opening Night will be on Friday 26 May.**

Naturally, the photographic competition has an environmental theme. Entrants are asked to photograph the flora, fauna, waterways (including underwater) and landforms of the Central Coast / Lake Macquarie area.

There are **two categories for youth and adults** with cash prizes and medals for each category, plus the "top shot" award as voted by the visiting public. **Entry fee is \$8 per photo.**

**Entries to the photographic competition close on Wednesday, 17 May, 2017. For more information visit: [www.cen.org.au](http://www.cen.org.au)**



Photo courtesy Barry Collier

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# Waste contractor welcomes agreement



Mr Scot MacDonald, Mr Victor Dominello and Ms Jilly Pilon with Services NSW staff

Following rolling strikes, Central Coast Council's waste collection contractor has welcomed an agreement between the Transport Workers' Union and the Council on the future terms and conditions for local garbage truck drivers.

Remondis currently has the contract to deliver domestic waste management services on the Central Coast and employs the local garbage truck drivers.

The company stated it had not been provided a copy of the recent agreement, but understand that Council and the union had agreed on terms and conditions including job security and minimum rates of pay, provided that there was no further industrial action.

The clause will be included in

any future waste management tender document.

"Given that Central Coast Council is yet to provide tender details for local garbage collection beyond January next year, it has been difficult for Remondis to provide certainty to its employees," said Mr Matthew Watson of Remondis.

It is likely that Remondis and other waste management services will compete for the region's future waste management work once a tender document is issued by Council.

The company stated that rubbish collection services had returned to normal, and that it had worked hard to minimise collection delays amidst the stop-work action.

SOURCE: Media release, 30 Mar 2017

Matthew Watson, Remondis

## Government to trial cashless kiosk in place of registry

The NSW Government has announced it will trial a cashless "digital Services NSW kiosk" in Woy Woy in coming weeks to provide community access following the 2015 closure of the Woy Woy Motor Registry.

Liberal Party candidate Ms Jilly Pilon said the NSW Government would trial the new "pop-up" kiosk in Woy Woy, to provide access to government services.

Minister for Finance, Services and Property, Mr Victor Dominello, announced that a new Service NSW Digital Store would open at Woy Woy in coming weeks.

Mr Dominello claimed that

residents had been "advocating for" a digital store.

"We are living in the digital age and it is important that government policies reflect the 21st century and respond to customer demand."

Ms Pilon has said that this innovative service would be a big boost for local residents in Woy Woy and would allow customers to become confident with completing government transactions and services online.

"Transactions available at the new cashless kiosk include registration renewal, notice of disposal, NSW Seniors Card, Opal Card services, and many more," she said.

Meanwhile, NSW Leader of the

Opposition, Mr Luke Foley said Labor would fight to provide the Peninsula with its own Services NSW Centre to replace the lost Motor Registry.

"Establishing a new Service NSW centre in Woy Woy aims to ensure that residents won't have to commute to Gosford or Erina every time they need to pay a bill, speak to a Government agency or make an enquiry about Government services in the area," Mr Foley said.

SOURCES:

Media release, 23 Mar 2017  
William Sparling, Office

of Victor Dominello

Media release, 27 Mar 2017

Maegen Sykes, Office of Luke Foley

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Election

# By-election on April 8

**The by-election for the Gosford electorate takes place on Saturday, April 8.**

The State Seat was vacated by Labor MP Ms Kathy Smith due to illness, triggering the by-election.

One of the most marginal seats in the state, Gosford was narrowly lost by former Liberal MP Mr Chris Holstein in 2015, before it was picked up by Labor.

Ms Smith suffered from ill-health for the majority of 2016, and announced her resignation in February 2017.

Prior to Mr Holstein, the seat was held Ms Marie Andrews for Labor from 2007 to 2011, when a change in electoral boundaries saw the disappearance of the Peats electorate, which had covered the

Peninsula.

The Gosford electorate had previously not included the Peninsula.

Peats had been held since 1995 by Ms Andrews, and by Labor since its inception in 1973.

The electorate of Gosford is now 867.15 square kilometres and covers postcodes 2083, 2250, 2256, 2257 and 2775.

Early voting for the by-election is available at the Clock Tower Building in Woy Woy from Monday, March 27, to Friday, April 7.

Early voting opening hours are 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm on Thursday, April 6 and 9am to 5pm on Saturday, April 1.

Voting locations on election day include Booker Bay Pre-School, ADVERTISEMENT

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus, Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus, Ettalong Public School, Patonga Progress Hall, South Woy Woy Progress Association Hall, Umina Community Hall, Umina Public School, Umina Uniting Church and Woy Woy South Public School.

The polling locations will be open from 8am to 6pm on Saturday, April 8.

There are six candidates standing in the by-election on April 8.

Each candidate has submitted a 250 word statement which appear in alphabetical order over the following pages.

SOURCE: Website, 30 Mar 2017  
Electoral Commission NSW



## Abigail Boyd – The Greens

**Abigail Boyd lives on the Central Coast with her husband and two young daughters, working remotely from home as a finance lawyer.**

She is co-convenor of the Central Coast Greens and was the federal candidate in the seat of Dobell last year.

Abigail is passionate about creating a level playing field for all Australians, including through tax reform, reinvestment in health and education and reforms to address the lack of affordable housing.

Abigail is committed to ensuring that families on the Central Coast are able to access cost-effective childcare and that the most vulnerable in our community can access quality community services.

The Greens don't take developer or corporate donations and, as a result, are able to represent communities unclouded by vested interests.

Abigail believes in long-term planning for the Gosford electorate, well beyond the next electoral cycle, and will fight for the state government to invest in much-needed transport infrastructure and local services including

improving train times between Gosford and Sydney, finishing the Woy Woy underpass, reinvesting in TAFE and encouraging more GPs to set up on the Peninsula.

Key to smart long-term development is the preservation of what makes the Central Coast a great place to live, our beautiful environment, our clean water supply and our public spaces.

All of these are under threat from a weakening of our environmental protection laws, overly-favourable conditions for developers and failure to consult with the community on local projects.

Abigail is committed to restoring the balance and ensuring that the community has a meaningful say in what happens to their neighbourhoods.

Input and feedback is important for Greens representatives to do their jobs well.

Abigail will consult widely with the community and will be available at local listening posts twice a month, giving all residents the opportunity to have their voices heard.

SOURCE: Media statement, 29 Mar 2017

Abigail Boyd, Greens Candidate for Seat of Gosford

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## VOTE [1] ANDREW CHURCH

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- 2) Close the level crossing & build the underpass.
- 3) Build the Performing Arts Centre in Gosford.

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# JILLY PILON WORKING FOR YOU



**Delivering upgrades to local roads**, particularly on the Peninsula; such as Dunban Road and Ocean Beach Road, and the Maitland Bay Drive and Picnic Parade intersections.



**Improving Blackwall Road and Memorial Avenue**, installing new traffic lights on Koolinda Avenue and Jirrah Avenue, and improving safety along Brisbane Water Drive around Point Clare School.



**Improving public transport** with next-generation intercity trains for the Central Coast and Newcastle line and improving Point Clare, Koolewong and Tascott stations.



**Delivering a Service NSW Digital Store in Woy Woy**, so locals can complete digital transactions and drop off documents such as medical forms.



**Better frontline health services**, through the redevelopment of Gosford Public Hospital, including a new emergency department.



Authorised by Chris Stone, Level 12, 100 William Street, East Sydney NSW 2011.



## On Saturday Vote **1** Liberal

### JILLY PILON

Liberal Candidate for Gosford





Election

# Unions NSW by-election campaign

Unions NSW held a Gosford by-election campaign launch at the Everglades Country Club on March 21.  
Salim Barber from Unions NSW

said the movement would make jobs the centrepiece of the Gosford by-election.  
“We will run a strong campaign focus on skyrocketing TAFE fees, youth unemployment and the dangerous Liberal scheme to privatise local hospitals,” he said.  
SOURCE: Media release, 21 Mar 2017  
Salim Barber, Unions NSW

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BY-ELECTION DISTRICT OF GOSFORD Saturday, 8 April 2017 REMEMBER TO VOTE THIS SATURDAY

Saturday, 8 April 2017 is election day. Polling places are open from 8am to 6pm. A full list of polling places is available by visiting our website or calling us.

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Venue	Address	Opening times
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Woy Woy Pre-poll	Clock Tower Building, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor 26-30 Railway Street Woy Woy 2256	Mon – Fri: 8am – 6pm Thu (6 Apr): 8am – 8pm
Sydney Pre-poll	Level 25, 201 Kent Street Sydney 2000	Mon – Fri: 9am – 5pm

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### CANDIDATES


Name	Party Affiliation
BOYD Abigail	THE GREENS
CHURCH Andrew	CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (FRED NILE GROUP)
WAGSTAFF Skyla	ANIMAL JUSTICE PARTY
TESCH Liesl	LABOR
FREEMAN Larry	SHOOTERS, FISHERS AND FARMERS
PILON Jilly	LIBERAL

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## Andrew Church – Christian Democratic Party

**“I love a sunburnt country, Umina and Woy Woy too,**

I love the Kariong Ridge and Gosford’s magnificent waterfront view.”

We all love living on the Coast. My wife and I have raised our family here.

But many of us and our neighbours struggle with the cost of living.

That is what hurts. The cost of petrol, the cost of electricity and the tired roads, drains and lack of gutters.

Labor did nothing about the level crossing in 40 years and the Liberals took away the RTA/RMS office.

Billions are being spent in Sydney on roads and rail but very little on The Peninsula.

What would move you to vote differently this time?

What experience and achievements of mine places me ahead of the others in wanting

to serve you as your local State Member of Parliament?

My track record is that I am known as a self starter, a doer, and achiever.

You all know that I have written books, started the Interactive War Museum, and I run staff training courses.

Over a million dollars has gone to War Veterans from the Museum.

There is much more to my track record.

I was, and still am, humbled to be awarded Gosford Citizen of the Year 2016.

What can I actually do you ask?

My answer: to ask as many questions as possible of the Government about why our taxes are not coming back to us.

My track record is evidence that I am an achiever with relevant experience.

Media statement, 30 Mar 2017  
Sharon Jones, Christian Democratic Party



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Shooters, Fishers and Farmers

☐ **3 PILON, Jilly**  
Liberal

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## Larry Freeman – Shooters, Fishers and Farmers

When my family first moved to Booker Bay cows were still grazing in the paddocks and ships were still powered by steam.

I know the great sense of pride the people of the Peninsula take in being a local and I share that pride.

I believe in being straightforward in my approach and believe the Peninsula community both expect and deserve a representative that will really listen to their concerns, someone who is not afraid to say what needs to be said and to do what needs to be done.

I have absolutely no time for double dealing and political intrigue so I am offering to represent the Woy Woy Peninsula as a local member who doesn't pull any punches, a member they can rely on and trust.

Some projects I will fight to have completed on the Peninsula are: a Services NSW office back in Woy Woy.

The decision to close this well-used facility was made with no consultation or thought for the effect it would have on the people who rely it.

