



The Palm Beach ferry navigating the very narrow channel

Photo: Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association

Channel needs science, not amateur ideas, says CEN

The Ettalong channel dredging needs science, engineering and common sense, and not ill-considered amateur ideas, opinions and dogma, according to the Community Environment Network.

Chairman Mr John Asquith said: "When the public hear of beaches eroding, channels silting up and loss of foreshore, surely the first question is: What has changed?"

He said four events should be looked at.

They were the excavation for the Diggers building in 2004 and the use of the sand to make the beach wider; removal of native vegetation from the dune system from 2008; the rock wall built on the Ettalong foreshore in 2014 and the sandbag ball constructed to protect The Esplanade in 2015.

Mr Asquith said the sand from the Diggers excavation "ended up in the channel to the north near Wagstaffe".

"Native vegetation planted by

volunteers on the foreshore was removed to improve access and views from 2008 onwards.

"The vegetation was planted to stabilize the dunes and hold the foreshore together - so the volunteers resigned," he said.

"They were just four isolated changes but most of the works were done without studies of flows, sand deposition or long-term changes in currents, sea level rise and temperatures.

"We need science and modelling from experts."

According to Mr Asquith, sand in the estuaries and beaches was an unstable material which under the influence of water, waves, tides and wind needed to be managed carefully.

"Sand in the estuary and on the beaches is either accreting or eroding.

"It is not sitting still," Mr Asquith said.

"Hence, dredging of the channel past Lobster Beach and Ettalong needs to be well thought out as the consequences of the wrong action

could be catastrophic," he said.

"Similarly, dealing with erosion at Ocean Beach needs experts."

Mr Asquith said two relevant plans had already been prepared by experts, based on studies and approved by the Council and the NSW Government.

He referred to the Brisbane Waters Estuary Management Plan and the Broken Bay Beaches Coastal Management Plan.

The plans called for "regular maintenance" of the navigation channel and said Ocean Beach sand needed to be stabilised with vegetation, according to Mr Asquith.

"None of the studies or reports shows any hydrological connection between the channel and Ocean Beach," he said.

The recent proposal for Central Coast Council to purchase an Ocean Going Super dredge was ill-conceived, he said.

"This is what is being used in to reclaim land in the South China Sea.

"It would not fit in the channel and

operation would be prohibitively expensive."

Likewise, the idea of strategically depositing dredge spoil to enhance surf breaks and tap into super bank surfing opportunities and tourism was unlikely to work.

"Coastal experts have told CEN that sand will move back very quickly when dumped on the Ettalong sandbank near a channel."

Replenishing the beach using truckloads of sand was another recent suggestion.

"It is likely this sand will be washed away into deeper water at Broken Bay never to be seen again.

"CEN could find no credible studies to support a strategy of pumping sand out of the clogged channel into Brisbane Water at Half Tide Rocks and onto Ocean Beach."

Rather than removing vegetation from Ocean Beach, the Broken Bay Beaches Coastal Management Plan sets the

opposite high priority "to stabilize the sand with vegetation" Mr Asquith said.

"There is a real threat that some of these schemes could cost the Central Coast a fortune and put property and lives at risk," he said.

"The sand that circulates off Ettalong needs to be kept in the loop and out of the channel.

"If it was used at Ocean Beach it could be permanently lost into deeper water south of Ocean Beach.

"Then more foreshore erosion could occur as nature seeks to re-establish equilibrium around Ettalong.

"Council and the NSW Government need to tread carefully and develop a long-term strategy that implements the management plans and does not change with every opinion.

"Otherwise, the consequences could be irreversible and expensive."

SOURCE:
Media release, 17 Mar 2018
John Asquith, Community Environment Network

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So much for 100mm of rain

The warnings were issued and we were all told to batten down the hatches but only 14.9mm of rain were recorded on the Peninsula on March 21 and 22.

Central Coast Council even had free sandbags on hand based on the expectation that a weather front was expected to dump 100mm on some areas in less than a day.

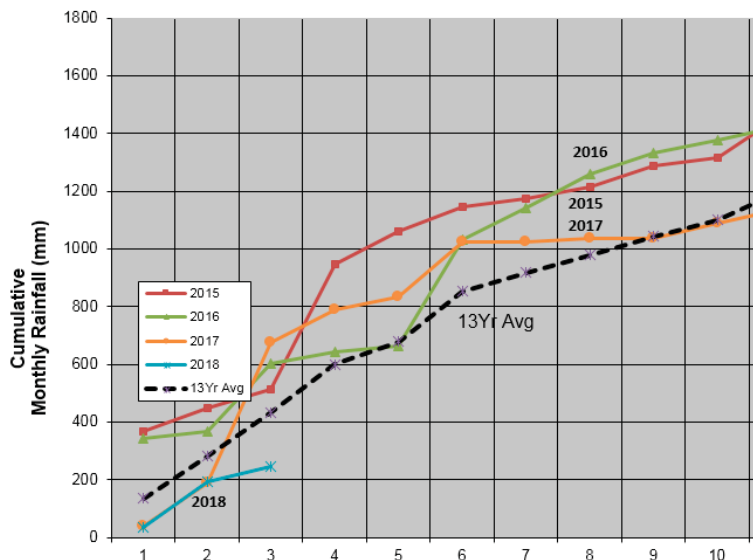
Mr Jim Morrison of Umina captured 5.9mm in his gauge on March 21 and another 9mm the following day – both healthy daily totals and good for the garden.

The preceding six days had been completely dry though, and the total for March was only 50.6mm by March 22.

That 100mm would be needed between March 23 and March 31 to reach the Peninsula's average rainfall for the month.

The Peninsula has had four days with more than 5mm of rain and six with more than 1mm

Cumulative Monthly Rainfall by Year



but the only day to reach double figures was March 6 when 22.5mm were recorded.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 23 Mar 2018
Jim Morrison, Umina

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Council calls for rail underpass funding

Central Coast Council has called on the NSW Government to recommit funding to the Woy Woy rail underpass at Bulls Hill.

The council will approach the Premier, Transport Minister, Roads Minister and Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast

It will also seek a funding commitment from the Leader of the NSW State Opposition, respective Shadow Ministers and Gosford State Member, if they win the next State election.

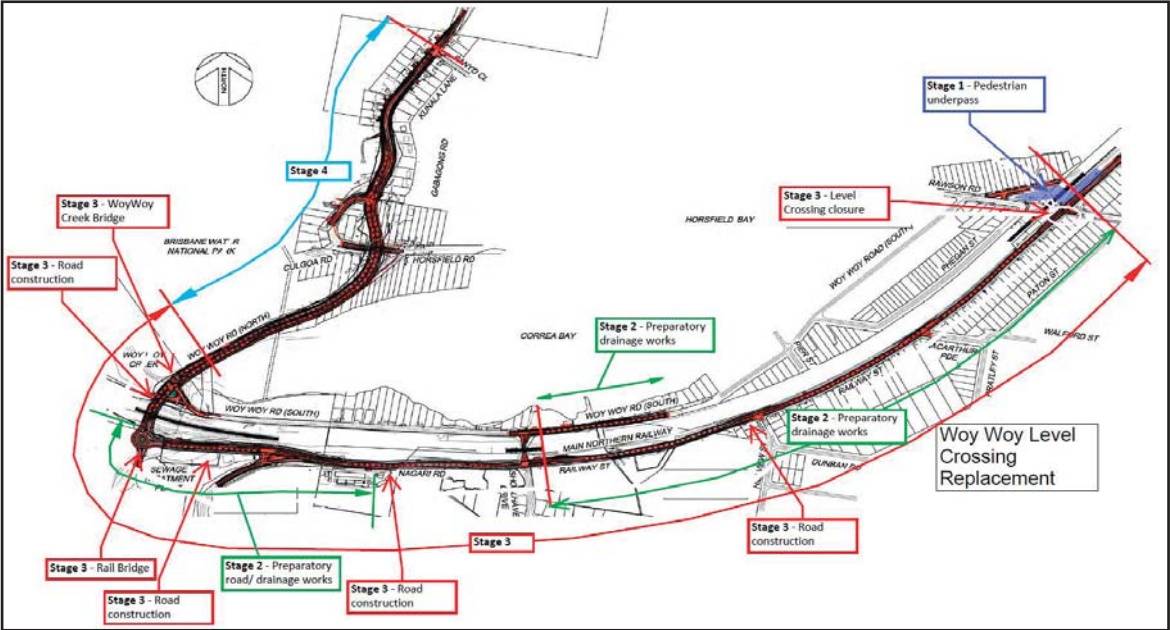
The Council will prepare a statement of the need for and benefit of the works for presentation to the Government and Opposition.

The action was taken after the council unanimously supported a motion put by deputy mayor Cr Chris Holstein and seconded by Cr Richard Mehrtens.

Cr Holstein said: "In 2011, the soon-to-be-incoming Liberal Government committed to the construction of a new railway underpass to remove the Rawson Rd level crossing.

"In addition a pedestrian's underpass would also be constructed.

"The then Gosford Council was



Detailed plans for the four stages of the project from 2014

given carriage of the works.

"Scale and scope of the works was assessed and amended, budget increased and work commenced.

"The pedestrian underpass was constructed and opened but the road underpass was 'shelved' on the basis it was too expensive.

"The belief is that the railways department construction options were cost-prohibitive thus resulting

in the decision to 'shelve' the project".

Speaking for the motion at the March 12 Council meeting, Cr Holstein further commented that the project was "key and critical to tens of thousands of motorists every day that go up Woy Woy Rd, for their safety".

"The other day in the Daily Telegraph it was good to see a conversation about fast rail and the

Premier talked about the need for additional funding to go into safe rail crossings.

"This is crucial for the Peninsula.

"It is an issue that, for whatever reason, was taken off the agenda and just I want to put it back on the agenda."

Cr Mehrtens said the crossing replacement project had become a "political hot potato".

"It has gone through so many

iterations that it is time for a re-evaluation of what the project looks like and what it will cost, because both have blown out.

"If there was any other road, any other situation where someone had died, ask any of my colleagues considering running at the next state election, and they have said they may want to bring it to the attention of the electorate," Cr Mehrtens said.

Cr Rebecca Gale Collins proposed an amendment which included Council being briefed on costings case for the underpass and considering contributing financially 25 per cent of business case cost.

The amendment was seconded by Cr Chris Burke.