The Woy Woy underpass, this vital piece of infrastructure, was promised by the government and must be built.

I don't want to see another



fatality on the level crossing or anyone else's property damaged on the current narrow tunnel.

Don't tell me we can tunnel under Sydney Harbour but can't tunnel under a rail embankment at Woy Woy.

I will pressure the government to

come up with a long term solution to the dangerously narrow channel at Little Box Head and the ongoing loss of sand at Ettalong Point.

**SOURCE: Media statement, 30 Mar 2017**

**Keith Drain, Shooters, Fishers and Farmers**

## Candidates' forum in Woy Woy

**Residents were given an opportunity to hear from candidates in the Gosford by-election at a forum in Woy Woy on Sunday, April 2.**

The Community Environment Network and the Central Coast Branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation co-hosted a candidates' forum at the Everglades Country Club.

The town-hall-style meeting provided a platform for the community to engage with the candidates for the April 8 by-

election.

The forum aimed to canvass environmental and community issues facing the seat of Gosford, including unchecked development, compromised drinking water and disappearing bushland.

Those present could put forward questions prior to the forum to be considered and put to the candidates on the day.

**SOURCE: Media release, 27 Mar 2017**

**Jane Smith, Community Environment Network**



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# Liesl Tesch

Labor for Gosford

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**Vote Liesl Tesch  
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Authorised Genny Murphy, 18 Carrington Ave, Woy Woy NSW 2256.



Election



Jilly Pilon  
– Liberal Party

**The Peninsula is a unique part of the Gosford electorate and deserves to have a strong voice in the Berejiklian Liberal Government, which is exactly what I will be if elected.**

I have lived on the Central Coast my entire life, working across the region including at Umina, East Gosford, West Gosford and Woy Woy.

I also co-own a manufacturing business which employs more than 20 people, so I understand the pressures facing small businesses on the Coast.

I am proud to be running as part of the Liberal team which is committed to delivering the infrastructure and services the community needs, including upgrades to Dunban Rd and Ocean

Beach Rd, and Maitland Bay Dve and Picnic Parade intersections, as well as the Service NSW digital store at Woy Woy.

People who know me know I am someone who never gives up.

I'm not afraid to knock on doors, make calls, lobby the Premier, Ministers and whoever I need to, in order to get a solution to a problem.

That's what I have been doing for the past few weeks and what I will continue to do if I am chosen to represent the people of the Peninsula.

I am a born and bred Coastie and if I am elected on April 8 I promise to be your strong local voice in the Government to ensure the Peninsula and the wider Gosford community gets its fair share.

**SOURCE: Media statement, 30 Mar 2017**  
**Alicia McCumstie, Liberal Party**



Liesl Tesch  
– Labor Party

**I'm putting my hand up to represent our community and no one could be prouder than me to be Labor's candidate for the Gosford by-election.**

I have lived on the Peninsula and been teaching on the Central Coast for 20 years.

Labor's values are my values: fairness, equality, justice and inclusion.

I've spent my working and sporting career advocating for these values and would be grateful for the opportunity to do that, on your behalf, in Parliament.

I became an incomplete paraplegic in a bike crash at the age of 19.

During my rehabilitation, I fell in love with the sport of wheelchair basketball, my newfound passion took me on to seven Paralympic games.

I won two silvers and a bronze in wheelchair basketball and

then two gold medals in sailing in London and Rio.

It was during this time I decided I wouldn't limit my success to the sporting arena.

I have dedicated my life to advocating for the most vulnerable in society from my work with Sports Matters, which I co-founded, my work with Safe Work NSW and my ongoing advocacy in the disability sector.

I love the Central Coast and am proud to call the Peninsula my home.

I want to be a strong voice for this community. I am determined to ensure the Central Coast get our fair share.

Elect me and send a strong message to the Liberal State Government that Gosford and the Central Coast will not be taken for granted.

**SOURCE: Media statement, 31 Mar 2017**  
**Peter Duggan, NSW Labor Party**

Greens call for faster trains

**Greens candidate for Gosford, Ms Abigail Boyd, has called for faster trains, a more efficient bus network and "intelligent road design" for the Central Coast.**

She said new tunnels on the Cowan rise, modern tilt trains and smart timetabling could be used to reduce the train commute from Gosford to Central by half.

"Quicker and more efficient trains to and from the Central Coast will create more job options, increase tourism and attract new businesses to the Coast," Ms Boyd said.

"Our top priority is forward-thinking long-term planning for our region.

"That means planning for sustainable, liveable, healthy communities.

"What we need is long-term transport infrastructure investment and design that encourages people to leave their cars at home for shorter trips, in favour of walking or cycling instead," she said.

"The State Government wants 70,000 extra people to live on the Coast in the next 20 years, but fails to make the necessary commitment to invest in our transport infrastructure," said Ms Boyd.

Ms Boyd said she wondered why the NSW Government was knocking down homes for toll roads in Sydney and tunnelling for roads, when 40,000 Central Coast residents commute on slow trains.

"We have seen successive governments push serious investment in rail infrastructure to one side in favour of pumping billions into toll roads that provide only a short-term solution at massive benefit to private operators and to the huge detriment of our communities and our environment," Ms Boyd said.

**SOURCE: Media release, 26 Mar 2017**  
**Kate da Costa, The Greens Central Coast**



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Media Release, Senator Deborah O'Neill  
7 March 2017



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# Up to 11,138 hard-working locals will lose \$77 a week.



Election

# Minister announces \$13 million for Blackwall Rd work

NSW Roads and Maritime Services will spend up to \$13 million on Blackwall Rd and Memorial Dr, Minister for Roads Ms Melinda Pavey has announced.

The money would be used to "carry out traffic efficiency and safety improvement work" between Maitland Bay Dr and Victoria Rd.

Ms Pavey said the section of road had daily congestion with the worst performance being in the northbound direction during the morning peak and southbound direction in the afternoon.

In addition to queuing, motorists also generally travelled at less than 60 per cent of the posted speed limit through this section during peak periods, she said.

The location had a history of crashes at a rate higher than the state average for similar class roads.

Planning will begin almost immediately and the funding will be in the 2017 budget.

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has asked for more information on the breakup of the costs including how much of the money would be spent on planning and how much on actual road work, according to president Mr Matthew Wales.

It also wanted clarification of the period over which the funding would be rolled out.

"This is not an insignificant amount of money so I would imagine that they would have some detailed costings.

"I have been assured that after the Woy Woy rail underpass debacle, the practice of plucking figures out of the air has now long gone," he said.

SOURCE: Media statement, 29 Mar 2017  
Lance Northey, Office of Melinda Pavey

# Skyla Wagstaff – Animal Justice Party

I understand the true value of Central Coast's assets: our people, beaches and natural bush surroundings that provide our lifestyles, homes that we all love and treasure.

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This greatly undervalues our broad community that is made of people of all ages and all abilities.

We are a compassionate community who will grow stronger to defend and protect our most vulnerable, be it our koalas and habitats of threatened species that our current Government fails to protect and also our beloved companion animals we share our homes with.

We need real action and transparency within our Government to ensure a strong sustainable future for our Coast.

I will deliver this with effective positive change that is focused with our key assets at centre and ensure our natural resources are protected.



I will ensure an outstanding Community and Performing Arts Centre is finally underway along with well-designed community surroundings offering prosperous

opportunities and culture enrichment.

I will not let developments proceed without the full consultation with community and thorough assessment of biodiversity reports that fully investigates the impacts for both human health and species habitat.

I will work to stop the \$40 million Government handout to the greyhound industry and retain the greyhound racing ban.

I will support the NSW bill banning circuses that use animals.

The ACT, many parts of Australia and over 30 countries have bans in place.

The majority of the community object to this outdated use of animals held captive in unnatural small enclosures and forced to perform unnatural tricks.

SOURCE: Media statement, 29 Mar 2017  
Skyla Wagstaff, The Greens



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Election

## Wicks uses parliamentary speech to support Pilon

**Federal Liberal Member for Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks, has used a speech in parliament to support the Liberal candidate for the Gosford by-election, Ms Jilly Pilon, and to deride Labor.**

“Ms Jilly Pilon, a small-business owner and passionate local, will seek election for the State Seat of Gosford so the Central Coast can have a strong voice in the state government,” Ms Wicks said.

“After 16 years of Labor’s neglect, we are now starting to see the transformational results of one and a half terms of state Liberal government on the Central Coast.”

Ms Wicks spoke of the achievements a state Liberal government had made on the Coast, including the \$348 million rebuild of Gosford Hospital, the Central Coast Medical School and Health and Medical Research

Institute and the relocation of more than 300 public service roles.

She said the \$23 million roads package for the Gosford electorate, announced by Ms Pilon and NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian, was further reason to back the Liberal candidate.

The funds included \$8 million for roads in Point Clare, \$2 million to improve safety around Point Clare Public School, including a 40 kilometre per hour school zone and \$13 million for Blackwall Rd and Memorial Av on the Peninsula.

“This record of listening and delivering is much more important than the white noise and the smokescreens that we hear from Labor with their scare campaigns and their empty promises on commitments that they cannot even deliver because they are in opposition,” she said.

**SOURCE:** Media release, 28 Mar 2017  
Tim Sowden, Office of Lucy Wicks



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## Lions Club presents indoor bowls mat

**Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club recently attended BlueWave Living to formally present the residents with a new indoor bowls mat and storage roller.**

“The new mat will get plenty of use and enjoyment by the

residents at BlueWave Living and the roller will assist the staff and volunteers with the management, rolling up and storage of the mat,” said Ms Kylie Scott on behalf of the club.

Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club has been an active supporter of

BlueWave Living for the past 30 years.

In this time, the club has donated a total of about \$100,000.

BlueWave Living is home to 139 elderly residents.

“Lions Club are always looking for new members,” Ms Scott said.

“It’s a great place to make new friends and have fun while serving your community.”

**SOURCE:** Media release, 27 Mar 2017

Kylie Scott, Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club



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# Woy Woy photographer helps discover new spiders

**A Woy Woy amateur photographer who has been taking pictures of spiders over the last five years has played a part in discovering at least four new species.**

Posting pictures of peacock spiders on social media led to Michael Dowe helping form Project Maratus, to investigate the habit and distribution of peacock jumping spiders throughout Australia

“I was contacted by an entomologist, Michael Duncan and an environmental scientist, Philip Price,” Mr Dowe said.

“Together with another local photographer, Adam Fletcher, we formed Project Maratus,” he said.

“By pooling our knowledge under Michael Duncan’s guidance, Adam and I have become citizen scientists and Project Maratus is now in its third year,” Mr Dowe

said.

He said the non-profit, self-funded group played a vital role in understanding the evolution and ecology of peacock spiders.

The field work was primarily undertaken in spring, when they looked in different areas to establish what species of peacock spiders there were and in what numbers.

“In the course of our travels, we have discovered four, maybe five, new species.

“In this way, we have widened the known distributions of some species,” Mr Dowe said.

The Central Coast has five species of peacock spider: maratus volans, maratus splendens, maratus plumosus, maratus velutinus and maratus anomalus.

“The males gain their colour on their final moult when they reach maturity.

“They have flaps on their abdomen which open, displaying their brilliantly coloured patterns and they use elongated third legs as part of their courtship dance for the female.

“On average, these spiders are 4 - 5 mm in size, some smaller, some larger,” Mr Dowe said.

Mr Dowe’s photographs have received social media attention because of a technique known as

handheld photo stacking.

“Most of our members are photographers and mostly use the Canon MPE 65mm macro lens.

“With its high magnification, the depth of field is very shallow.

“This technique involves taking several images at varying depths of field and combining them to make one image with a greater depth of field.

“During the cooler months

when the spiders are not so active we undertake community talks on peacock jumping spiders and mount displays at science fairs, local family fun days and the like.

“One of our important aims is to educate people, particularly children, about these uniquely Australian spiders”, Mr Dowe said.

**SOURCE: Interview, 20 Mar 2017  
Michael Dowe, Project Maratus  
Reporter: Satria Dyer-Darmawan**



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**Report from the  
Parliamentary Secretary  
for the Central Coast**

**Scot MacDonald MLC**

The NSW Parliament passed three important pieces of Legislation last week that directly affect the Central Coast.

The **Fire and Emergency Services Bill 2017** brings NSW into line with other states.

Starting 1st July 2017, all landholders will be levied through their Council rates an emergency services levy. It will replace private insurance that was optional. It is estimated policy holders will save \$40pa. Property owners who were not previously insured will now have to contribute to funding our emergency services. That is fair.

Greenslips in NSW are amongst the highest in the country. Reforming the CTP scheme has been a priority for the Liberal National Government. Through the **Motor Accidents Injuries Bill**, a fairer defined benefits entitlement and a limited no-fault scheme, the new Greenslip scheme is expected to commence in December and save over \$100 per standard vehicle. For regions like the Central Coast that rely heavily on private vehicles, the savings will be important.

The **Local Government Amendment (Rates-Merged Council) Areas Bill** gives the Minister the power to require newly merged LGAs, including Central Coast Council, to maintain pre-merger rate paths for a further three years after the first year of the Council proclamation. This delivers on the NSW Government’s commitment in 2016. It gives confidence to people of the Central Coast they will not be faced with large rate rises for the next three years.

I gave an Adjournment Speech on the progress of the Gosford Hospital redevelopment. This \$348 million infrastructure commitment from the NSW Government is already delivering better health outcomes for the community. This speech is available at: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/hansard/Pages/member-speeches.aspx?pk=87>.

In Notices of Motion I congratulated Central Coast Meals on Wheels for their pet companion initiative and Woy Woy Roosters Rugby League Club for their \$5000 grant.

I joined Jilly Pilon to present Broken Bay Scouts Group a \$5000 emergency grant to help repair the Ettalong Scout Hall after a vandalism attack.

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## Construction Update March 2017

NorthConnex is a nine kilometre tunnel that will link the M1 Pacific Motorway at Wahroonga to the Hills M2 Motorway at West Pennant Hills, removing around 5,000 trucks off Pennant Hills Road.

Tunnelling of the new underground motorway is well underway, with more than three of 21 kilometres of tunnels excavated and construction work advancing across the route.

We would like to thank residents, businesses and motorists for their ongoing patience and support during construction.

### Tunnelling progress

There are currently 16 roadheaders excavating the tunnel from four sites along the route. The project teams at the tunnel sites at Wilson Road and Trelawney Street are establishing areas at the bottom of the shaft to build conveyor belts to remove the spoil, ventilation systems to extract the dust, and dedicated areas to assemble equipment after it is loaded down the shaft in pieces.

Roadheaders at the Southern and Northern compounds are progressing at about five metres per day.

Tunnel progress is updated weekly on the project website at [northconnex.com.au](http://northconnex.com.au).

### Construction progress

Information on current work is regularly updated at [northconnex.com.au](http://northconnex.com.au). Current activity includes:

- ongoing day and night work to build the tunnel entry and exit on the Hills M2 Motorway southbound shoulder near Pennant Hills Road
- ongoing day and night work to build an additional westbound lane between Pennant Hills Road and Windsor Road on the Hills M2 Motorway
- ongoing work to build permanent noise walls on the M1 Pacific Motorway and on the Hills M2 Motorway
- preparation of the dive structures for the on and off ramps near Pennant Hills Road
- ongoing day and night work to build support facilities, the ventilation outlet and tunnel exit on the M1 Pacific Motorway northbound shoulder.

### Contact the project team

The NorthConnex project team is committed to working closely with you to inform you of upcoming work and to minimise impact from our construction activities. For the latest information including tunnelling progress and our environment and community initiatives contact the team on **1800 997 057**, [enquiries@northconnex.com.au](mailto:enquiries@northconnex.com.au) or visiting the NorthConnex Community Information Centre at 118 Yarrara Road, Pennant Hills, open Monday to Wednesday from 9am to 1pm.



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# Beach could attract disability tourism, says activist

**Disability rights activist Mr Gary Blaschke believes Umina Beach could become a disability tourism destination because of its low impact, good gradient, tight packed sand and availability of parking.**

Mr Blaschke is national president of the Disabled Surfers Association, which regularly holds events for disabled surfers at Ocean Beach.

He said he had undertaken

audits at Umina Beach and Woy Woy "to look at what we have got and what we need".

Mr Blaschke said he found, for example, that attention had not been paid to the size of its disabled access signs.

"People who are driving by who need to find a disabled toilet need signs that are big and clear enough so they can actually see it from the road.

"Such things are not understood because the people making the decisions don't live with disability."

However, Mr Blaschke has resigned from the Central Coast Council's Disability Inclusion Reference Group, formed to help draft the council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

He said the reference group had not been given the opportunity to see or comment on the draft ahead of its release for public comment.

Mr Blaschke said that under 2014 legislation all local governments were required to have a disability inclusion plan in place by July 1.

"Panic stations have hit the Central Coast Council," Mr Blaschke said.

"Gosford Council had been working on the plan for 14 months prior to amalgamation but Wyong were not even thinking about it," he said.

He said at the first meeting of the Central Coast Disability

Inclusion Reference Group he had asked for a budget so audits could be carried out throughout the new local government area.

"I was told instantly that it was all part of the normal process of council and that it would be under the operational budget.

"The panel just had to put forward the issues and convince the upcoming council that the issues had to be addressed."

Before the draft plan was presented to Council administrator Mr Ian Reynolds at the March Council meeting, Mr Blaschke said he was told the draft plan would be sent out to members of the Inclusion panel.

"It has gone to council and the community for their input prior to this committee getting a copy or having a say in it."

Mr Blaschke said he was also concerned that too little of the \$9 million provided by the NSW Government for community projects as part of the council amalgamation had gone towards disability inclusion projects.

"I am all for building ramps at community halls but a budget of \$500,000 to upgrade community facilities? Well who came up with \$500,000?

"I am concerned that whatever money is going to be allocated to it will be used to retrain council staff but there has to be an outcome for the disabled."

He said that, whether locals or visitors, they should be able to have a decent holiday and be able to get down onto the beach.

"There is a lot that could be done for not a great deal of money to end up with a disability inclusion plan that would result in measurable and practical differences to those with a disability," Mr Blaschke said.

Council administrator Mr Reynolds said the draft plan would go on public exhibition shortly.

He said it outlined strategies and actions that Council would implement over a four year period, enabling people with a disability to better access services, facilities and support.

He said the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan would see work undertaken across the community to improve accessibility.

"The plan will see Council make changes to internal process and practices; improving access to information, creating employment opportunities and supporting community activities for people living with a disability," said Mr Reynolds.

"The development of this plan has been carried out in consultation with staff, residents, local organisations and our external reference group providing informed and diverse insight into the actions and outcomes within the plan.

"This is a fantastic initiative that

will go a long way to ensuring the Central Coast is an inclusive and accessible community and I'd like to congratulate everyone who has contributed to this project so far."

In addition to the exhibition of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan, he said the Council had recently allocated more than \$1.3 million of Stronger Communities funding to disability access improvements in Council facilities and natural spaces across the Central Coast.

The council's group leader of "Connected Communities", Ms Julie Vaughan, said that outcomes within the plan would be incorporated into Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.

"It's important for us to be accountable for the actions in this plan, so residents can see what we're doing to create liveable communities for everyone," Ms Vaughan said.

Copies of the Plan will be available to view at Council's Customer Service Centres and Libraries, and online at [yourvoiceourcoast.com](http://yourvoiceourcoast.com)

**SOURCES:** Interview, 6 and 30 Mar 2017

Gary Blaschke, Disabled Surfers Association

Media release, 22 Mar 2017

Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council Reporter: Jackie Pearson

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## Scout hall extensively damaged in vandal attack

**Ettalong Scout Hall has suffered thousands of dollars of damage as the result of vandalism on Sunday, March 19.**

The damage was not found until Monday March 20, when a Scout leader attempting to access the hall could not enter the building through the front doors.

He walked around the back of premises to discover vandals had forced their way into the Hall.

The damage was extensive: every cupboard had been opened, every fire extinguisher used, holes were made in walls and doors, lounge chairs slashed and turpentine spilt on the floors.

Police were contacted and the hall was roped off as a crime scene.

Scout leader Mr Stephen Bishop said: "Nothing was stolen thankfully, but not a single room went untouched.

"Every internal door needs to be replaced and the entire hall needs to be emptied and deep cleaned before anything else can be done."

He said the hall will be unusable for a minimum of four to six weeks, if the insurance process runs smoothly.

Mr Bishop said he was waiting on an insurance assessment to total the damage bill.

Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast, Mr Scot MacDonald, has announced a grant of \$5000 to the Broken Bay Scout Group to assist in their recovery from the attack.

Liberal candidate for Gosford,

Ms Jilly Pilon, met Mr Bishop and inspected the damage on Thursday, March 23.

Mr Macdonald said: "In response to the call for aid by Ms Jilly Pilon and the damage report to the Ettalong Scout Hall and equipment, contact was made with Mr Bishop who described the losses and cost estimate to restore the hall.

"The government would like to help the Ettalong community and Broken Bay Scout Group to repair this important asset and replace equipment.

"Fortunately, the Scout Group does have insurance, but there will be a shortfall with cost of making good the premises," Mr Macdonald continued.

Ms Pilon said she was heartbroken when she saw the damage.

"This really hurts the Scouts and their families," Ms Pilon said.

Mr Bishop said the grant would be used to provide the hall with extra security.

"This grant will come in very handy when we beef up security after quotes are delivered and the hall is in a suitable condition for work to begin," Mr Bishop added.

Mr Bishop said he had been inundated with offers of help from the Peninsula community and beyond.

"It's truly amazing the outpour

of offers and donations we've received.

"I've had so many people from across the Peninsula offer to donate items or to help with the clean out or rebuild and the generosity is just astounding.

"It truly is the Australian way to help out your own and that sentiment is certainly alive on the Peninsula and the wider Central Coast.

"We hope to get the Hall back in shape as soon as possible so we can get the kids back in there having fun," Mr Bishop said.