Cr Holstein said he could not accept the amendment and called it "just a diversion to step away from the intent".

"The outcome is what the motion is about and the amendment doesn't address it."

The amendment was then put to the vote and lost and Cr Holstein's motion was put and carried unanimously.

SOURCE:

Central Coast Council agenda Item 6.3, 12 Mar 2018
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

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Get planning right with new scheme, says Mehrtens

The release of a "combined" planning scheme for the whole Central Coast would be an opportunity to address limits to infill development on the Peninsula and issues of non-compliance with planning guidelines, according to local councillor Richard Mehrtens.

Cr Mehrtens said he understood the Central Coast Council's consolidated planning scheme or Local Environmental Plan (LEP), produced by combining and rationalising the former Wyong and Gosford schemes, was due to be released in April.

The next step was to develop a brand new comprehensive LEP to cover the whole Central Coast local government area, which Cr Mehrtens said was "some time away".

"We have to use this opportunity to get the process right.

"The new comprehensive LEP will be the first big document council can use to get the future of the Central Coast right.

"We have to use the period when the consolidated LEP comes through to get the zonings right and ensure future development is sustainable in the consolidated LEP.

"We need to make sure things work nicely together so we have a Coast that makes sense.

"I think the hard thing is the council staff are trying to plug in two very different LEPS, they were not similar, they were not conducive," he said.

The comprehensive LEP will need to be mindful of the Peninsula's capacity to cope with too much more infill development, Cr Mehrtens said.

"I don't think the Peninsula can handle too much more infill development.

"We are already seeing just how hard it is with 35,000 people living in this densely packed area.

"Every time it rains the drainage and flooding issues present themselves and that shows just how much work needs to be done to get the infrastructure up to spec.

"I am hopeful there is some major investment into our roads.

"What people voted for at the last election was trying to get the basics right," he said.

Cr Mehrtens said he was also concerned about the number of non-complying developments being approved by Council.

"I think non-compliance is something that is going to have a major effect on development on the Peninsula," Cr Mehrtens said.

"If you have one development that has a 10 per cent variation to its set back, and then if the house next door or the house down the road gets an equal dispensation then you have cut out quite a chunk of separation between houses or between the road and the house," he said.

"It is a compounding problem, not just a one-off.

"A developer can point to a nearby development that has been approved with a variation to the development rules and they could see that as a precedent but it actually becomes a real problem when you have them next to each other which is what is likely to happen.

"Development on the Peninsula is only going to increase.

"We regularly have instances of single dwellings or even neighbouring dwellings being sold to a developer and you can end up with 12 villas where there used to be two homes.

"That is the situation we have to look at because if everything gets a variation then that becomes a compounding problem."

SOURCE:
Interview, 21 Mar 2018
Richard Mehrtens, Central Coast Council
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

Work starts on Killcare development

Work has started on the demolition of a shop at the corner of Killcare Rd and Araluen Dr, Killcare.

The old Killcare Cellars building will be replaced with a \$1.2 million three-storey mixed-use development which will cover the 702 square metre site.

Project manager Mr Jacob Tibbetts said: "While the works are underway, there will be some unavoidable disruptions to traffic, as well as noise and dust generation.

"It is our goal to make these disruptions as minimal as possible."

The new building will consist of two commercial units and three residential units.

The shops should be completed by December and the units are scheduled for completion by February.

The new building will have 11 car parking spaces at ground level and the three residential units will

be on the upper two levels.

One of the ground floor commercial premises will be occupied by a bottle shop.

"The proposed development incorporates two new commercial premises with a total of 194 square metres of commercial floor space," according to Council documents.

"In this instance, it is considered the proposal is consistent with the stated objectives of the zone in that it is a mixed use development which retains retail use at the street frontage, and also provides new opportunities for medium density housing in addition to the retail use.

"The scale of retail development on the site is also commensurate with that expected for a neighbourhood centre," an assessment report said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 Mar 2018
Kim Stamper, Killcare Cellars Development
Gosford DA Tracker, 21 Mar 2018
DA48080/2015, Central Coast Council

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Spiralling fuel prices spur local MPs to action

Spiralling Peninsula fuel prices have prompted action by our local Members of Parliament.

Both the Federal Liberal Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks and the State Labor Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch, who represent the Peninsula, have started petitions and have made contact with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.






Ms Tesch has sought an inquiry into petrol pricing and has encouraged locals to boycott high-priced Peninsula service stations.

"I've written to the ACCC to ask for a proper investigation of collusion in petrol pricing on the Coast and the Peninsula."

Ms Tesch said she intended to gather signatures for a petition which she would present to the NSW parliament to push for an inquiry.

Peninsula petrol stations have recently been charging as much as 14 cents per litre more than stations in the Gosford area and up to 32 cents per litre more than the cheapest petrol on the Central Coast.

"I live on the Peninsula and I support local business owners but I hope a bit of consumer pressure will make local petrol station operators realise they have to bring their prices down to compete

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Prices for Ethanol 94 (E10) on the Peninsula on Friday, March 23

for our business," she said.

Ms Tesch said petrol prices had hit a two-year high, and recent studies had shown that Peninsula motorists were getting hit hardest on the Central Coast.

"It shouldn't be the case that petrol costs many cents more per litre in Woy Woy than it does in West Gosford. That's absurd. Nor should locals have to travel off the Peninsula just to get a fairer deal," Ms Tesch said.

Ms Wicks also has a

Robertson petrol price petition on surveymonkey.com.

Ms Wicks said she would be passing all comments on to the ACCC.

"Some of the comments my office has received recently include 'Peninsula people are paying way too much for petrol... it needs to be reduced or controlled by ACCC ...it's out of control'," Ms Wicks said.

"I would love to see the petrol price come down, especially on the

Peninsula, often petrol is 10 cents cheaper in Kincumber and Terrigal than in Ettalong and Umina," another comment said.

Ms Wicks said: "Since the petition started, we've received over 1000 responses."

Ms Tesch has blamed "Big Oil" for the high prices and not "our local stores".

"They know there is a trapped market on the Peninsula because it has an elderly population on restricted licences so they have to

pay the inflated prices," she said.

Ms Tesch said that even a saving of \$8 on a full tank of petrol could be the equivalent of a meal for some Peninsula households and she believed that is why the issue was of such importance to many residents.

She said that shopping around for petrol was difficult with limited options available to Peninsula residents, but it could make a difference.

"The community can see that they are being taken for a ride by Big Oil, and it's time it stopped."

"It's about sending a message to companies like Shell, BP, and Caltex that just because we are a peninsula doesn't mean we can be treated like second class citizens and charged more than other areas.

"We believe there may be price collusion involved here and even some evidence that the major players, Coles and Woolworths are using price comparison apps to collude on prices and push prices up in some area," she said.

SOURCE:

Media release, 21 Mar 2018

Richard Mehrkens, Office

of Liesl Tesch MP

Interview, 21 Mar 2018

Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Reporter: Jackie Pearson

Media statement, 8 Mar 2018

Tim Sowden, Office of

Lucy Wicks MP

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Waterfront group fights on against development

The Save Woy Woy Waterfront community group is continuing to work “100 per cent to stop inappropriate development” of the Woy Woy Bowling Club’s site, according to Mr Ross Cochrane.

The group is planning to hold another community meeting on a date to be determined.

“Woy Woy Bowling Club and the open recreation area it occupies are at risk from the overdevelopment plans.

“There is still potential the Sporties club will be closing, whether the redevelopment goes ahead or not,” he said.

“Every property developer has the right to attempt to build apartments.

“Seniors have the right to live in nice apartments by the sea.

“But residents of neighbourhoods also have the right to fight to keep open space and Councils have the right to uphold the zoning of open recreational space,” said Mr Cochrane.

“Woy Woy Bowling Club, long ago, was given title to the land which has been zoned open recreational land.

“This means that the community has designated this land to stay, as it states, as recreational land that is not built over.

“The property developer might not like it, but the councillors, as



elected representatives, have every right to make a statement in this process, and we encourage them to do that.

“When the club got into financial difficulties, it sold its title to a property developer.

“That person is now trying to turn a profit by using a loophole in a state planning policy for seniors housing.

“To claim the Sporties will close if the development application is not approved is stretching the facts.

“If the application is approved, there will be no Sporties - not as a bowling club at least, and not for several years during the construction.”

More than 120 local residents made submissions to Central Coast Council against the planned multi-storey seniors housing proposal.

Objections included the fact

that the proposed building was much higher than the surrounding neighbourhood, it contained no guarantees that seniors only would be residents, the site was subject to flooding, and the community would lose open recreational land.

“The councillors of the Central Coast were elected to represent the interests of residents,” said Mr Cochrane.

“They have every right, if they feel that a development is unsuitable, given the zoning of the land, the responses of the residents, and the flood mapping of their staff, to make a submission to the Joint Regional Planning Panel.”

SOURCE:
Interview, 20 Mar 2018
Media release, 20 Mar 2018
Ross Cochrane, Save Woy Woy Waterfront
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

Sporties’ merger memorandum ‘could take months’

A memorandum of understanding for a merger between Ettalong Bowling Club and Woy Woy Sporties “could take months” to draft, according to Ettalong club CEO Mr Tim McGavin.

He said negotiations between the two clubs had not progressed in recent weeks.

In a letter announcing the merger proposal to Ettalong Bowling Club members, Mr McGavin said “Under the proposal, the Sporties would be amalgamated with this club and The Sporties Company would be dissolved.

“If a Memorandum of Understanding is agreed then a meeting of members will be called to discuss the proposal and to give members the opportunity to vote on approving the amalgamation in principle,” said Mr McGavin’s letter, available on the club’s website.

“A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding will be made available for inspection at the club’s premises and on the club’s website at least 21 days before the meeting,” the letter said.

Sporties CEO Mr Kevin Jenkins said the memorandum was an option the Woy Woy club was very keen on considering “but it is not the only option and our three options are still the same: to amalgamate, to keep trading as we are or to close”.

Mr Jenkins said the owner of the Sporties site was also making slow progress with their proposal to redevelop the site, incorporating a new clubhouse, as seniors housing.

SOURCE:
Interview, 20 Mar 2018
Tim McGavin, Ettalong Bowling Club
Website, 20 Mar 2018
About us, Ettalong Bowling Club
Reporter: Jackie Pearson



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ACF branch objects to proposed nursing home

The Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation has objected to the nursing home proposed for Hillview St, Woy Woy, in a submission to Central Coast Council.

"The development on this site in its entirety should be rejected and we call for the land to be compulsorily acquired by the State Government with the support of the Central Coast Council," said branch secretary Mr John Wiggin.

"The State Government has responsibility under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act for protecting Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland endangered ecological communities," Mr Wiggin said.

The foundation's submission said UCSW covers areas of the Hillview St site that were more significant than shown in the developer's application to Council "yet was discussed to be largely across the area of development by Justice Bignold in the Land and Environment Court case Providence Projects vs Gosford Council".

"Only around 11 hectares of UCSW remain anywhere in the world," Mr Wiggin said.

"The site of the original development was over 1.16 hectares, more than 10 per cent of this.

"This block of remnant vegetation was a gift of land to the



The ACF branch says that a bushland protection plan has not been implemented

Catholic Church which then sold it off to a developer who wished to make a quick buck, although the community acknowledged and recognised the significance of this vegetation and land and have fought to protect the land and its endangered ecological community.

"The community sentiment and the regional media in 2004 and beyond were very much opposed to the destruction of this rare bushland.

"Even the minister from the local church, in her prayer at the start of the council meeting and during sermons, asked that councillors be guided to care for the environment yet the church custodians of the time did not.

"The previous Gosford Council rejected the development, the Land and Environment Court rejected the development, and only after continued pressure from the developer over the next two years (2004 -2006), a development with a UCSW management plan was approved."

Mr Wiggin claimed that an undeclared conflict of interest cast doubt over that approval by Gosford Council.

"It could be expected that not declaring the potential or actual conflict was contrary to the local government code of conduct and the outcome might have been different if the councillors and council staff had been aware of

this significant conflict.

"Hence the original development may well not have been approved," Mr Wiggin said.

He said the property had sat vacant for 12 years, and the management plan was not actioned.

"The community has been fighting to protect the vegetation understorey and trees that form this endangered community on the current site for over 13 years," the submission said.

"Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland in the Sydney Basin Bioregion is likely to become extinct in nature in NSW unless the circumstances and factors threatening its survival or evolutionary development cease.

"The number one risk factor is habitat loss through developmental pressures, exactly what is happening with Hillview St.

"The information accompanying the application is insufficient to justify the development."

The Foundation's submission questioned why the developer has not included an Environmental Impact Statement for the Bush Stone-Curlew - also an endangered species under the NSW Threatened Species Act.

"This has been sighted on properties on the golf course on the other side of Hillview St and the secondary school on the other side of Veron Rd.

"It has also been seen in similar UCSW bushland, up the road.

"Only 20 individual birds of this species are estimated to exist on the Central Coast and its presence in the vicinity was not acknowledged in the original Species Impact Statement by Providence Projects or this current 2018 application.

"Further, part of the subject lot has also been identified to contain potential habitat for the following threatened fauna species, Glossy Black Cockatoo, Swift Parrot, Regent Honeyeater, Powerful Owl, Barking Owl, Masked Owl, Koala and the Grey-headed Flying Fox.

"The provisions of SEPP 44 were also considered by Council's Environmental Assessment Officer in the assessment of the original application and the following comment provided: 'The subject site is identified to contain potential koala habitat as defined under the provisions of SEPP 44 as eucalyptus robusta forms approximately 18 per cent of the existing canopy.' "

The ACF submission contended the current proposal had a larger building footprint, horizontally and vertically, than earlier proposals.

"Their bushland protection plan has not been acted on in 13 years and their plans show no cause not to continue the negligence of this significant state-protected vegetation," the submission said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 15 Mar 2018
John Wiggin, ACFCC

SCHOLTEN Jewellers ...reborn and now in Galleria Ettalong, the former Ettalong Markets at Ettalong Beach



After retiring in June 2014, Henry Scholten has now opened a small shop in the former Ettalong Markets, only trading on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays.

The Ettalong market has been beautifully revamped to a luxury European Galleria style tourist attraction.

Established in 1988, Scholten Jewellers has been manufacturing fine jewellery on the Central Coast for 30 years, having had shops in Bateau Bay, Gosford, Erina and Tuggerah.

Scholten Jewellers is now in Ettalong, providing an excellent repair, design remodelling and manufacturing service.

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News



Fun at the Bays Community Fair



Community group looks for secretary

The Bays Community Group is looking for a secretary and a vice-president after the positions failed to be filled at the group's annual meeting.

President Ms Cathy Gleeson was re-elected for another year.

Following the success of the group's first Bays Community Fair held on March 11, the group is now anticipating "an even bigger, more successful Fair in 2019", according to Ms Gleeson.

"The sun was shining, and the people came," she said.

"Phegan's Bay was the perfect position for this event.

"The Fair came about after our recent Bays Survey, when residents requested an outdoor, family-oriented day.

"The Village Green was a great

setting for our kids and adult games to be run.

"The Bays Community Group could not have done this without so much support and contributions from our community, and we are very grateful, and very pleased to have been able to bring this Fair to fruition."

Ms Gleeson said that, as a result of the fair, the group was now looking at establishing a bushcare group.

"We would also like to acknowledge Central Coast Council's support of our event and, in particular, bushcare officer Anna Deegan for her attendance on the day.

"Anna spoke with many interested local residents about the creation of a bushcare group for Phegan's Bay.

"The Bays Community Group is pursuing this further with Council."

The group's new committee elected on February 21 for 2018 is treasurer Andrea Wilkinson, Phegan's Bay representatives Zoe Anderson and Marie Davies, Woy Woy Bay representatives Margaret Vidler and Deb Lloyd, and Horsfield Bay representative Naomi Vietch.

Ms Gleeson said: "We welcome any ideas or suggestions from our community as to what we could include for next year's event, but with this comes the need for more volunteers.

"So anyone who can volunteer their time or services will be welcomed," she said.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 22 Mar 2018
Cathy Gleeson, The Bays Community Group

Children's charity receives grant

Central Coast Kids In Need will receive a \$10,000 grant thanks to a nomination by employees of a Umina bank branch.

Employees at the Commonwealth Bank branch nominated the charity in recognition of the much needed services it provides to the local community.

"We're thrilled to be able to support organisations like Central

Coast Kids In Need," said branch manager Ms Fiona Wright.

The Commonwealth Bank is giving \$10 million to community organisations nominated by its employees, with 1000 "Centenary Grants" each being valued at \$10,000.

SOURCE:

Media release, 9 Mar 2018
Allan Hunt, Commonwealth Bank Media

Easter sunrise service at surf club

The Brisbane Water Ministers Association is hosting an Easter Sunrise Service at Umina Surf Club.

"Come watch the sun rise from the balcony upstairs, as we reflect on the resurrection of Jesus and the message of hope and renewal," said the Reverend Patty Lawrence of the Broken Bay Uniting Church.

"The story this Easter is one of the women who went to the tomb, wondering how they will move the stone, wondering how it all ended like this, wondering what life will now be like.

"The women, uncertain, but faithful, went to the tomb, and found the stone was moved and the tomb empty and the story continues," Ms Lawrence said.

Leadership is being offered by the Anglican, Baptist, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Salvation Army and Uniting Churches on the Peninsula.

The building has a lift available for easy access.

SOURCE:

Media release, 22 Mar 2018
Rev Patty Lawrence, Broken Bay Uniting Church

Meals on Wheels holds open days

Meals on Wheels will hold open days at its Woy Woy community restaurant on Tuesdays, April 3 and 10 as part of the NSW Seniors Festival.

The service will serve "a complimentary three-course meal to new community restaurant clients", accompanied by entertainment as well as some games.

The restaurant is a service provided by Meals on Wheels Central Coast, which aims to act as a social outlet for a lot of people who are otherwise isolated.

Return transport is available at a cost of \$10.

As limited places are available, bookings to attend these open days are essential.

SOURCE:

Media release, 22 Mar 2018
Pip Wilson, Meals on Wheels Central Coast

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Second dredge motion defeated

A second motion for Central Coast Council to buy an ocean going dredge to permanently manage the Ettalong channel has been defeated.

Councillors Rebecca Gale Collins, Greg Best, Jilly Pilon and Bruce McLachlan put a rescission motion to the March 12 meeting to reverse the previous council decision to seek a full briefing before deciding whether to buy a dredge.

That briefing is expected to include legal advice, current dredging strategies and recent history, an understanding of how the estuary functions and cost implications of the various options.

The meeting was addressed by Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales, Central Coast Ferries owner Ms Bets Conway and Ettalong Diggers Tourism Information Centre officer Ms Kim Cole.

Cr Chris Burke voted in favour of the rescission motion, along with the four councillors who put the motion to the meeting but it was lost.

He called for a division which indicated those voting down the rescission motion were councillors Smith, Vincent, Hogan, Greenway, MacGregor, Mehrrens, Matthews, Holstein and Sundstrom.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council agenda
Item 7.1, 12 Mar 2018
Reporter: Jackie Pearson



Bill and Ray with celebrant Denise

Couple discovers link with celebrant

A Wagstaffe couple who were married in February have discovered after the ceremony that their celebrant was a student of one of them.

The couple, Mr Bill Gregor and Mr Ray Bass, had found a celebrant online and had a number of meetings with her in preparation for the big day.

"She was lovely and she

delivered a beautiful service for us," Mr Gregor said.

It wasn't until the couple's best friend, Helen, was making a speech after the ceremony, and recounted how Mr Bass had worked as a school teacher, some 40 years ago at Castle Cove Primary School, that a shriek went up at the back of the crowd.

It was Denise, the celebrant,

who suddenly realised that the man she had just married was her fifth grade primary school teacher.

"The world doesn't get much smaller and what was already a fantastic day, just got better," Mr Bass said.

After 46 years together, the couple decided to tie the knot "because we can".

"We have been very happy

together, and now we are legally able to, so we thought let's do this," Mr Bass said.

They asked that guests donate to either Fairhaven Services or Coast Shelter in lieu of a wedding gift.

Almost \$2500 was raised.

SOURCE:
Media release, 13 Mar 2018
Sarah Williams, Fairhaven Services



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Ettalong channel makes talkback radio

Impasse remains over channel dredging

A meeting, held last Monday, March 19, between NSW Government and Central Coast Council representatives has failed to resolve the impasse over who is responsible for maintaining the navigation channels of the Brisbane Water.

Following the meeting, the Council maintained its position that the NSW Government was responsible for dredging of the Box Head and Ettalong Channels.