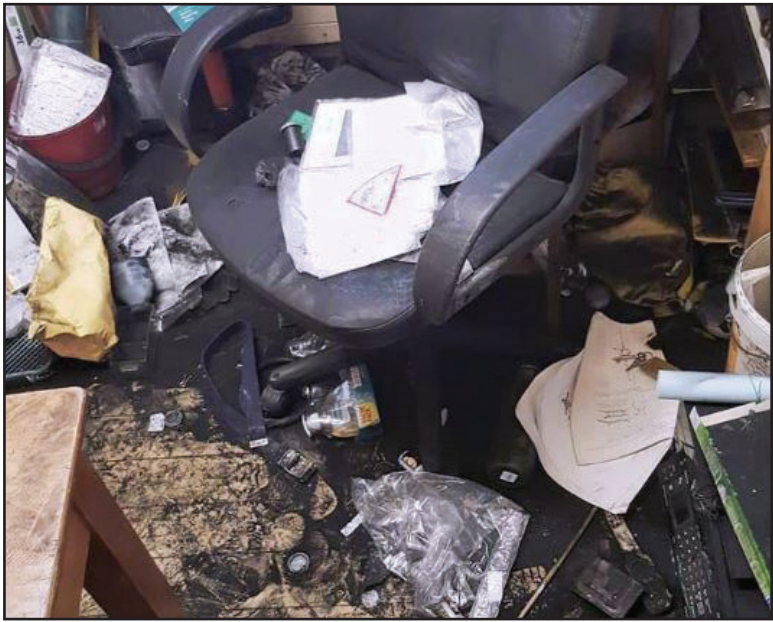
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**Scot MacDonald, Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast**

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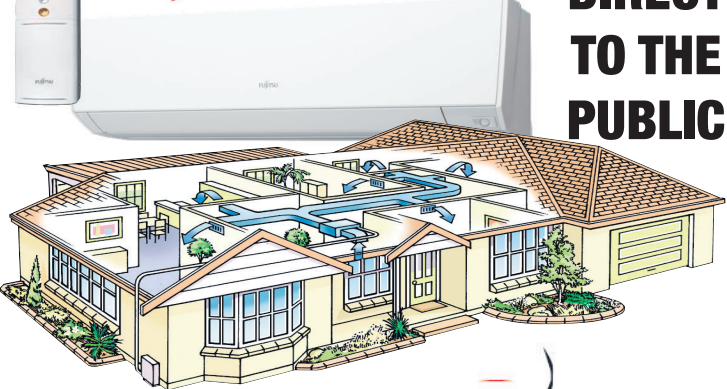


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# Comment wanted on new housing controls

**Central Coast Council has called for comment on changes to planning controls for single dwellings which will unify regulations across the former Gosford and Wyong council areas.**

Council administrator Mr Ian Reynolds said: "We want to align the controls so the same rules apply for homeowners across the Coast.

"This plan will harmonise planning controls for single dwellings across the Coast only, not for multi-unit developments.

"More consistent housing development controls will help reduce development application turn-around times, align terminology, reduce and simplify the information needed, basically cut red tape and make it really clear what residents can and cannot build on their property."

Residents will have 28 days to review the draft Housing Development Control Plan and have their say via Council's Your Voice Our Coast website.

At the March ordinary council meeting, administrator Mr Ian Reynolds resolved to endorse the exhibition of the draft amended chapter 2.1 of Development Control Plan 2013 for the Wyong Shire and

Chapter 3.1 of the Gosford 2013 Development Control Plan.

Under the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, the council is not permitted to have two separate development control plans applying to the same land.

Until such a time as a single consolidated plan is adopted by Central Coast Council, the plans of the former councils will need to be retained.

"This means that if the proposal proceeds the Wyong 2013 plan and Gosford 2013 plan will still both have a housing chapter.

"However, the controls in each housing chapter will be aligned."

According to a report to the administrator, the proposed alignment of the two plans involved changes to the site coverage, rear, front and side setbacks, building heights and car parking.

A site coverage control is not currently used under the existing Gosford plan but other controls, such as floor-space ratio and landscape area, have been relied on to achieve the desired outcome.

The Wyong plan, on the other hand, required a maximum of 60 per cent site coverage on lots with an area less than 250 square metres and 65 per cent on lots with areas greater than 250 square

metres.

The proposed plan would require a maximum of 60 per cent on lots less than 450 square metres, 50 per cent on lots of between 450 and 900 square metres and 40 per cent on lot sizes of 900 to 1500 square metres.

In terms of front setbacks, the Gosford plan required six metres, Wyong required 4.5 metres and the proposed alignment would be for 4.5 metres or "as per adjacent dwellings".

Rear setbacks in the Gosford plan will change from three metres to six metres for up to 4.5 metre height and 3 metres for more than 4.5 metres height.

The Gosford rear setbacks for outbuildings have been three metres or 900mm if the building height is less than four metres and the building floor area is less than 20 square metres.

The draft proposal would change this to 0.5 metres plus one quarter of the height of the building above 3.8 metres for buildings from

0.5 metres, which is an adoption of the existing Wyong provision.

Under the former Gosford plan, outbuilding areas were limited to 60 square metres which will be changed to a sliding scale similar to that of the existing Wyong plan.

Outbuildings on land less than 600 square metres can be 45 square metres in size.

If the block is between 600 and 700 square metres, the outbuilding can be 60 square metres.

Under the proposed aligned plan provisions, blocks of land between 700 and 800 square metres can have outbuildings up to 75 square metres; blocks 800 to 900 square metres in size can have out buildings up to 85 square metres and lots above 900 metres square could have outbuildings up to 100 square metres in size.

The building height for outbuildings and detached ancillary development in the former Gosford Council area will be reduced under the proposed alignment of the plan from five metres to 4.8 (as with the

former Wyong plan).

The Gosford plan required two car parking spaces for residential developments with a floor area of 125 square metres or more.

The aligned version will require two car spaces per three bedrooms, in line with the former Wyong requirement.

Some of the elements that cannot be aligned and will remain as is.

The existing Gosford house building height will stay at 8.5 metres (generally) in residential areas (as opposed to 10 metres under the Wyong poan); floor space ratio which will stay at 0.5:1 and foreshore building lines which will remain six metres for single storey dwellings and 10 metres for two-storey houses.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 22 Mar 2017

Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council  
Central Coast Council  
agenda 2.4, 22 Mar 2017

## Environment group adds weekly bushwalks

**The Peninsula Environment Group plans to add a weekly bushwalking group to its busy schedule.**

The local bushwalks would take place at 9:30am on Tuesday mornings and go for two or three hours.

The walks would involve going off trail, so a moderate fitness level would be required.

Weekend walks and walks

further afield could be available once the group was established.

The group also has vacancies in its organic food buying cooperative.

Those interested would need to be available every second Monday for two hours to help sort food.

The group already runs a popular Nature Play Group, for children aged five and under, that partakes in bushwalks, picnics and playdates on Thursday mornings.

The group's community garden has weekly working bees at 8:30am on Thursdays, plus the second Saturday and last Sunday of month, at Moana St, Woy Woy.

The group has stopped its monthly email to members and will instead post information on its facebook page.

**SOURCE:** Media release,  
28 Mar 2017

Elizabeth Gordon, Peninsula  
Environment Group

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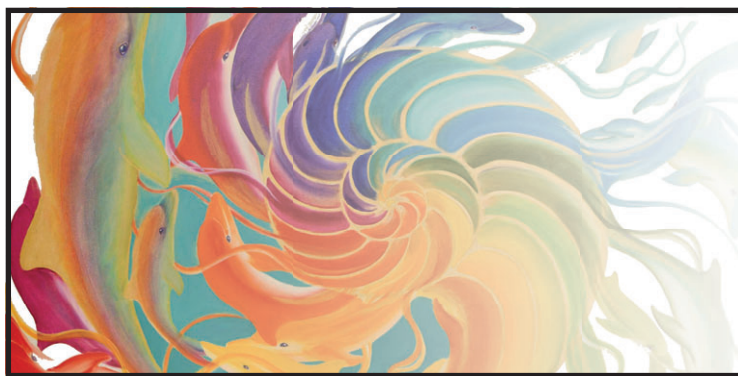
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# Vinnies offers no-interest loans in Woy Woy

**Woy Woy is one of 10 locations in NSW where the St Vincent de Paul Society provides a No Interest Loan Scheme.**

Good Shepherd Microfinance coordinates the scheme for people on low incomes to purchase new energy efficient appliances.

The scheme has no fees, no interest and no charges.

Society CEO Mr Jack de Groot said: "We have been able to significantly reduce the energy consumption of people who come to us for a microfinance loan through.

"This program is offered to people who need to buy a heater or fridge and since we joined the program in August, we have loaned our clients approximately \$3.7 million."

He said that offering no-interest loans meant they could buy essential white goods without sinking into debt by borrowing from pay-day lenders.

"At the same time, more efficient items will lower their energy costs.

"It is an easy way to support

them to take steps towards mitigating climate change at a household level.

"In a small way we're helping to provide part of the solution."

Good Shepherd Microfinance Manager Ms Joy Webster said: "Research has shown that climate change is having a disproportionate impact on people on low incomes.

"The average electricity debt has risen from \$529 in June 2014 to \$631 in June 2015, according to the Australian Energy Regulator, and its impact is significantly harder on low-income earners."

The scheme was part of the Home Energy Action Program through which the NSW Government aimed to reduce energy bills for low income households by \$2.8 million per year.

"This will avoid approximately 11,500 tonnes of CO2 emissions per year," she said

The website nls.com.au has information about eligibility for the loans.

**SOURCE: Media release,  
21 Mar 2017  
Phyllis Sakinofsky, Vinnies**

## Council 'consults' through website

**Central Coast Council is using its Your Voice Our Coast website to "consult" with residents.**

A page called Help Shape the Future of the Central Coast is currently asking residents to participate in putting together the next Community Strategic Plan for the whole new local government area.

Participants are invited to complete a short online survey and leave their email address and best phone contact number if they wish to be involved further.

The website does not indicate the duration of the current engagement period other than that it is "open".

**Website, 30 Mar 2016  
Your Voice Our Coast,  
Central Coast Council**

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## Other Regional News - In brief

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

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

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# COAST COMMUNITY NEWS

MARCH 23, 2017

YOUR INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER - PH: 4325 7369

ISSUE 154

### Torrents of water containing toxic leachate are flowing into water catchment area

The recent heavy rains have renewed community fears about the safety of the Mangrove Mountain landfill.

### Lack of audit trail a major drawback in certifying Council's accounts

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

### Extensive public interest shown at Extraordinary General Meeting

Eleven community members addressed a special residents' forum called before the Central Coast Council's Extraordinary General Meeting on March 13 to discuss the tabling of the draft financial reports of the former Gosford Council.

### Draft financial statements beg more questions than they answer

The 222-pages of draft financial statements from the former Gosford Council beg more questions than they answer, but some answers have not been forthcoming from the Central Coast Council.