The Council stated it was willing to work with the NSW Government on a long term solution.

Council had not received formal notification from the NSW Government on the outcome of applications for grant funding

which, if granted, would allow the Council to purchase and operate a dredge for five years.

Mayor Cr Jane Smith said Council recognised there was a need for dredging in order to maintain the channels for navigation purposes.

She said it was essential to understand its legal position and cost implications to ensure the right decision was made.

"Councillors need to have all the information in order to make informed decisions for the long-term management of the estuary and the allocation of ratepayer money," Cr Smith said.

"That is why, at our February 12 meeting, the Council resolved to request a detailed briefing and report be given on current legal advice, dredging strategies, an understanding of how the estuaries

function and cost implications of purchasing a dredge," she said.

"The information that I have received to date confirms Council's long-held view that the dredging of the channels is a State Government responsibility.

"The State Government also collects millions of dollars in fees from moorings, jetty rents and fishing and boat licenses in Brisbane Water and this revenue could and should be put back into maintaining the channels and the waterways to ensure these recreational activities can continue.

"In addition, it is worth noting that our neighbouring Lake Macquarie Council does not pay for dredging.

"The State government covers that cost.

"If Council must find the funding ourselves to dredge the channel,

funding would need to be taken away from other priority projects our community have told us they want funded.

"We need the State Government to come to the table with a solid funding package for the Channel and we are happy to get on board."

The meeting included Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast, Mr Scot MacDonald, Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch, State Government departmental representatives, the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Fantasea Cruising, Cr Jane Smith and senior council staff.

Councillors were due to receive a briefing and a report was expected to the March 26 meeting to be held in Wyong.

SOURCE:
Media release, 19 Mar 2018
Jane Smith, Central Coast Council

The issue of the dredging of the Ettalong Channel has been the subject of discussion on Sydney talkback radio.

Radio station 2GB talkback host Mr Ray Hadley interviewed Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales and NSW Minister for Lands Mr Paul Toole.

In both interviews, Central Coast Council was portrayed as "stubborn" and "sabotaging solutions to end a navigational disaster".

Mr Wales was interviewed on March 15.

"It has been a good decade and the problem has only just progressively got worse particularly over the past six months," Mr Wales said

"It has now got to the point where the channel at the entry to Brisbane Water has narrowed down to as little as six metres and at low tide you have barely got half a metre of clearance under vessels," he said.

"The Central Coast Council has just been procrastinating about this issue for so long and effectively walking away from its obligations," he said.

Mr Wales told Mr Hadley Palm Beach ferries had recently cancelled 15 services over four days because the channel was deemed to be unsafe.

Mr Toole joined Mr Hadley on air on March 21.

"I wrote a letter to them at the end of last week which they would have received, reminding them of their responsibility," Mr Toole said.

"We've got another round of funding that is going to open in April of this year, and I'm encouraging the Central Coast Council to actually apply for that funding because I've got other Councils, like for example on the mid coast who are applying for that funding and they're doing the right thing.

"I think some of the figures that they're asking for are exorbitant, it's just unrealistic.

"They are playing games and they are not serious about wanting to help their community."

SOURCE:
Transcripts, 15 and 21 Mar 2018
Ray Hadley show, Radio 2GB
(via Adam Crouch, Member for Terrigal)

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Protest sends clear message, says Crouch

More than 60 local residents have attended a Save Our Beach protest on March 17 convened by Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Liberal Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch, and Liberal councillors Cr Jilly Pilon and Cr Gale Collins.

Mr Crouch said the protest sent a clear message to Council that the community demands action.

Mr Crouch and the councillors repeated their call for Central Coast Council to take responsibility for the situation at Ettalong Channel.

He said that Council has avoided responsibility and delayed any progress on this issue for far too long.

"I call on the Labor and independent alliance of councillors to stop obfuscating and avoiding this issue, and start to work together to achieve a positive outcome," Mr Crouch said.

"Last week I met with Minister Toole and asked him to write directly to Council to remind them of their legislative responsibility to dredge and maintain Ettalong Channel, and I can confirm that Minister Toole's letter has been sent to Council.

"Wherever possible, the NSW Government continues to engage with Council to reach a solution."

"The NSW Government stands ready to assist Council in helping fund an ongoing solution.

"Since 2011, funding has been available through the Rescuing Our Waterways program, which consists of a co-fund arrangement between local Councils and the State," Mr Crouch said.

Cr Pilon said that the need for dredging to prevent silting in the Ettalong Channel was not a new problem.

"Council have known for years that dredging is required in the Ettalong Channel.

"Indeed, as far back as 2009, a management study was written by an independent engineering consultancy and provided to council with options to fix this



ongoing problem," Cr Pilon said.

"I have raised this issue with my council colleagues on multiple occasions already, and I will continue to advocate for our community at every possible opportunity."

Cr Gale Collins said that the current state of the Ettalong Channel was having a significant impact upon the local community.

"As a local resident, I'm disappointed that my council colleagues did not support the dredging motion," Cr Gale Collins said.

"The silting in Ettalong Channel is creating a safety issue and impacting our ferry operators, tourist passengers, student and work commuters, recreational boat users and our local businesses.

"I would urge council to submit an application for the Rescuing Our Waterways program when it opens next month, and I call on my council colleagues to work constructively towards an outcome," Cr Gale Collins said.

Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales said: "It was fantastic to see such a great crowd turn out in protest over Central Coast Council's inaction over the

Ettalong Channel dredging and renourishment of Ocean Beach.

"Everyone came down with their buckets and spades in a symbolic gesture to let Council know that the community is fed up with state of our local beach and the silting of the Ettalong channel," he said.

"We were also encouraged to see support from our local councillors Rebecca Gale-Collins and Greg Best who stood by the community at the recent council meeting.

"It seems that the council is determined to push the blame and responsibility onto the NSW Government even though the Government has repeatedly told the council that under the legislation, the council is responsible.

"The council also tells us that there are no funds in their budget for the dredging and renourishment works although the recent council financials show that income exceeds expenditure by \$156 million.

"That's a lot of extra cash that should be spent on roads, drainage, community facilities and the dredging works."

Source:

Media release, 19 Mar 2018

Ben Sheath, Office of

Adam Crouch MP

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Mehrtens and Holstein want comprehensive briefing

Peninsula councillors Cr Richard Mehrstens and deputy mayor Cr Chris Holstein are both wanting a comprehensive briefing from council staff before deciding on a course of action for the Ettalong channel.

The other West Ward councillor, Cr Troy Marquart, is currently on leave from his council duties due to an injury.

"A month ago council was presented with a motion that called for the immediate purchase of a super dredge," Cr Mehrstens said.

"The expectation was that the next day Council would go out and purchase a dredge, sight unseen with no budget, with no business plan," he said.

"Council decided on the night we needed more information, wanted to know how much it would cost, what it would look like, whether it was even Council's responsibility to dredge, what the dredge would be doing when it was not dredging the channel.

"We are a new Council and in terms of spending upwards of tens of millions of dollars we need to know what the business plan will look like.

"That staff report will come back to us in the coming weeks and I look forward to voting on a sensible business plan that will resolve the channel problem once and for all."

Cr Mehrstens also restated his Labor party position that the NSW Government was shirking its responsibility to maintain a safe navigation channel.

"The State Government is not just walking away from dredging our Coastal waterways," he said.

"It is walking away from other waterways that it has always taken responsibility for.

"For instance, this current government has walked away from Port Hacking, which is a port, full of government assets that it has been dredging for 30 years.

"It is emblematic of how this State Government sees dredging, it is a cost shift and the other councillors should see it that way," Cr Mehrstens said.

Cr Holstein said Council needed to explore all available options.

"There is a still water dredge at The Entrance and hopefully some

renovation works are happening on that dredge," Cr Holstein said.

"If that dredge could be modified to make it more receptive to bigger swells then it might well be the case the dredge could be modified and moved down to Ettalong.

"My belief and that of hydrology experts I have consulted is that we could make the current dredge more viable for open water."

Cr Holstein said he understood that the NSW Government was arguing that Brisbane Water was not a priority location for dredging and so did not qualify for 100 per cent state funding.

"Well I think the NSW Government might need to adjust their legislation or have an argument put to them about why this waterway needs special assistance," he said.

Cr Holstein said he believed Central Coast Council had a strong case for asking the NSW Government to take 100 per cent responsibility for the channel based on the "amount of moorings, private jetties, boat registration and boat licences" from the Brisbane Water area that provided revenue to the State.

Brisbane Water is grouped with the Hawkesbury and Pittwater in terms of state-collected data about recreational boating.

That group of waterways includes 41,000 boats and 103,000 licences.

"Work that out on a yearly registration and we haven't even got to the moorings and what the NSW Lands Dept asks for people's jetties.

"If you go all the way back to the 1950s they build a sea wall at Ettalong and it is still there behind the dunes.

"In 1973 Ettalong point eroded, so the Public Works department put a groyne on Ettalong Point and it is still there.

"If the criteria for 100 per cent funding is the requirement for government infrastructure, there is infrastructure in the area," he said.

SOURCE:

**Interview, 9 Mar 2018
Chris Holstein, Central Coast Council**

**Interview, 21 Mar 2018
Richard Mehrstens, Central Coast Council
Reporter: Jackie Pearson**

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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

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Gosford's civic heart is beating stronger than ever

The area around Gosford's Kibble Park has been identified by the NSW Government Architect as, potentially, the city's renewed civic heart, as part of its work on the Gosford Urban Design Implementation Framework (UDIF), due to be completed

Gosford CBD planning proposal terminated

Central Coast's Coordinator General, Ms Lee Shearer, has fixed her muscles and announced the termination of a planning proposal for Gosford's CBD.

Study on reduction of train travel times between Sydney and Newcastle funded

Federal Member for Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks, was joined by local state parliamentarians and a business leader, at Gosford railway station, on Friday, March 9, to announce that the NSW Government would receive Federal support to look

Performing Arts Centre preferred site to be decided upon once and for all

Six potential sites in the Gosford CBD will be urgently reviewed by Central Coast Council staff in a move to expedite the building of the Regional Performing Arts Centre (RPAC).

Therapy dogs to join the team at Gosford Courthouse

Victims and witnesses at Gosford Courthouse will soon have the support of therapy dogs, Member for Terrigal, Mr Adam Crouch, said.