### Greg Best likely to be removed from Local Representation Committee for speaking out

Central Coast Council has confirmed that the Administrator, Mr Ian Reynolds, has been accommodated during his tenure in a townhouse at the Magenta Resort at a cost of \$550 a week.

### Greens' candidate is the most experienced

Greens candidate for the Gosford By Election, Ms Abigail Boyd, is hoping her political history and transparent campaign will help voters see the Greens as a realistic prospect for the Coast.

### Labor officially launches By-election campaign

NSW Labor Leader, Mr Luke Foley, has announced a multimillion dollar development plan for the Central Coast at the official launch of the Gosford By-election campaign for Labor candidate, Ms Liesl Tesch.

### Citizen of the Year to stand for Christian Democratic 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.

### Jilly Pilon to stand for the Liberal Party

Ms Jilly Pilon has been announced as the Liberal candidate for the Byelection in the Seat of Gosford.

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).

# WYONG REGIONAL CHRONICLE

Issue 113  
March 28, 2017

Your independent community newspaper - Ph: 4325 7369

### Over \$1 billion worth of development applications determined by merged Council

The Central Coast Council has determined 3,000 development applications since it was created in May 2016, worth over \$1 billion to the economy of the new Local Government Area (LGA).

### Iconic chimney stacks demolished

The most iconic remnants of the Lake Munmorah Power Station, the two 155 metre chimney stacks, were demolished on Sunday, March 26, as part of site clearing works.

### Rally to be held outside Planning Assessment Commission public hearing

The Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council has vowed to continue its fight against the proposed Wallarah 2 Coal Project.

### Coal being dumped from trucks needs to be closely monitored

Not-for-profit legal centre, Environmental Justice Australia (EJA), will continue to closely monitor Vales Point Power Station until the plant's operator, Delta Electricity, stops dumping coal from trucks onto outdoor stockpiles.

### Council and TWU reach agreement over workers' pay and entitlements

The Transport Workers Union (TWU) and Central Coast Council participated in confidential mediation on March 24, at the request of the Minister for Local Government, Ms Gabrielle Upton.

### Delta Electricity deny evidence of leaching from ash dam

Delta Electricity claim that there is no evidence of leaching from the Vales Point Ash Dam (VPAD) into the groundwater table.

### Former councillor breaks gag rule

Former independent Wyong Councillor and Mayor, Mr Greg Best, was still waiting to hear, on Monday, March 27, if he was to be removed from Central Coast Council's Local Representation Committee.

### Garbage truck operators held a 24-hour stoppage

Domestic garbage bins remained full across the Coast on Thursday, March 23, as the local Remondis garbage truck operators held a 24-hour stoppage as part of their ongoing campaign to keep current...

### Biocertification project underway at Warnervale

A strategic lands biocertification project, under the Threatened Species Conservation Act (TSC Act 1995), is underway on approximately 523 hectares of land at Warnervale.

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# Not pleased with Services NSW

I would like to comment on the announcement of Ms Jilly Pilon as the Liberal candidate for the by-election for the seat of Gosford.

With regard to the loss of the Woy Woy Motor Registry, she believes that we on the Peninsula are really pleased with the services of Services NSW.

She fails to inform us that every time a vehicle is registered via the Services NSW website, a

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merchant recovery fee is charged by the Government because the financial institutions charge the Government.

That makes Services NSW the same as any ATM that is not affiliated with your bank, and at no time were we informed of this prior to the closure of the motor registry at Woy Woy.

Given that there are only three

car spaces provided for parking at Gosford and aged pensioners such as myself suffer arthritis, the internet is becoming the only way to register vehicles.

So now we're paying more for something we didn't want in the first place.

No, Ms Pilon, we are not really pleased with the service of Services NSW and I'm sure this will reflect at this upcoming election.

Email, 24 Mar 2017  
Bob Kanake, Woy Woy

# Sewage discharge a blow to waterway

I found it astonishing and very upsetting that the Central Coast Council waited until 4:55pm on Friday, March 24, to release the alert that raw sewage had been flowing into Correa Bay and possibly contaminating surrounding areas.

Council would have been aware of this problem by, at the very latest, Thursday morning, March 23.

To wait until the close of business on the Friday is just not good enough.

Who knows how many people had already caught fish or, heaven

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forbid, children may have even been swimming in this area.

This alert should have been issued Thursday morning and signage erected in and around the affected area to warn the community of possible health and contamination issues.

This discharge of raw sewage into the Brisbane Water system is just another blow that this magnificent water way doesn't need.

We need to save our waterways.

Email, 28 Mar 2017  
Carl Veugen, Umina

# Would Crouch promise everything and deliver nothing?

Perhaps Adam Crouch should concentrate his attentions to the dissatisfaction with his Liberal Government that is currently rife, instead of commenting on Labor's pre-selection determinations.

He is quoted saying: "This upcoming election offers two distinct differences.

"With Labor, it is a vote to put someone into Opposition who can promise everything but deliver nothing, while the Liberal candidate will be a strong voice in Government for Gosford, who can continue delivering the roads, education and health services the community needs".

If voters were persuaded that only votes for a presiding

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government were useful, it follows that no government would ever be tipped out of office.

Elected members of the Opposition obviously represent the majority of an electorate and

endeavour to pursue the wishes of those constituents.

For example, the previous Labor Member for Gosford, Ms Kathy Smith, fought hard to try and convince the government not to transfer the RMS office from Woy Woy to Gosford.

Unfortunately, those endeavours reached the ears of a government that chose to ignore the wishes of the people, a government that continues to ride roughshod over or ignore a community will eventually find itself in opposition.

It is to be hoped that should Mr Crouch find himself in Opposition, he will not "promise everything and deliver nothing".

Email, 16 Mar 2017  
Judith Bennett, Umina

# Does dredging proposal mean change in Coastal Plan?

A 24-hour dredging hotline will be a feature of the billion-dollar waterfront proposal.

I will assume the dredge operator will have the authority to remove 40,000 cubic metres of sand from the channel whenever necessary.

This will be good news for the residents of Wamberal dealing with coastal erosion, as it means the NSW Coastal Management Plan is meaningless and private action overrides the plan.

Will the dredged sand be used to rejuvenate Wamberal Beach or will it be used for building construction?

Will the NSW Coastal Plan be reviewed and strengthened?

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With additional marina berths at Koolewong and increased use of the waterway due to population increase and tourism, Mr Ian Reynolds and Mr Steve Duncan will have more problems to solve than sand build-up in the channel.

How the dredging impacts on the 100,000 cubic metres of sand that is annually transported around the Entrance to Brisbane Water will be of interest to coastal engineers and many others.

With the increased activity on the waterway, I expect M1 conditions sooner than later.

Letter, 6 Mar 2017  
Norm Harris, Umina

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# Response to fiscal fiasco is unseemly and futile

The scramble by former Gosford councillors to distance themselves from the fiscal fiasco now being uncovered is as unseemly as it is futile.

To claim ignorance, to claim hoodwinking by dishonest servants or to claim inability to identify actions that would have led to earlier discovery is to admit to incompetence, since the main function of councillors is to control exactly the kind of aberrations finally revealed by a proper examination of the books.

What is needed now is a full investigation of staff members responsible for the mess and suitable sanctions against those identified, ranging from dismissal to, possibly, prosecution if malfeasance can be determined.

There is also a question of how auditors allowed this situation to develop over a period of years and of what steps can be taken to recover fees paid for work that was careless at best and, perhaps, worse than careless.

It is unbelievable that we are still paying large sums to these former councillors for advice on how to set up the new council.

Would anybody in his right mind take advice from them, when stupidity and inattention is the

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most charitable explanation for their actions, and when dereliction of duty is an entirely possible one?

If they had any shame, they would resign from their present positions and refund anything they have been paid: in fact, an appropriate return of fees they were paid as councillors, in recognition of their failure fully to earn their payments, would not be unthinkable.

I trust that none of them would have the temerity to offer him/herself as a candidate in September: one could picture that there might be a spike in the sale of rotten eggs and tomatoes in that event.

Email, 26 Mar 2017  
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

# Stop the fast ferry proposal

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As a marine industry professional, the Ettalong fast ferry proposal must be stopped as soon as possible.

Building the infrastructure first before the feasibility of the run is proven would be a big mistake.

When the government gets a proposal from an experienced maritime operator, it could be taken seriously.

To build the infrastructure before

any ferry has carried passengers to and from Sydney is madness.

Any ferry can operate from the existing wharf to prove the concept.

Will people use it, will it make money and how many days will it not operate due to weather?

This is a developer taking the piss out the residents of the Central Coast.

Don't fall for it. When they come and say they will run for 12 months from the existing wharf to prove its viability, they should get a go.

Otherwise the developer will develop the wharf and no ferry will ever run from it.

It will ruin Ettalong.

This is a smoke screen.

Email, 30 Mar 2017  
Alex Fletcher, Ettalong

# Will government commit to railway underpass?

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Do Woy Woy Peninsula lives matter to the Berejiklian Government?

The tragic circumstances that brought about this Gosford by-election have given us a once-in-a-generation opportunity to get both

the Government and the Labor Opposition to commit to building the Rawson Rd Railway underpass in Woy Woy.

The ALP's Luke Foley made a

commitment on March 15 to build the underpass.

What about Premier Berejiklian?

Do Woy Woy Peninsula lives matter to her government?

Email, 26 Mar 2017  
Stephanie Short, Woy Woy



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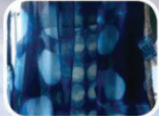
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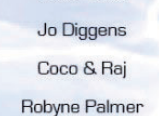
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## Doctor says he cannot give his practice away

**Running a medical practice on the Peninsula was financially uncertain, a public breakfast forum has been told.**

One local retiring doctor said he could not give his practice away.

In an area with high numbers of older people on pensions, a reduction in Medicare payments over the last few years had reduced the feasibility of bulk billing and made it more difficult to deliver affordable healthcare to an ageing population, according to another doctor.

Residents also heard from local doctors expressing their frustration at having difficulty providing the level of health care that was optimal.

The forum was held in Umina by Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks and was attended by Assistant Health Minister Dr David Gillespie.

Dr Gillespie assured the locals in attendance that the government was committed to addressing the crisis.

However, his announcement that the Central Coast Primary Health Network would collaborate with regional training organisation GP Synergy to "develop strategies" to increase GP registrar numbers did not appear to give any commitment.

He said the Network would assess the number of GPs able to provide supervision and mentorship to medical students.

This would be done with consideration to the retirement age of GPs in the area.

It would also evaluate and support GP succession planning, and circulate information to the broader Central Coast and primary health network regions to raise awareness and potential relocation of doctors from more densely populated GP regions.

Dr Gillespie told the forum at Jasmine Green's Park Kiosk that Woy Woy had a large proportion of older people, and a high proportion of GPs who were approaching retirement age.

"There is also a worrying lack of younger GPs and GP registrars joining local practices," he said.

"Lucy has insisted we address the issue and I am pleased to say that she has brought me here today.

"I am keen to hear from local doctors and patients about the problems they are having now and what we may be able to do to attract more young doctors for the future.