Rotary Club donates \$90,000 to suicide prevention projects

North Gosford Rotary Club held a Benefactors and Beneficiaries Dinner on February 26 to thank Central Coast people, schools and businesses for getting behind its Save Our Kids (SOKS) suicide prevention project, other youth support

Algal bloom danger averted

Beach goers were warned against swimming and recreational fishing at Terrigal, Avoca and Copacabana beaches, following the discovery of marine algal blooms on Monday, March 12.

Service provider workshop in Gosford

The Survivors and Mates Support Network (SAMSN) will conduct a service provider workshop in Gosford on April 12.

Scholarships available for struggling apprentices

Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast and the Hunter, Mr Scot MacDonald MLC, is encouraging first-year apprentices in the region who are experiencing financial or other personal hardship, to apply for a \$15,000 Bert Evans Scholarship.

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Legal action initiated against Councillors and community members for alleged defamation

Former Wyong Mayor, Mr Doug Eaton, has initiated legal action against several Central Coast Councillors and community members for alleged defamation.

New retirement lifestyle village to be built at golf course

The Royal Freemasons' Benevolent Institution (RFB) and Wyong Golf Club have joined forces to create a new golf and retirement lifestyle village.

Bill to prohibit mining in water catchment area introduced

A bill to prohibit mining in the Wyong water catchment area, the Wyong (Special Area Protection Bill) 2018, has been introduced into the NSW Legislative Council, on March 6, by Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council, Shadow Minister for

Permanent protection sought for wetland

Initial steps have been taken by Central Coast Council to permanently protect Porters Creek Wetland.

Kangy Angy rail maintenance facility could end up being a multi-billion dollar development

Mr David Harris, speaking in his role as Shadow Minister for the Central Coast, said he did not believe there was any hope of stopping the intercity rail maintenance facility from being constructed on flood-prone land at Kangy Angy, even though

Safety concerns acknowledged

Ongoing traffic issues at Carters Rd, Lake Munmorah, have been acknowledged by Central Coast Council as threatening pedestrian and motorist safety.

Ourimbah Master Plan did not reflect community consultation process

Ourimbah Region Residents' Association (ORRA) has written to all Central Coast Councillors requesting that the Ourimbah Master Plan and Land Use Strategy be referred back to the community before any decision is made on implementation.

Specialised materials handling excavator helps reduce landfill

Central Coast Council is continuing to implement innovative methods to reduce the amount of waste directed to landfill with the recent purchase of a specialised, materials handling, excavator.

Council's total income from continuing operations tops \$723m

The auditor's report for the first consolidated Central Coast Council financial statements will be presented at the next meeting on Monday, March 26.

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Five-year street plan needed

In built up areas like the Woy Woy Peninsula, you would expect the streets to have kerbing and footpaths.

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Not so on the Peninsula, where through lack of care and money, the former Gosford Council has designated that over 70 streets in this densely populated area have no kerbing or footpaths.

Gosford Council spent vast

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amounts on other developments within the Shire but left the Peninsula roads resembling an outback town.

They have provided developments like the swimming complex in Blackwall Rd and the

Woy Woy football oval, plus the massive Mantra Resort to be built.

Yet residents have had to suffer for more than 20 years with so many streets being poorly maintained.

Many home owners have spent thousands in giving their homes a facelift, but not a cent spent by Council in improving the streetscape.

Too much time and lack of concern has passed and now it is time that Central Coast Council steps up and pays more attention to improving the Peninsula roads and streets.

Peninsula residents should demand from council a full and comprehensive plan over the next five years for complete street upgrading.

Email, 10 Mar 2018
Rod Fountain, Booker Bay

Liesl Tesch was respected and acknowledged

I am writing to respond to Ms Genny Murphy's accusations against me printed in Edition 439 of Peninsula News (February 26), following last month's official opening of new social and affordable housing at Woy Woy.

Ms Murphy's email claimed that I was "rude", lacked "respect" and ignored the Member for Gosford, Ms Liesl Tesch.

I categorically deny these claims.

On the contrary, I acknowledged Ms Tesch in my speech.

The photographer to which Ms Murphy also referred in her letter was not a staff member or volunteer of mine, but was contracted independently by the

event organiser.

Ms Murphy is a long-time member of the Australian Labor Party and was an active supporter of Liesl Tesch's campaign in 2017.

I would suggest that next time she makes spurious claims, she first checks her facts more carefully before making any such petty and untrue accusations.

I would also like to commend Pacific Link Housing, ably led by Mr David Bacon, who in partnership with the State Liberal Government are providing 31 new social and affordable houses in this new complex.

Email, 20 Mar 2018
Adam Crouch, Member for Terrigal

Outrageous variations of 75 per cent

In response to the article in Peninsula News edition 440, Construction certificate issued for multi-dwelling project, the item raises questions about council's assessment and public information.

At the time the DA was released for public comment, was it advised that the assessment would include variations of 75 per cent?

I expect the public made submissions, assuming minor variation practice would apply, but not outrageous variations of 75 per cent.

The problem can be easily solved by council.

When developments are released for public comment, Central Coast Council should advise the percentage variation

applicable to the development i.e. 75 per cent.

This will enable councillors, and the public, to comment on the developments, using the same assessment standards adopted by council.

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When will it happen?

What would happen if specifications generally could have variations of 75 per cent?

Answer: Court gridlock.

Letter, 14 March 2018
Norman Harris, Woy Woy

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I want my children's great grandchildren to play on sand

A council elected by ratepayers surely must have paramount influence in decision making.

Firstly, with development decisions such as Sporties in Woy Woy and now the dredging issue at Ocean Beach, we are seeing transfer of responsibility and costs in a way that fits the State Government but not ratepayers.

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce proposal to purchase a dredge with Council money should not be acted on.

The state of the Peninsula's town centres should be enough for the Chamber of Commerce to be kept busy.

If, as they claim, they are experienced business operators, they should stick to those issues.

Dredging a natural environment should be left for those experts with environmental knowledge and credentials to give advice for the long term good of the beach and estuary, not for any vested short-term interests.

The Chamber of Commerce

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has neither the knowledge nor capacity to give unbiased input to an elected council.

Removing all vegetation, in opposition to "greenies" concerns as Matthew Wales recently put it, shows that only dollars concern them and is really as stupid an idea as their support for a Fast Ferry to Sydney.

Beaches are a natural moving beasts.

Replacing the natural vegetation with a concrete promenade as the Chamber of Commerce proposes is a short-term solution that will benefit few.

The only real long-term solution is retreat back from Ocean Beach.

Council needs to make decisions that will ensure we have a beach for future generations.

As a 92-year-old woman, I want to know my children's great grandchildren can play on natural sand dunes, not a sandstone wall.

Email, 22 Mar 2018
June Mitchell, Woy Woy

Our full-time mayor is asleep at the wheel again.

At the most recent Council meeting, Council adopted a list of 23 vegetation communities as "regionally significant" but failed to identify the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland as "significant", despite the fact that it is listed by the state as endangered (Endangered bushland is not 'significant' to Council, Peninsula News Edition 440, March 12).

The mayor then states that she "would like it to be included", which is typical of a mayor who "likes" and "thinks" but doesn't actually seem to get anything "done".

If she wanted it included, why didn't she say so when the matter was before Council: a simple amendment would have done the trick.

A more suspicious person than I might conjecture that the

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omission has something to do with the development application now before Council for a nursing home on the site against which our Australia Day award winner, Mr Norm Harris, has lodged an objection (Award recipient objects to nursing home, PN 440).

I believe that a previous application on this site was the subject of multiple objections and was eventually refused, but the developer has doggedly returned with a new application, perhaps in the belief (probably well-founded) that the community will get tired of objecting and that he will eventually get his way.

This is how the application system usually works.

I think that Mr Harris is probably all too correct in predicting that

the proposed development will result in the destruction of the endangered bushland, no matter what conditions Council might purport to attach to an approval.

So, here is an opportunity for two councillors to use the prerogative, so warmly supported by Mr Matthew Wales, of bringing the matter before council for determination.

Possibly, the Mayor and Cr Mehrkens who express such concern over the endangered bushland could take this initiative.

In the meantime, it is to be hoped that many other objections will be lodged, although the probability of the number reaching 50 is remote, this will doubtless be a matter of satisfaction to Mr Wales and Crs Best, Pilon, Marquart, McLachlan and Collins, if not to the community at large.

Email, 12 Mar 2018
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

Why is council removing play equipment?

Yet another children's playground on the Peninsula is to be removed by Central Coast Council. Why?

In support of Ms Margaret Miles letter in Peninsula News edition 440 concerning removal of playground equipment, Patonga residents have also been told that our fairly new swings are to be removed and replaced with passive space.

This set of swings has been very popular with our grandchildren, as well as all the children of the day trippers that enjoy this beautiful

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location near the ferry wharf and opposite the hotel.

Surely such a simple item as a swing cannot be beyond the finances of our council, especially considering the ever increasing rates.

I ask our council to reconsider this on behalf of our children who are too young to write a letter.

Email, 13 Mar 2018
Jocelyn Maughan, Patonga

My thanks go to Cr Lisa Matthews for broaching the subject of the plethora of sandstone blocks that have been placed around the local area, in particular around Rogers Park.

I too am curious about the cost and supplier of the blocks.

I love sandstone but can think of better places to utilise them, one being to help with the retention of the sand dunes down at Umina and Ocean Beach.

I believe that they were used at Rogers Park in an attempt to stop

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surround that was there?

Keep up the chase, Lisa. Good job.

Email, 3 Mar 2018
Genny Murphy, Woy Woy

cars from driving on the oval.
What happened to the fence

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Over-population cannot continue

Many items in this paper refer to the increasing population on the Peninsula which is obviously good for some but there is a lack of any mention of the quality of life on the Peninsula.

It is becoming very difficult to cross the road in many instances or to find a parking space when shopping.

Mention has been made of the long hold-ups on each of the four roads leading to the Ocean Beach Rd roundabout, particularly in summer.

Some people maintain that their roads are like parking lots, which makes driving and exiting their property more difficult.

The ABC's Four Corners program addressed this problem

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last week regarding the lack of infrastructure in keeping up with the increasing population.

For me the program demonstrated the fact that governments and big business have been very successful in brainwashing everyone in Australia into thinking that the economy and jobs, jobs, jobs are the paradigm of our existence.

There was no mention of the fact that we live on a finite planet.

There was no mention of the word water.

There was no mention of the fact that we are just one of the animals on this planet.

The program failed to tell people that Australia is not a wide, open

space just waiting for humans to fill.

Australia is full of the most amazing life, both flora and fauna, much of which is under threat due to human activities.

Australia still has much of its bio-diversity left and humans will not continue to exist without this functioning ecosystem.

We do not know yet just how far we can go in sending other species to extinction but some time the walls of our existence are going to not just crumble but fall down.

One extinction means that there is a gap in that system.

We are already troubled by mosquitoes and bugs partly because we have not encouraged the small birds to stay around.

Most gardens attract only the bully birds like kookaburras, magpies and noisy miner birds because there are only lawns surrounded by shrubs and trees.

There are no thorny or low bushes in the middle for the smaller birds to hide.

The elephant in the room which no one, not the ABC or even this paper, is willing to discuss, is overpopulation by homo sapiens.

We just cannot continue like this.

We desperately need a public conversation on this matter.

Anyone who does not think that we are just an animal species should just watch the evening news or Question Time in Parliament.

Email, 20 Mar 2018
Margaret Lund, Woy Woy

Time to rethink underpass – without Holstein

I could hardly restrain myself after re-reading Chris Holstein's comments over the Rawson Rd rail crossing (Peninsula News, January 29) and his call for the resurrection of the Woy Woy underpass.

Mr Holstein's insight over why the project failed whilst he was the Member for Gosford is nothing short of breathtaking.

He blames the State Government for picking a cost-prohibitive solution to the problem as if this was some conspiracy to can the project.

In my view, the truth is that whilst Mr Holstein was the Member for Gosford and had carriage of this project, he and his colleagues grossly underestimated the budget for the project in the first instance, failed to properly assess the scope of works required, did not properly consult with the relevant agencies and then dumped the project on poor old Gosford City Council who really didn't want anything to do with the underpass from the outset.

If Mr Holstein and his then Liberal colleagues in the State Government at the time had properly scoped, assessed and costed the project from the outset, we would not have wasted the

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\$15 million already spent on a pedestrian underpass that hardly anyone uses and pre-works at the base of Bulls Hill that serves as a constant reminder of not what to do when planning major projects.

It's a bit rich for Mr Holstein to criticise his former Liberal colleagues and easy to blame others when he should be taking the responsibility himself.

The Woy Woy underpass option is a dead duck.

Time to re-think an alternative underpass options at the Rawson Rd rail crossing.

But please Mr Holstein, leave it to the experts.

Email, 19 Feb 2018
Matthew Wales, Umina

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Tilt recliner chair donated to aged care facility

A tilt recliner chair has been donated for use by residents and respite clients at a local aged care facility.

The tilt recliner chair will provide assistance to elderly and frail residents at Peninsula Village who experience difficulty standing and sitting.

Residents are usually required to purchase this type of equipment themselves which could cost more than \$1000, "a necessity for their health and wellbeing that some residents may not be able to afford", according to Peninsula Villages chief Mr Shane Neaves.

"The tilt recliner chair is currently

in our special care facility, Jack Aldous House at the Village, being utilised by our respite patients," he said.

Peninsula Villages currently has two permanent respite beds and provides over 4000 respite bed days to locals each year.

The Village-owned chair would be put to general temporary use.

"With 30 per cent of our residents being supported residents, we hope we can give them peace of mind, knowing that this equipment is readily available to them where required," said Mr Neaves.

"We've already had a lot of positive feedback from the residents who have seen its huge

benefit.

"We want to ensure that as many of our residents have access to this equipment as possible.

"The ability for our residents to be comfortable in their living environment and their physical wellbeing is our priority at Peninsula Village," Mr Neaves said.

The donation was made as a grant under the Club Grants scheme, which gives registered clubs relief from poker machine tax when they make such donations.

Mr Neaves said: "This grant has offered a great benefit to our residents with movement and mobility issues and will allow Peninsula Villages to cater to

current and future resident's needs.

"If we continue to receive positive feedback from our residents, we would certainly seek another grant for more chairs in the future."

SOURCE:

Media release, 22 Mar 2018
Katey Small, Brilliant Logic



The new tilt recliner chair in use at Peninsula Village

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Education



Rotarian Sue O'Neill receives a cheque from the Interact Club at Umina campus

Interact club raises \$500 for Ugandan school

The Interact Club at Brisbane Water Secondary College has raised \$500 to support the New Divine Mercy School in Buwampa, Uganda.

The money will provide sporting and library equipment that the school could not otherwise afford. The college has also donated geometry sets, folders and several other items to the school.

The club, which is part of the Rotary organisation, is open to students in Years 7 to 9.

It is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Woy Woy and shares the Rotary International motto of Service Above Self.

Woy Woy Rotarian Mr Vic Deeble said that Interact clubs, such as the one at the college, organised at least two projects every year, one that helped the school or community and one that promoted international understanding, goodwill and peace.

"This project is an outstanding example of international goodwill, enhancing the relationship between our two countries," he said.

"The Interact members are keen to continue supporting Divine Mercy School and establishing regular communications with the overseas students via email and post."

Mr Deeble said the Rotary Club of Woy Woy mentored and guided the students as they carried out projects and developed leadership skills.

SOURCE:

Email, 19 Mar 2018

Vic Deeble, Rotary Club of Woy Woy

Dylan receives Nanga Mai award

Brisbane Water Secondary College student Dylan Barnes has received the Academic Excellence Award at the aboriginal education Nanga Mai Awards on March 22.

The Woy Woy campus student was of 17 academically successful students, confident leaders, talented performing artists and outstanding sportspeople to win an award this year.

Dylan's award recognised his

positive attitude to school and a commitment to education.

Dylan completed his HSC exam for Business Services a year early, and the Critical Thinking Unit through Macquarie University, a full semester subject from the first year of a tertiary degree, with outstanding marks.

He has been offered a place in the university's Bachelor of Law course in 2019.

SOURCE:

Media release, 22 Mar 2018

Sven Wright, NSW

Department of Education

Pre-schoolers taught foreign languages

Children at six Peninsula preschools will learn foreign languages as part of the Federal Government's Early Learning Languages Australia program

Pre-schoolers at Booker Bay Preschool; Bluebird Early Learning Centre, Empire Bay; Goodstart Early Learning, Woy Woy; and at Umina Child Care Centre will learn Mandarin, while children at Little Giggles Early Learning Centre and at Aussie Kindies Early Learning, Woy Woy, will learn French.

They will be among more than 600 children at 20 preschools in the Robertson electorate who will be taught a second language this year, according to Federal Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks.

"We know the positive impact learning a second language can have on a child's engagement and development," Ms Wicks said.

"This will be the start of a life-long interest in language learning for Central Coast children while at the same time boosting their English and problem-solving skills."

The program, which is backed by \$15.7m nationally in funding from the Coalition Government, now includes nine languages, with the introduction of Hindi and Modern Greek, in addition to Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), French, Indonesian, Japanese, Italian and Spanish.

Source:

Media release, 13 Mar 2018

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Forensic science at Woy Woy

Students from Woy Woy Public School learnt about forensic science by hunting for a thief at the school.

"Education Interactive visited the school, showing our students the science of forensics," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"Students checked fingerprints, learnt about DNA and used UV lights to look for hidden clues.

"They were also able to solve the crime," Ms Buckley said.

"All our students learnt a lot about how police solve crimes and how science helps them.

"We now want to use our investigation skills in the classroom," Ms Buckley said.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 8 Mar 2018
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School



Students clean up

Pretty Beach Public School students cleaned up litter from the areas near their classrooms on the school's Clean Up Australia Day efforts, principal Ms Deborah Callender has reported.

"We are very lucky here at Pretty Beach that we do not have very much litter spoiling our beautiful

environment.

"Teachers also used this opportunity to discuss our environment and remind us all to be proud of where we live and continue the awesome job of looking after it," she said.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 8 Mar 2018
Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach Public School

Head lice need 'head treatment', says principal

School practices for online tests

Umina Beach Public School has commenced its Naplan Online practice tests.

The 45-minute test will give students a range of questions in the Naplan style in order to familiarise themselves with the type of questions and "related functionalities" available in the Naplan Online assessment.

Some of the key features of Naplan Online include interactive navigation, timers and drag-and-

drop functionality.

"Students are encouraged to try all the tests for their year level to experience the complete range of question formats and interactive features available in the online Naplan assessment," said principal Ms Lyn Davis.

The practice tests only cover a sample of possible questions and do not reflect the range of curriculum content or skills Naplan Online will assess.

These tests will not be marked and no assessment data will be obtained.

"This practice week is simply to test the network system in a coordinated statewide effort with the other 549 schools who will also be conducting the Naplan Online testing later this year," Ms Davis said.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 20 Mar 2018
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School

Woy Woy South Public School has reiterated the NSW Department of Health's key findings on head lice after concerns have been raised about head lice within the school community.

"We have had many concerns from our community about head lice within our school," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"All schools have the same issues and I do believe it is extremely important to read all the information you can about head lice so you have a very clear understanding of what they are, their life cycle and what can be done to treat them when outbreaks occur.

"As stated by NSW Health: Head

lice are small wingless insects that live on human hair.

"They cannot jump or swim and are only spread by head to head contact.

"A head lice infestation is not the result of dirty hair or poor hygiene and can affect all types of hair irrespective of its condition or length," Ms Buckley said.

"Head lice are only found on the human head or hair.

"They do not live on furniture, hats, bedding, carpet or anywhere else in the environment.

"Treating anything other than the human head does not eradicate head lice.

"Please understand the school operates under the guidelines of the Privacy of Information Code and cannot single any child out or inspect heads of hair for head lice.

"We follow the procedure of alerting the whole class if anyone is thought to have an infestation.

"Younger children are more at risk of spreading head lice as they tend to have more physical contact," Ms Buckley said.

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Newsletter, 8 Mar 2018
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

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Artisans exhibition at Patonga



Artwork by Karen McPhee will be available for purchase at the exhibition

Patonga Progress Hall will be the venue for a local Artisans Exhibition in April.

"The beautiful fishing village of Patonga, at the entrance to the Hawkesbury River, has long been a hub for artists and creatives," said organiser Ms Leeanne Livens.

"Jocelyn Maughan and the late Robin Norling's Gallery attracts admirers from near and far.

"This tradition is continuing in April when artisans are exhibiting and selling their varied works at the Patonga Progress Hall.