Ms Wicks said: "If patient books are closed and GPs are reducing their workloads, this can cause issues especially for people who are new to the area.

"Obviously if patients are finding it hard to get a doctor's appointment, I want to know why," she said.

Following the forum, Ms Wicks and Dr Gillespie conducted "round table" discussions with "health and community stake holders".

**SOURCES:** Media release, 16 mar 2017

Tim Sowden, office of Lucy Wicks

Forum notes, 17 Mar 2017

Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson

Reporter: Noel Fisher



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# GP 'emergency' is political stunt, says O'Neill

**NSW Senator Deborah O'Neill has labelled the declaration of a GP emergency on the Peninsula a "desperate political stunt to sweeten a bitter pill".**

Senator O'Neill said the focus of the Federal Member for Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks, on the shortage of GPs on the Peninsula was to "distract attention from the disaster she and her colleagues have inflicted on the community in the past four years."

"The acute shortage of doctors on the Peninsula and the threat to the health of its people is a crisis

of Lucy Wicks and the Liberals making," Senator O'Neill said.

"By Ms Wicks' own admission in her speech to Parliament, the Coalition made the issue part of its Growth Plan for the Central Coast in the lead-up to the 2013 election.

"Lucy Wicks and two Health Ministers have had the chance since 2013 to give the people of the Peninsula the health care they require and done nothing.

"Now she has suddenly decided it's an emergency.

"Essentially, Lucy Wicks has sat on her hands, let a problem become a crisis, then turned the horse around to claim to be the

shiny white knight.

"In fact, she is being faced with the terrible impact of her own government health policies."

Senator O'Neill said this would be Ms Wicks' second attempt to fix her mess, with the community's health at stake, with a second health minister.

"Ms Wicks failed last year to persuade the former Minister, Sussan Ley, that there was an acute shortage of doctors on the Peninsula, and that the sick and frail were being turned away from surgeries there.

"On that occasion, Ms Wicks' approaches were rejected by Minister Ley who bluntly stated in a letter dated November 23 last year: 'Woy Woy and the Peninsula are not considered to be districts of workforce shortage'."

Senator O'Neill said this was despite concerned local medical providers, back in early September, making urgent representations to Ms Wicks and the Turnbull Government warning of the shortage of doctors on the Peninsula was nearing critical

levels.

"Six months later, that critical level has now been breached," Sen O'Neill said.

"Leaving Ms Wicks' negotiating abilities with her Liberal colleagues aside, what is really at stake here is that the problems on the Peninsula are just a localised symptom of the Liberals' concerted attack on Medicare and the health system, in general.

"The Liberals' freezes, cutbacks and confusion are a key part of what has caused this crisis on the Peninsula.

"It is shameful she has now embarked on a cynical campaign to promote herself as 'the fixer' to the very problem she and the Liberal Government have created. She must think the community is stupid.

"The people of the Peninsula know that on Lucy Wicks' watch they're paying more out-of-pocket health costs than ever and their health is being compromised by her Government's failures."

**SOURCE: Media release, 2 Mar 2017  
Scott Coomber, Office of Deborah O'Neill**

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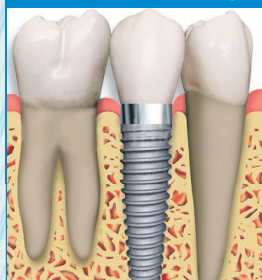
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## Twiners celebrate 67th anniversary

Patonga residents, Mr John and Ms Shirley Twiner, celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on March 25.

John and Shirley's first date was to the cinema, back in 1947.

Three years later, they got married at St Pauls Church in Bankstown.

The Twiners lived happily in Yagoona where they raised their two daughters, Carol and Wendy.

On retirement, they moved to Patonga, where they still reside.

John is a World War II veteran who was stationed on the Indonesian island of Morotai and worked for Qantas before retirement.

Shirley, aged 86, ran her own dance studio which has continued to be run by her two daughters, known as the Twiner-Anderson School of Dance, located in Campbelltown.

John has been awarded the Australia Day Citizen of the Year award and the Bicentennial Commemorative Medal for his continuous work with Rowe Street Musicals since 1972, now known as the Ashfield Musical Society.

John still remains the president of the society and both Shirley and himself are both committee and life members of the AMS.

John and Shirley have four grandsons, a granddaughter and six great grandchildren together.

The Twiners have enjoyed taking annual holidays overseas and will be celebrating their 67th wedding anniversary by planning yet another overseas holiday.

SOURCE: Submission, 22 Mar 2017  
Wendy Twiner, Campbelltown



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While genes play a part in your happiness and overall health, it is only half the story.

Some scientists believe that up to 40% of a person's capacity for happiness might be genetically predetermined. Although that means some

lucky people may start off with a greater tendency to happiness, we all can learn and implement things to be happier.

Being happy protects your heart, strengthens your immune system, combats stress and lowers your aches and pains.

It is important to find a way to be happy and 'be in the moment' that works for you.

Some of us find the thought of a day at the spa pleasurable, and without a doubt, it can be a great de-stressor.

Others find physical activity a great way to instantly increase their sense of wellbeing.

Others might think that winning the lottery will make them happy, but research has shown that money, indeed, doesn't buy happiness.

The same is true for quick health fixes such as crash diets etc. which most likely starve your body of happiness.

So today, allow yourself to be happy!

If you are new to this, start with small doses over the course of the day - play the piano, dance around the breakfast table, it is ok to embarrass the children, breathe deeply and let the different smells evoke different happy emotions, the sea salt in the air might take you back to that happy family holiday up the coast, the freshly baked cookies might bring back memories of your grandma's kitchen, freshly cut grass triggers a recollection of those Saturday mornings when you helped your dad mow the lawn etc.

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## Education

### Kiss and drop zone is not for parking

The Ettalong Public School kiss and drop zone in Uligandi St should not be used as a parking zone, according to relieving principal Ms Lynn Balfour.

Ms Balfour said she reminded community members to be considerate of their fellow drivers when dropping off and picking up students.

She said the kiss and drop zone was "meant to keep traffic moving while allowing children to be dropped off or picked up in a safe manner."

"Central Coast Council has advised they will be patrolling near our school in the next few weeks," she said.

**SOURCE:** Newsletter, 28 Mar 2017  
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School

### Yarning circle opens with smoking ceremony

Umina Beach Public School's Literacy Yarning Circle has been officially opened with an aboriginal smoking ceremony.

Students designed and worked on the construction of this area of the playground during 2016.

"This area of our school demonstrates what can be achieved when we all work together," said principal Ms Lyn Davis.

"The P and C obtained a grant from council which was used to fund some of the work that was undertaken."

"They also sought sponsorship from our local hardware store who provided the sleepers for the retaining wall."

"Everglades Country Club provided a cash grant which was used in creating this space."

"The Literacy Yarning Circle is a genuine community project

and the children at the school will benefit from this project for years to come," Ms Davis said.

**SOURCE:** Newsletter, 28 Mar 2017  
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School

### School turns off the power

Ettalong Public School students and staff participated in Earth Hour on Friday, March 24.

Relieving principal Ms Lynn Balfour said the school turned off as many electrical items as possible between 10:30am and 11:30am.

The aim was to "conserve power and raise awareness of the fragility of the Earth's resources."

"We experienced what it must have been like many, many years ago, working in the dark," she said.

**SOURCE:** Newsletter, 28 Mar 2017  
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School

### Students chosen for dance ensemble

Four Umina Beach Public School students have been selected to take part in the Central Coast Junior Dance Ensemble.

The special ensemble will perform at the Central Coast Dance Festival in June.

It consists of talented dancers

from different schools across the region in Years 4 to 6.

Each school is allowed to send six students to audition and of the six chosen from Umina Beach Public School, four were selected to be in the Junior Ensemble.

**SOURCE:** Newsletter, 28 Mar 2017  
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School



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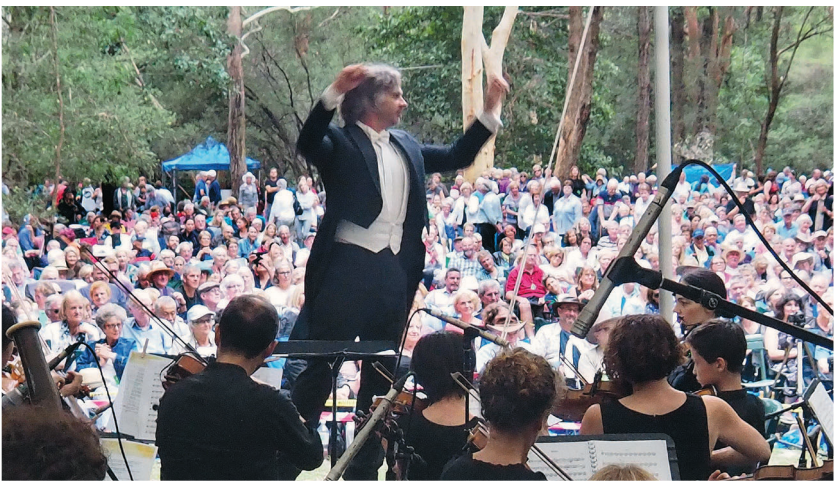
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# Easter book fair held for 41st time

The Pearl Beach Easter Saturday Monster Book Fair will be held for the 41st time from 9am to 5pm on Saturday, April 15, in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

"Come along and have some fun searching for that special book, and enjoy the carnival atmosphere," said Pearl Beach Progress Association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

Titles will include educational, cooking, gardening, art, travel and hundreds of novels.

"This year we have a residents' recommendation table which will provide a wonderful guide to enjoyable reading," Ms Lillico said.

"As usual, there will be a Childcare's Corner with picture books through to novels for young readers," she said.

"We have collectables table with exciting treasures, and pre-loved items.

"Let's not forget the homemade cake and jams stall, also potted plants.

"The cafe on the back deck will

serve refreshments and lunch at reasonable prices and there will be a raffle of a terrific hamper."

She said music lovers and collectors would find a variety of 12-inch vinyl albums for sale.

"Origins of the book fair were to raise funds toward the upkeep of the Crommelin Native Arboretum, with a table of books outside the local shop.

"Over the years and due to the increase in book donations and community interest, the event was moved into the Memorial Hall.

"This year we are delighted with the generous donations, making it the biggest and best ever.

"The Pearl Beach community owns the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, and proceeds from the event now ensure that the hall is maintained and in good repair for all to use and enjoy."

The book fair takes place from 9am to 5pm on Saturday, April 15, in the Memorial Hall at 9 Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 29 Mar 2017  
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

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## Opera proceeds go to Rotary and youth services

Proceeds from Opera in the Arboretum at Pearl Beach on Saturday, March 25, will support Rotary and local youth services.

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy will donate money raised through the 12th annual event to the Rotary Foundation, to Rotary Health and to the local Regional Youth Support Service.

Rotary Foundation helped advance world understanding, goodwill and peace, said Rotary organiser Mr John Greenway.

Rotary Health was one of the largest independent funders of mental health research in Australia.

He said a large audience was held spell bound by the top-class Australian artists' rendition of popular arias and classic musical pieces.