"The exhibition will include works

from painters Karen McPhee and Judith Hoste, angelrock jeweler Celeste Boonaerts and shibori artist Trudie Deekeijzer."

Pottery works, handmade silver and original jewellery works by Rosemary Noonan and Ms Livens own pastel art will also be included.

Opening hours are from 10am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22.

The artists will all be present at 2pm on Saturday, April 21.

SOURCE:
Media release, 22 Mar 2018
Leeanne Livens, Patonga



Artwork by Leeanne Livens will be available at the exhibition

Playground nears completion

Woy Woy Public School's new wooden playground for the Preschool is nearing completion.

"It is amazing," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"The children are itching to try it out and explore all of its bits and pieces.

"This beautiful space was designed and installed by a Central Coast company, Timber Creations.

"Further work is due to be done on the Preschool grounds over the next few weeks, some of which will also be free-standing timber areas."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 8 Mar 2018
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy
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Out&About

Script submissions wanted

Woy Woy Little Theatre is calling for script submissions.

The call comes as part of the Woy Woy Little Theatre's Flash Short Play Festival which runs throughout March.

Featuring 10 short plays, the

festival will be presented over four performances from September 21 to 23 at the Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, providing an outlet for playwrights and new directors on the Coast.

New and experienced actors will be invited to audition for roles

in each of the plays.

Plays should run from five to 15 minutes and somehow feature this year's theme of change.

For full details on how to submit your play, visit Woy Woy Little Theatre's website.

SOURCE:

Email, 9 Mar 2018
Terry Collins, Woy Woy Little Theatre

Much has changed

Pearl Beach resident Mr Klaas Woldring has published his latest book, "Yes, we can rewrite the Australian Constitution".

"This book deals with Australia's inability to renew its Constitution," Mr Woldring said.

"Many have shown that the Constitution is no longer serving its

diverse society as it should.

"Much has changed since 1901 but the Constitution has not.

"The question 'Why is that so?' features prominently in this text," he said.

"Answers are provided which explain why piecemeal tinkering will continue to fail to remedy the situation.

"Why not rewrite the Constitution and replace the existing one, in one Referendum, by using the amendment provision Section 128 for that laudable purpose?"

"The adversarial political system blocks real progress in every direction," Mr Woldring said.

"Sadly, it also turns most politicians into systemic casualties and habitual oppositionists.

"A new electoral system can change all that and reflect the diversity of politics.

"Changing the lay-out of the legislatures could further assist to change the toxic culture of Australian politics," Mr Woldring said.

Mr Woldring was born the Netherlands who migrated first to South Africa in 1959 and then to Australia in 1964.

His experience of apartheid resulted in part-time study in governance and economics and an academic career in Australia, he said.

SOURCE:

Media release, 13 Mar 2018
Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach



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Celebrate Easter Broken Bay Uniting Church

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[Umina Uniting Church]

Good Friday 30 March at 9.00 am

[Ettalong Uniting Church]

Easter Sunrise Service 1 April starting at 6:00 am at Umina Beach Surf Club, led by the combined churches

Easter Sunday 1 April celebrating resurrection at 8.15 am

[Ettalong Uniting Church]

and 9.45 am **[Umina Uniting Church]**

Ettalong Church: 55 Picnic Parade, Ettalong Beach

Umina Church: 346 Ocean Beach Road, Umina Beach

Contact: Church Office 4341 8536 or Rev Patty 4341 1024



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Easter Saturday 31st March 2018
9am - 1pm
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Out&About



Unavantaluna will perform at the Central Coast Italian Festival

Sicilian ensemble at Italian festival

A Sicilian musical ensemble will be amongst the entertainment at the Central Coast Italian Festival, to be held in Ettalong on April 7 and 8.

Unavantaluna's style aims to unite the past and present through a balance of tradition and musical innovation.

The ensemble was born in 2004 with founding members Carmelo

Cacciola, Luca Centamore, Pietro Cernuto and Francesco Salvatore and since its inception has released three albums.

Over the years it has continuously toured Italy as well as had extensive tours of Germany, France, Tunisia, Switzerland and a series of concerts in the prestigious National Theatre of Taipei, Taiwan, in 2016.

In 2013, their song "Isuli" won the Andrea Parodi Award, the

most significant award recognising world music in Italy.

In the spring of 2016, the group was chosen for 'I Concerti di Radio Tre' to perform at Cappella Paolina del Quirinale in Rome by the President of the Italian Republic.

The group will perform on both days of the festival.

SOURCE:

Media release, 13 Mar 2018

Rosalie Paino, Central Coast Italian Festival

Folk club to hear story of young women's voyage

The story of the voyage of thousands of young women, who voluntarily came to Australia in the 1830s, will be told at the Troubadour Folk Club at the Woy Woy CWA Hall on April 8.

It will be presented by the Good Girl Song Project, with folk musicians Penny Larkins, Helen Begley and Ms Jamie Molloy.

The show takes place on the pier at Gravesend and shipboard between England and Sydney.

The young women, played by Ms Larkins and Ms Begley, are pushed through the colonial migration process and the experience of life aboard an emigrant ship.

Written by Ms Begley, it is based on the academic writings of Ms Liz Rushen and other award winning Australian historians.

The script quotes directly from eyewitness accounts and the songs aim to capture the everyday life on board the ship.

Entitled "Voyage", the show will come to Woy Woy after touring nationally, having enjoyed

success at the Woodford Festival in Queensland over the New Year.

SOURCE:

Media release, 22 Mar 2018

Michael Fine, The Troubadour

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Central Coast Art Society
Weekly paint-outs
Tues 0428 439 180.
Workshops 9.30am 1st & 3rd
Wed Gosford City Art Centre
4363 1156.
Social Meetings 1.30pm 4th
Wed for demonstrations
4325 1420
publicity@artcentralcoast.asn.au

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

Ettalong Beach Art & Crafts Centre
Adult classes in Pottery Watercolours, Oils, Acrylics, Pastels, Silvercraft, Patchwork & Quilting
0412 155 391
www.ebacc.com.au
ebacc.email@gmail.com

Hospital Art Australia Inc.
Meet every Tue and Fri
9am-2pm - 109 Birdwood Ave, Umina - Painting and Canvas drawing. Volunteers welcome
hospitalartaaustralia.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
4304 7222

Central Coast Community Legal Centre
Not for profit service providing free legal advice.
Monday to Friday
9am to 5pm
4353 4988
centralcoast@clc.net.au

Point Clare Community Hall
Community Garden - Playgroup
Craft and Exercise Groups
Function or Meeting Hire
Managed by Gosford Regional Community Services
Enquiries regarding hire to
4323 7483
accounts@gosfordcommunity.org.au
www.gosfordcommunity.org.au

Community Groups ABC "The Friends"
Support group for Public

Broadcaster.
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4341 5170
www.fabcns.org.au

Central Coast Caravanners Inc
3rd Sun Monthly
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0447 882 150

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

Freemasons
Who are they?
What do they do?
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Gosford Masonic Centre
86 Mann St Gosford
www.tcc2001.org

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

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
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Bookings or inquiries
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

The NSW Justices Association Inc
Seeking volunteers for added community desks
Wednesday Umina Library
10am-1pm
Thursday Woy Woy Library
10am-1pm
Free Insurance and training provided
0418 493 388
marketing@nswja.org

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

Entertainment Frantastics Choir Inc
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Walter Baker Hall, Woy Woy
4343 1995
www.frantastics.org

Health Groups AI-Anon
If someone's drinking is causing you problems...
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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 educational groups providing practical experience and confidence
Learn the benefits of hearing aids
4321 0275

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

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

Gambling Solutions
Gambling help counsellors

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

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

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

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

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

Peninsula Village Wellness Centre
Offering holistic and complementary therapies including aromatherapy, massage and music therapy
4344 9199

Peninsula Village Meals
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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
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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

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.

Rotary Clubs
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Rotary Club of Kariong
Phillip House, 21 Old Mount Penang Rd, Fri 7.15am
4340 4529
kiersuebay@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

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

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

Central Coast Family History Society Inc.
Resources, information & advice to study your family's history.
1st Sat 1pm Lions Community Hall, 8 Russell 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 Rescue Unit
Marine Education Courses. Radio Licenses, Boat Safety & Boat License & PWC License Tests, Navigation, Seamanship and Meteorology.
4325 7929
www.vmrcc.org.au

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0412 164 082
0414 635 047
www.ccssoaring.com.au

Ettalong Toastmasters
We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth
2nd & 4th Tue, 7:30PM, Ettalong Diggers
0408 416 356

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

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Kincumber - Thurs 715pm
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Tue-Thur - 5 classes from 4pm
Wed from 4:30pm
Fri-6-7pm Women's BoxFitness

27 Bowden Road Woy Woy
Min age 4 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
30 The Boulevard, Woy Woy
Craft & Friendship: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Wed 10AM.
Meetings: 4th Wed 10AM.
Ph: 0411 434 785
woywoycwa@gmail.com

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

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

Entries in the Not For Profit Community Organisations Directory are free. However, we require each organisation to subscribe to each newspaper to ensure that someone from that organisation keeps their entry up to date. Subscription rates are \$75 for 25 editions.



Umina sends students to swimming carnival

The Southern Central Coast Zone Public Schools Swimming Carnival was held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on Tuesday, March 13.

Umina Beach Public School sent about 30 students to compete.

"All our competitors swam to the best of their abilities and displayed excellent sportsmanship," said principal Ms Lyn Davis.

"Several students achieved outstanding results and will now compete in the Sydney North Carnival on Thursday, March 29.

"Overall Umina Beach Public School finished second at the carnival."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 20 Mar 2018
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School

Everglades Men's Bowling Club ran its monthly Shirts and Skirts Saturday together with the Everglades women bowlers.

"It's been a bit of a tradition that during the period before and after Pennants every year we try and have a Shirts and Skirts day on a monthly basis," said men's club publicity officer Mr Brian Dolan.

"It also helps our lady bowlers get ready for their pennant competition which is played at a different time from ours," he said.

"We normally get between 60 to 70 at these days so it can be fun

and the competition can be fierce between the teams for the prize monies available.

"If any other bowlers on the Peninsula would like to play on our Shirts and Skirts Saturdays, we would welcome them," he said.

Anyone interested should contact the Everglades Bowls office for details and team entry.