The Central Coast Chamber Orchestra played Dido and Aeneas Overture under the baton of Central Coast Conservatorium of Music director Mr Patrick Brennan to open the day.

Top of the bill, Mr David Hobson, sang a number of arias and received a standing ovation for The Holy City, one of his specialities.

Returning for the second time, Ms Sally-Anne Russell, sang unaccompanied She Moved



through the Fair.

Baritone Mr Andrew Jones, had the crowd clapping to The Toreador Song while local soprano Ms Michaela Archer sang arias by Handel and Puccini.

Special guest, cellist Ms Sally Maer, played some Celtic classics from her third album.

Returning for the second time, pianist Francis Greep accompanied the artists to much applause from the audience and the artists.

The second half began with

Amazing Grace with local bagpipe player Robbie Szafrank, Sally Maer on the cello with Sally-Anne Russell and David Hobson singing.

The Central Coast Chamber Orchestra with Patrick Brennan was acknowledged for their promotion of local youth with their youngest player being 10 years old.

SOURCE: Media release, 26 Mar 2017  
John Greenway, Rotary Club Woy Woy

## Easter art exhibition

Painter and former lawyer Mr Noel Olive will host the Peninsula Easter Art Exhibition at his Olive Branch Gallery in Umina.

The exhibition will be opened at 3:pm on April 14 by Patonga artist Ms Jocelyn Maughan.

On display will be works from

around 30 new and established artists.

The Olive Branch gallery is located at 5 Onthonna Terrace, Umina.

The exhibition will run until Wednesday, April 19.

SOURCE: Media release, 26 Mar 2017

Sue Young, Olive Branch Gallery

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## Italian festival to be held in Ettalong

The eighth annual Central Coast Italian Festival will be held in Ettalong on April 29 and 30.

A plethora of stalls will fill the Ettalong Beach Tourist Resort's piazzas with home-cooked Italian foods including pasta, piadina and pizza, cannoli, crostoli and cucidati.

The festival is promoted as an opportunity to experience Italian culture, sample Italian wines and beer and taste some of the best Italian cuisine out of Italy.

An Italian art and photography display by Pepe will be held on the grand staircase in Piazza Giulietta.

A collection of Italian cars will line up for viewing.

Italian fashion, jewellery and accessories can be found amongst the stalls.

Ettalong artist Mr Simon Sewell will be on site with paintbrush in hand, adding to the collection of Italian Renaissance art found throughout the resort.

Italian singers George Vumbaca and Sam Pellegrino intend to get the crowd up and dancing.

Activities for the children include pasta jewellery, venetian mask making, Punch and Judy and Pinocchio Puppet Shows, and



*Gelato eating competition*

patting Benny the donkey and the Italian breed of Maremma dogs.

Competitions will be held to eat gelato or devour pasta in record time.

Built by an Italian family, the resort contains a boutique motel, the Cinema Paradiso complex with six theatres decorated in Italian and Art Deco themes and European-style village shops in The Galleria.

Quirky shops offer a variety of art, timber furniture, home decor and hardware, antiques and collectibles, fresh flowers, an unusual range of spices, unique and exotic women's clothing, children's wear and even bowls gear.

**SOURCE:** Media release,  
29 Mar 2017  
Alexandra Quinn, Central  
Coast Italian Festival

## New president for arts and crafts centre

**Ms Gwynneth Weir has taken over as president of the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre following the retirement of Ms Penny Howard who held the position for three years.**

The centre's annual general meeting was held on Monday, March 13, and elections were held for places on the committee for the coming year.

In line with the constitution, having served three years, Ms Howard was required to stand down as president.

"Penny has worked tirelessly for the centre during her term as president and introduced many things that have made a significant difference," said incoming president, Ms Weir.

"We shall continue to benefit from these changes in the years to come."

Ms Howard will continue to serve on the committee.

Thelma Browne and Dorothy Mulholland will also remain on the committee.

Ms Weir said: "All the executive and support positions on the committee have been filled by members who are keen to keep our special organisation running on an even keel and looking to the future."

"We are fortunate to have a strong membership and welcome all who join us with fresh ideas and enthusiasm to help keep our centre vibrant and relevant to the needs of the community."

"At the last count there were 44 people waiting to join our classes."

"Our waiting list system ensures that places are allocated fairly."

"We are always looking for ways to accommodate more students but we do not want to increase class sizes as we want to continue to ensure each student has sufficient access to the tutor."

**SOURCE:** Newsletter, 29 Mar 2017  
Gwynneth Weir, Ettalong Beach  
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# Artists show their work at Pearl Beach

A range of Central Coast artists will be showing their work at the Autumn Art Fair at Pearl Beach Hall from April 7 to 9.

The fair will include items across a range of art media including painting, ceramics and photography.

Pearl Beach artists Pim Sarti, Jo Diggins, Cecile Ferguson, Malcolm and Vicki Davison, Duncan Bridel, Robyne Palmer, Elaine Pearce and Marjory Hathaway will have work present.

Joining them will be Woy Woy painter Karen McPhee, architect Walter Barda and Martin Say.

Fashion designers Pam Dwyer,

Lindsay Cameron and Coco and Raj will be displaying Japanese and Indian styles, while Sheelagh Noonan and Mary Hyland will be selling their freshwater pearl, gem and sterling silver jewellery.

Coffee or light lunch will be provided by local caterers.

Massages will be available from Shiatsu masseur Lucy Snedden.

The fair opens 6pm on Friday and will be open on Saturday from

10am to 5pm and Sunday 12pm to 5pm.

Entry is free.

SOURCE:

Media release, 22 Mar 2017  
Sheelagh Noonan, Pearl Beach

## Special screening of the Oyster Farmer

A special screening of *The Oyster Farmer* will be hosted by the Bouddi Foundation for the Arts to raise funds to support young artists.

The 2004 film, by Point Clare director Mr Anthony Buckley was shot on and around the Hawkesbury River including scenes at Wondabyne.

The film will run as part of the Bouddi Society's Movies by the Bay program.

It follows Jack Flange as he moves from the city to the Hawkesbury River, where he encounters the area's rich oyster farming history and undergoes a journey of discovery.

The \$25 ticket price includes Empire Bay oysterman Ferg's local oysters, and a glass or two of Kincumber Block and Tackle stout or sparkling wine.

The money raised will assist the Bouddi Foundation annual scholarships for young Peninsula artists.

Tickets are available at Killcare Cellars in Hardys Bay, or Wagstaffe Store.

The *Oyster Farmer* will be screened at Wagstaffe Hall on Sunday, April 30, at 1:30pm.

SOURCE: Media release,  
27 Mar 2017

Peter Park, Bouddi  
Foundation for the Arts

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11am to 2pm Thurs 20 April

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# 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.fabcns.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@bluwaveiving.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.pcfa.org.au

## Riding for the Disabled

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

## Schizophrenia and Bipolar Fellowship

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

## Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance

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

## Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club

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

## Music

## Brisbane Water Brass

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

## Coastal a Cappella

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women's a cappella chorus  
new members always  
welcome.  
Music education provided  
Lots of Performance  
opportunities, or hire us  
for your next event.  
0412 948 450  
coastalacappella@gmail.com

## 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-cappella 4 part harmony  
chorus - all ages 7pm Mon.  
Central Coast Leagues Club  
John 0413 276 698  
jthomson51@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@nssservices.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

kersuebay@philliphouse.com.au

## 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.phousie@hotmail.com

## Central Coast Family History Society Inc.

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

## Central Coast Tenants' Advice and Advocacy Service

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

## Central Coast Lapidary Club, Minerals & Gems

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

## Central Coast Rescue Unit

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

## Central Coast Soaring Club Inc

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

Experience Flight  
All Welcome

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

2 Sydney Ave  
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

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www.wowgirls.com.au  
info@wowgirls.com.au

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



# Triples carnival resumes at Umina



Triples champions Zach Robertson, John Roberts and Lee Trethowan

**The monthly Triples Carnival has resumed at Umina Bowls Club on February 22 with 14 teams competing.**

Competition was fierce with a good blend of teams from across the region taking part.

At the end of the second round, four teams had secured two wins, with Mr John Aldersley's team sitting at two wins plus 24, equal with Mr Phil Westcott's team.

The third round proved to be the decider with Mr Aldersley's and Mr Westcott's teams both losing their respective three round and Mr Ken

Young's Woy Woy team emerging as the only three game winners with a score of three wins plus 29.

Mr Westcott's teams were runners up with two wins plus 19, while Mr Aldersley's team took out third with two wins plus 17.

The next carnival will be held on Wednesday, March 29, and is open to both men, women or mixed teams.

It is a handicap event.

Details can be obtained through the Club Umina bowls office.

**SOURCE: Media release, 6 Mar 2017**  
Ian Jarratt, Umina Bowls

## Ettalong dominates Triples finals

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

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

With the finals being delayed by wet weather, Aron Sherriff was unavailable for the semi-final and final which saw Under-25 State Representative Zach Robertson called in as a substitute lead.

Lee Trethowan, who had been named earlier in the week as the joint winner with Sherriff as the Bowls NSW 2016 Bowlers of the Year, took over the skip's role with

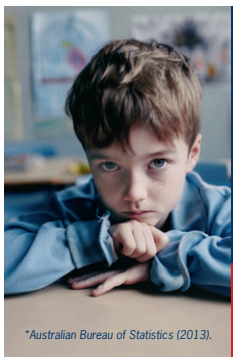
Senior State representative John Roberts playing a reliable role as second.

It was a formidable trio of NSW State players and they combined well as a team to out play their club mate opponents 26-11 who had

played well to reach the final.

It was the third consecutive year that Roberts and Mr Trethowan had captured the Central Coast Triple title.

**SOURCE: Media release, 27 Feb 2017**  
Kevin Dring, Bowls Central Coast



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## The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

### Tuesday, Apr 4

Sallyanne Pisk author talk, Eating for You, Woy Woy Library, 2:30pm to 4:30pm

### Friday, Apr 7

Kwisats, Woy Woy Leagues Club, from 7:30pm

### Saturday, Apr 8

2 Shots, The Bayview Hotel, Woy Woy, 8:30pm

### Sunday, Apr 9

Dance Editorial Pre Professional Dance Course Graduation, Peninsula Theatre, 6pm to 7:30pm

Can't Stop The Music movie show spectacular, Ettalong Diggers, doors open at 2:30pm and show at 3pm

Chris James, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 5:30pm

### Monday, Apr 10

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

Art Exhibition, Karen McPhee, The Art Space, Hardys Bay Club until April 28

### Tuesday, Apr 11

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

### Wednesday, Apr 12

Easter Story Time Fun, Woy Woy Library, 10:30am to 11:30am

### Thursday, Apr 13

Easter Storytime Fun, Umina Library, 10:30am to 11:30am

### Friday, Apr 14

Peninsula Easter Art Exhibition, Olive Branch Gallery, Umina, official opening with Jocelyn Maughan at 3pm and exhibition runs until April 19 featuring works from 30 new and established artists.

Ajala and Pete, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 7:30pm

### Saturday, Apr 15

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

2-Buck Blues Band, Hardys Bay Club, 7:30pm

The Radiators, Ettalong Diggers, doors open 8:30pm

Roll Again, The Bayview Hotel, Woy Woy, 8:30pm

Gibbo and Co, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 7pm

### 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 Bay Club from 3pm

Chris James, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 5:30pm

### Thursday, Apr 20

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

### Saturday, Apr 22

Bob Evans Lonesome Highways Tour, Hardys Bay Club, 8pm

Local Brew, The Bayview Hotel, Woy Woy, 8:30pm

### Sunday, Apr 23

Jam Session with Top Cat, Hardys Bay Club, 2pm

### Tuesday, Apr 25

Anzac Day service followed by wreath laying, Hardys Bay

*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  
Energy Australia 13 13 88  
Gas Emergency 131 909  
Gosford City Council 4325 8222  
Marine Rescue NSW - Central Coast 4325 7929  
SES - Storm and Flood Emergency 132 500

#### Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Organisations

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

#### Accommodation

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

#### Animal Rescue

Wildlife Arc 4325 0666  
Wires 1300 094 737

#### Community Centres

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

#### Counselling

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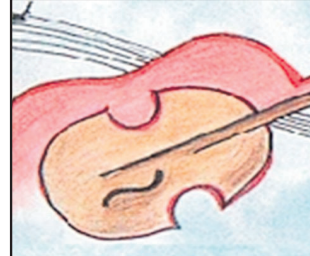
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## Bowls day raises funds for rugby league charity

**A charity bowls day held at the Ettalong Bowling Club has raised nearly \$6000.**

The Men of League Foundation's Central Coast Committee raised the money at its annual bowls day.

It will be used to provide assistance to those in need in the local rugby league community.

The bowls day held at Ettalong Bowling Club on February 27 was the ninth time the annual event was hosted by the club.

It saw 150 players, guests and supporters spend a

day out with special guest, former State of Origin player, NRL Premiership winner and current Men of League Foundation wellbeing manager Mr Ben Ross.

Forty two teams competed throughout the day in three games of 15 ends and competition was fierce but friendly.

The funds raised will be used to provide support to players, coaches, referees, administrators and volunteers from all levels of the game through the committee's benevolence and wellbeing program.

Mr Ross said the

committee's bowls day was an excellent day on the greens at Ettalong and helped raise much-needed funds to support those in the rugby league community who needed it the most.

"Our Central Coast committee has a really great line up of future events including a State of Origin lunch, a huge race day in Gosford and its annual golf day," Mr Ross said.

"They are always excellent events which help the Foundation raise funds

to provide assistance to the men, women and children of the rugby league community through the delivery of physical, financial and emotional support," he said.

"Our Central Coast committee undertakes great work which includes visits to people who may be experiencing social isolation.

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"Or if you'd like to join the Men of League Foundation and help us care for the rugby league community, please join us.

"Membership costs just \$20 a year.

"Find out more at menofleague.com," he said.

**SOURCE: Media release, 29 Mar 2017**  
**Aaron Henry, Men of League Foundation**

## Stableford at Circle Social Golf

**The Circle Social Golf Club was in action for a Stableford competition at the Everglades Country Club on March 26.**

New member Troy Walsh was the overall winner on 44 points, followed by Peter Dawson with 38 points and newcomer David Grimish on 37 points.

Walsh continued to dominate the course, winning both the front nine and back nine with 23 points and 21 points respectively.

In the long drive competition, Grimish won the A-grade, Mark Smith won the B-grade and Allan Hartley won the C-grade.

The near-pins hole winners were A-grade: Fourth hole, Lance

Robertson; 12th, Daniel Nicholls.

B-grade winners were: Fourth hole, Kevin James; 12th, Mark Smith; 16th, Wayne Kidd.

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**SOURCE: Media release, 29 Mar 2017**  
**Mark Smith, Circle Social Golf Club**

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## Woy Woy plays away in rugby union

**Woy Woy played the first round of the 2017 Rugby Union season away to Kariong on Saturday, April 1.**

Woy Woy were finalists last year and Kariong were unfortunate to miss out on the finals series.

The round one match was expected to be close and Woy Woy were keen to make amends for their disappointing end to the previous season.

Woy Woy have appointed two new co-coaches in John Stokie and Chris Schaumkel.

These two coaches were very successful with the club's Premier 2 team last year when they took out the

Premiership in that grade, so quite a few of those players will more than likely make an appearance in the top grade this year.

Kariong are always strong at home, and went into the round one clash as very slight favourites.

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**SOURCE: Media release, 28 Mar 2017**  
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Sport

# Primary student chosen to represent Australia

**Woy Woy South Public School student Harry Beaton, 10, has been chosen to represent Australia in futsal, a form of indoor soccer, in Japan in October.**

Harry has been playing outdoor soccer since he was five years old, first with Umina United and then with the Central Coast Mariners' development program in 2015 and 2016.

He and some under-10 teammates last year decided to play futsal and it was not long before they were representing the region.

The team started out in the Central Coast futsal competition last year and were then chosen to represent the Central Coast and Hunter in January at an Australian tournament where the under-10s made the semi-finals.

"There were scouts at that

tournament and they offered Harry a position in the Australian team to tour Japan," said Harry's mother, Ms Kira Beaton.

Two other Peninsula residents, Liesl Colins, who attends the International Football School at Kariong, and Brisbane Water Secondary College student Ryan Brown will compete in the under-13 age division.

The tour will be based in Nagasaki and will be playing against regional Japanese sides.

All three Peninsula representatives have joined forces to raise funds to pay for the trip as futsal is not a recognised or funded sport.

So far they have set up a crowd-funding site and have organised a fundraising event at the Gosford greyhounds in May.

**Interview, 30 Mar 2017**  
**Kira Beaton, Umina**  
**Reporter: Jackie Pearson**



# Bands support rugby union juniors

**Two bands, Greg Nunan and The General Jacksons and Daddy Longlegs and The Swamp Donkeys, will be performing at Wagstaffe to help raise funds for training and development of the Woy Woy Lions Rugby Union Club Under-14s team.**

Both bands are regular performers at the Wharf at Wagstaff and will come together for one night of Blues, Funk and Rock on April 8.

Tickets are \$35 per person and doors open at 6pm.

There will also be a silent auction of sporting memorabilia taking place on the night.

The team is planning to travel to New Zealand's South Island during the July school holidays where they will play several games against local schools or clubs while also doing some sightseeing and cultural activities.

Team coach Mr Tony Wilkins said: "We are aiming to provide the players with a positive experience that will hopefully retain their interest in being active and playing sport."

"A staggering 70 per cent of kids quit sports by age 13.

"The number one reason kids quit sport is because it's not fun anymore."

"We believe the team will not only benefit through an improvement in their skills, improving their on-field performance, but also strengthen the camaraderie of the team through the shared travel experience," Mr Wilkins said.

While the primary purpose of the trip was to play rugby, the players would have the chance to step up and act as representatives of their community, Woy Woy Rugby Club and their schools.

"They will have the opportunity to play against some great teams, increase their skill level and meet some positive role models."

The team is currently undertaking various fundraising activities including the event at the Wharf at Wagstaff, barbecues, raffles, and cinema events

Tickets for the event are available online via trybookingor at Killcare Cellars and General Store or at the Wagstaff General Store.

For any enquiries please contact Rob on 0425 220 788.

**SOURCE:**  
**Media release, 29 Mar 2017**  
**Suzanne Grant, Woy Woy Lions RUFC**

# Roosters receive \$5000 grant

The Woy Woy Roosters received a \$5000 NSW Rugby League Club has Government grant under the

**Local Sport Grant Program.**

Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Mr Scot MacDonald presented the grant at the season launch at the Woy Woy Leagues Club on Saturday, March 25.

Mr MacDonald was joined on the night by Liberal candidate for the Gosford by-election, Ms Jilly Pilon.

He said he was glad he could help the Roosters replace some of their worn out gear.

"The NSW Government remains committed to supporting local community groups, and assisting the Woy Woy Roosters to obtain some new equipment is a great example of that."

"I'd encourage all local sports facilities and tams to make themselves aware of the grant opportunities available and apply."

**Media release, 20 Mar 2017**  
**Kit Hale, Office of Scot MacDonald MLC**

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# Bunnies field A-Grade team in Newcastle League

The Umina Bunnies Rugby League Football Club will field a senior team in the Newcastle Hunter Rugby League A-Grade this year, after having been excluded from Central Coast competition last year.

The Bunnies were a foundation club on the Central Coast before financial difficulties and a dispute with the division's committee saw the club excluded last year.

Club president Mr Shannon Sharpe said the club found a lifeline in the Newcastle Hunter League.

He said the club had more than 30 men for A-Grade and 20 women for the Ladies League to represent Umina in the Newcastle Hunter competition.

Mr Sharpe, who also coached the 2016 Umina Ladies League team that went on to win last year, said it was fantastic to see the

turnaround for the Bunnies after their disappointing start in 2016.

"From being told by the committee president that Umina would never play in the Central Coast League while he was president to now having a returning champion Ladies League team, a new A-Grade team and new sponsorship opportunities is truly amazing," Mr Sharpe said.

"There's been such an outpouring of support from the community.

"I think it's safe to say the Umina Bunnies are definitely back," he added.

Mr Sharpe said that the club had been invited to return to the Central Coast League in 2018.

"It's all looking up for the Bunnies," Mr Sharpe said.

The Bunnies first match of the year pitted them against Swansea at Col Gooley Oval on April 1.

**SOURCE:** Interview 29 Mar 2017  
Shannon Sharpe, Umina Bunnies  
Reporter: Dillon Luke

Umina's Lachlan Braddish has won the title Under-15 Ironman Champion on the opening day of the Australian Youth Surf Life Saving Championships at Queensland's North Kirra on March 25.

Braddish claimed a golden double, winning the surf race final before outlasting his rivals to take a thrilling Ironman victory.

In between those races, he was able to relax while some of his Ironman rivals fought for the board race gold medal which he elected to sit out.

"I thought I had a better shot at the Ironman than the board, so I thought I'd save myself for it and it worked out," Braddish said.

"It's amazing, there's no way to express how I feel right now."

Braddish was just in the lead from rivals such as Jordan Sergis (Northcliffe) and Thomas Bedingfield (Manly) after the opening board leg.

His swim to win the surf race earlier in the day proved his pedigree in that part of the Ironman, and he was determined not to let the other competitors past.

In a gut-busting finish in flat conditions, long hours of swim training at Woy Woy under coach, Mr Graeme Carroll, an Australian surf champion in his own right, paid the ultimate dividend as Braddish held out Sergis and fast-finishing Morris.

"I knew I had to stay in that position and there were no waves to drag on so I made sure I was out in the lead," he said.

"I couldn't have had a better race."

Braddish also proved too good

## Braddish wins under-15 ironman event



Lachlan Braddish is Umina's Under 15 Iron-man champion

in the Under-15 surf race final, beating Zachary Roja (North Cronulla) and Zachary Bromage (Sunshine Beach).

**SOURCE:**  
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