SOURCE:
Media release, 9 Mar 2018
Brian Dolan, Ettalong Men's Bowling Club

The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Tuesday, Mar 27

All Dogs Agility Class, Animal Talent Training School, Woy Woy, 6:30pm to 7:30pm, bookings essential

Trivia Night at The Bayview, The Bayview Hotel Woy Woy, 7:30pm to 10:00pm

Wednesday, Mar 28

Easter Raffle, Ettalong Bowling Club, 5:00pm start, raffle drawn from 7:30pm

Meet the Easter Bunny, Deepwater Plaza Shopping Centre, 10:00am to 1:00pm

Thursday, Mar 29

Club Umina's Easter Seafood Raffle, Club Umina, 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Everglades Easter Raffle, Everglades Country Club, 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Saturday, Mar 31

The Vallies a Tribute to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, Everglades Country Club, 8:00pm to 11:00pm, tickets essential

Sunday, Apr 1

Envirobank Return and Collect Day, Ocean Beach SLSC, 8:00am to 12:00pm

Wednesday, Apr 4

Stretch and Snooze Family Night Time Yoga Session, Umina

Beach Yoga, 509 Ocean Beach Rd Umina Beach, 4:30pm to 5:15pm, tickets essential

Saturday, Apr 7

Charmaine Wilson Live, Ettalong Diggers, 7:00pm to 10:00pm, tickets essential

Autumn Essential Oils Aromatherapy Workshop, Gnostic Forest and Gnostic Brunch, Chambers PI Woy Woy, 1:00pm to 4:00pm, bookings essential

NAB Central Coast Italian Festival, Ettalong Beach Cnr Ocean View and Schnapper Rds, 11:00am to 4:00pm, continues on April 8

Sunday, Apr 8

Seniors Week Show-Rock and Roll The Best Years of Our Lives starring Digger Revell and Vicky O'Keefe, Ettalong Diggers, 2:30pm to 4:30pm, tickets essential

Troubadour Central Coast Folk and Acoustic Music Club present The Good Girl Song Project: Voyage, CWA Hall Woy Woy, 2:00pm to 5:00pm, tickets essential

NAB Central Coast Italian Festival, Ettalong Beach Cnr Ocean View and Schnapper Rds, 11:00am to 4:00pm

Friday, Apr 13

Pseudo Echo Live, Ettalong Diggers, 8:00pm to 11:00pm,

tickets essential

Sunday, Apr 15

Umina Beach Markets, Peninsula Recreational Precinct, 9:00am to 2:00pm

Wednesday, Apr 18

Free Kids Movie Screening: Coco, Ettalong Bowling Club, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Diets for Autism and ADHD, Coast Community Connections Woy Woy, 10:00am to 11:00am, tickets essential

Food Allergy or Intolerance, Coast Community Connections Woy Woy, 11:00am to 12:00pm, bookings essential

Friday, Apr 20

Muscle Up Workshop, BALLISTIX Fitness, 77 Rawsons Rd Woy Woy, 4:30pm to 7:30pm, bookings essential

Saturday, Apr 21

Gut Health Kickstarter Workshop, Umina Beach, 11:30am to 4:00pm, tickets essential

Saturday, Apr 28

Dirty Deeds AC/DC Show, Everglades Country Club, 8:00pm to 12:00am, tickets essential

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
Centacare: 4324 6403
Relationship Australia: 1300 364 277
Interrelate: 1800 449 118
Family and Relationships
Centacare Gosford 4324 6403
Central Coast Family Support Service 4340 1099
Horizons (For men with children) 4351 5008
Uniting Care Burnside Gosford 1800 067 967

Health

Poisons Information 131 126
Ambulance Text Mobile 106
Ambulance GSM 112
Gosford Hospital 4320 2111
Woy Woy Hospital 4344 8444
Sexual Health @ Gosford Hospital 4320 2114
After Hours GP Help Line 1800 022 222
Legal & Financial Help
Financial Counselling Service 4334 2304
Tenants' Advice and Advocacy Service 4353 5515
Woy Woy Court 4344 0111
Libraries
Gosford district:
Umina Beach 4304 7333
Woy Woy 4304 7555

Problems, Habits & Addiction


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

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Beyondblue 1300 224 636
Domestic Violence Line 1800 656 463
Lifeline 13 11 14
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Transport

Taxi 131 008
Busways 4368 2277
City Rail 131 500
Welfare Services
Gosford Family Support 4340 1585
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Umina Nippers earned \$500 for their club collecting bottles and cans

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- **Sharon Martin** - Devine Image
- **Depp Studios** - Formerly of Umina
- **Tony Fitzpatrick** trading as Futurtek Roofing
- **Stan Prytz** of ASCO Bre Concreting
- **Andrew and Peter Compton**
- **Bruce Gilliard Roofing** of Empire Bay
- **Jamie McNeilly formerly of Jamie's Lawn Mowing**, Woy Woy
- **William McCorriston** of Complete Bathroom Renovations
- **First Premier Electrical Service** of Umina Beach
- **High Thai-d** Restaurant of Umina Beach
- **Mal's Seafood & Charcoal Chicken** of Ettalong Beach
- **Simon Jones** - All external cleaning and sealing services
- **Erroll Baker**, former barber, Ettalong
- **Tye King** - Formerly The Fish Trap Ettalong Beach
- **Jessica Davis of Erina** - Trading as A1 cleaning services
- **Simon and Samantha Hague**, Trading as By the Bay Takeaway Empire Bay
- **Rick Supplyance** of Ettalong Beach, Trading as Rick's Flyscreens
- **Mountain Mutts** - Monique Leon, Ettalong Beach
- **Skippers Take away Seafood Marilyn Clarke**, Umina
- **RJ's Diner** - Ryan Tindell of Woy Woy
- **Thomas James Clinton**, Trading as TMA Products & AthroBalm & Effective Business Solutions of Ettalong
- **Greenultimate Solar PTY LTD**
- **Decorative Fabrics & Furnishings** - Steve McGinty, Wyoming
- **Menhir Tapas & Bar PTY LTD**
- **Peter Zing - Singapore Cafe**, Umina
- **Dean Lampard** - Trading as Lampard Painting
- **Sharon Upton** - Pretty Paws Pets and Skaterinas
- **Callum McDonald** - Trading as Sunset Decks
- **Linda Smith**, Bookkeeper Horsfield Bay
- **Robcass Furniture Removals**, Mannering Park
- **Emma Knowles** - Blacksmith NSW

Nippers rewarded for collecting bottles and cans

Umina Nippers have earned a \$500 donation to their club for collecting plastic bottles and aluminium cans.

The Nippers collected a total of 65 bags with the next closest total for a club being 18 bags.

Umina Nippers collected a total of 2500 containers.

"Umina Surf Club is registered with Envirobank and we have the orange bags at our Club if you are interested in recycling and

a healthier environment please come on board," said club publicity officer Mr Richard Braddish.

The club will receive eight cent for every plastic container or aluminium can with two cents going to NSW Surf Life Saving.

Envirobank will be coming to the surf club fortnightly starting on April 12 between 8am and 12 noon.

SOURCE:
Media release, 22 Mar 2018
Richard Braddish,
Umina SLSC

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Killcare Nippers finish their season

Killcare Nippers have finished their season with a traditional Rookie-run fun day.

“Lots of fun activities culminated in a giant slip and slide down the beach,” said Killcare Surf Life Saving Club president Mr Peter Bagnall.

He said this could be an annual tradition.

“We had an unbelievable run of conditions this season which meant more time in the water and on boards than most of us can remember.”

Mr Bagnall thanked those

involved in organising the Nippers.

“We can’t thank the age managers enough.

“They are what makes Nippers happen year after year.

“A massive thanks also to everyone who pulled on the orange rashie and cap and helped out with water safety this season.

“More time in the water means more demands on water safety so, to our regulars and those who jumped in when they could, on behalf of all the Nippers a huge thanks,” Mr Bagnall said.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 16 Mar 2018
Peter Bagnall, Killcare SLSC



Killcare Nippers ended their season with a surprise slip and slide

TIDE CHART

FORT DENISON

LAT 33° 51' S - LONG 151° 14' E - TIME ZONE - 1000

Times and Heights(m) of high and low waters

Time - Height(m)

Add one hour to the times below when Daylight Saving is in force

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7 SAT	0035 1.53 0726 0.65 1320 1.21 1851 0.78	8 SUN	0130 1.48 0829 0.67 1428 1.18 1958 0.82	9 MON	0235 1.45 0934 0.66 1542 1.21 2114 0.82

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Lexi wins bronze against 170 in under-9 flags

Killcare Surf Lifesavers participated in the Surf Life Saving State Championships at Blacksmiths Beach on Friday, March 2.

Killcare opened their campaign with sole competitor Lexi Sheppard in the Under-9 flags.

More than 170 hopefuls lined up at the marshalling area and after many heats, taking over approximately three hours, Sheppard beat all but two of them and was awarded a bronze medal.

This was Killcare's second ever States Age Medal and the first in a decade.

On the Saturday, Sheppard joined her team of Olivia Melenewycz, Arabella Robb and CC Bradley for the sprints and relay events.

The girls used the sprints as a warm-up, getting through to the quarter and semi-finals before contesting the Under-10 beach relay.

They made their way to the finals, placing sixth in a very tight race.

On Wednesday, it was the Masters, with Killcare's Andrew Stevenson participating in the hotly contested 45-49 years' water events.

He finished seventh in the surf race swim and eighth in the tube race.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 10 Mar 2018
Peter Bagnall, Killcare SLSC



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John Roberts takes out singles championship

Ettalong bowler John Roberts has taken out the Bowls Central Coast Singles Championships.

The championships were played at Terrigal Bowling Club.

A senior State representative player Roberts set the pace on March 17, with a fine display of singles play, defeating Terrigal's Tony Shoebridge 31-19.

Roberts showed his class and put his stamp of authority on the final from the outset constantly nailing the jack with his first bowl to put his opponent under pressure.

It was Robert's third Central Coast Senior Singles title and second consecutive win.

In the Blue Ribbon Open Singles, Terrigal's Darren Morrison beat out Wyong's Mark Wheatley and in the President's Reserve Ourimbah's Mark Cummings just beat home Bateau Bay's Brendan



Wrice for the title.

Roberts, Morrison and Cummings will all contest the

Bowls NSW State Championships to be held at Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club in September.

SOURCE:
Media release, 18 Mar 2018
Kevin Dring, Bowls Central Coast

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