

Planning Panel rejects Sporties development

The five-member Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel unanimously refused a proposal to redevelop the Sporties bowling club at Woy Woy, when it met on Thursday, August 23.

The sole purpose of the meeting, according to Panel chair Mr Jason Perica, was to consider the determination of the one development application for the property at 184-186 Brick Wharf Rd and North Burge Rd, Woy Woy.

Mr Perica said the Panel had been provided with all copies of submissions, had received briefings from Central Coast Council staff on two occasions, and undertaken a site visit.

Eight individual local residents, two representatives of community groups, and one representative for the developer, addressed the Panel at the meeting held in the Gosford Chamber of Central Coast Council.

The Panel adjourned to deliberate in private for around 40 minutes, after hearing the speakers, before returning to inform the public of its unanimous decision to refuse the application.

The residents who addressed the panel outlined their objections to the development including loss of privacy and winter sun, inadequate parking and an adverse impact on the popular Lions Park Reserve at the end of North Burge Rd.

Several speakers argued that the proposal was not in keeping with the recreational use of the land.

Ms June Mitchell of North Burge Rd said the road was the only entry and exit to Lions Park.

"More open space is going to be needed, due to population growth, around existing parks, and open space must be cherished and protected for the current and future generations," Ms Mitchell said.

Mr James Waugh said he had never seen Lions Park empty, including the playground, but had never seen the available parking less than one-third full with



Save Woy Woy Waterfront members outside Gosford chamber of Central Coast Council

overflow parking encroaching on North Burge Rd every weekend.

He said Council had spent considerable funds upgrading the two boat ramps and pontoons and it would be irresponsible to undermine that expenditure because of a development with inadequate parking for residents and visitors.

Multiple residents and the two community group representatives outlined what they considered to be the most serious problem with the site, described as its location on a floodplain.

Speaking on behalf of Save Woy Woy Waterfront, Mr Ross McMurtrie said the flood hazard

was the "number one issue raised by our supporters".

"There is one aspect with enormous consequences for future the development of this site and that is sea level rise," he said.

"Projected sea level rise is an overriding reason why seniors accommodation should never be considered at this location," he said, and illustrated his argument with photographs from a 2015 storm surge and 2017-18 king tides.

"The flood hazard is a current reality already sufficient to endanger life in an emergency access situation or evacuation.

"There is one aspect of

flood hazard with enormous consequences for the future development of this site and that is sea level rise," he said.

Mr Perica's announcement that the Panel had unanimously decided to refuse the application was greeted with applause from the public gallery.

He said he would not read all the particulars of the Panel's reasons because they ran for 10 pages but stated the Panel had upheld, with some changes and additions, the 12 reasons put forward in the Central Coast Council staff's recommendation to refuse the application.

In particular, the flood hazard

argument for refusal was expanded by the Panel to state the development was not compatible with the tidal inundation of the site and surrounding roads, especially given the sensitive nature of the proposed use of the site for seniors housing.

Mr Perica said the determination, along with the video of the public meeting, would be published on the Panel's website within seven days.

SOURCE:
Meeting, 23 Aug 2018
Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

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August has officially become the driest month of 2018 on the Peninsula so far, recording a measly 5.5mm of rain as of August 24.

After a wetter than expected July, there was tentative hope that August could add some much needed millimetres to water tanks across the Peninsula, but that hope quickly dwindled after just 0.5mm of rain was recorded in the first fortnight of the month.

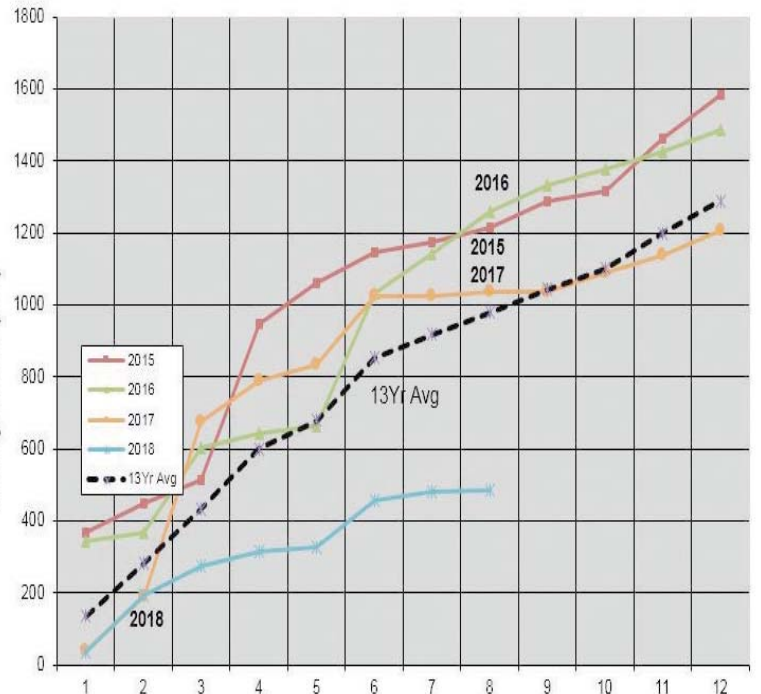
Whilst August is traditionally a wildcard when it comes to rainfall, 2018's falls are a record five-year low for the eighth month of the year, according to rainfall data compiled by Umina's Mr Jim Morrison.

August's result brings the yearly rainfall to 483.9mm.

At the same time in 2017, the yearly rainfall record stood at 1033.9mm.

With only 1mm of rainfall recorded across the entirety of September 2017 it will be unlikely the Peninsula will see any significant rainfall events in the

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coming month.

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restrictions will be put into effect before summer.

Source: Spreadsheet, 10 Aug 2018 Jim Morrison, Umina

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Primary students threatened with 'adult' law

A policewoman has threatened Woy Woy primary school children with the force of "adult" law, according to a school newsletter.

She was speaking to students in Years 5 and 6 from St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School in Woy Woy.

"Senior Constable Jaime Tommerup visited our school," said principal Ms Nicole Cumming.

"SC Tommerup explained to students that once you reach the age of 10 you are able to be charged with any offence that an adult can be, such as assault and harassment.

"Even if the offence happens

at school, at home or at weekend sport, children 10 and up are accountable to the same laws as adults.

"She also explained to the students the dangers of having social media accounts and the powers the police have to track content put on the internet.

"Even if it's deleted, it can still be retrieved.

"SC Tommerup reminded the students that the legal age for social media accounts is 13," Ms Cumming said.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 5 Aug 2018
Nicole Cumming, St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School



A dramatic photo of the fire taken by local firefighter Mr Sean Gavin

Bushfire destroys nine hectares

A bushfire which started on August 15 has destroyed nine hectares of bushland in the Bouddi National Park.

A total fire ban had been declared for the Central Coast on the day.

The blaze was reported to NSW Parks and Wildlife Service, NSW Police and the NSW Rural Fire Service just after midday on the Wednesday in bushland near

Hawkes Head Dr, Killcare, and High View Rd, Wagstaffe.

Containment lines were established to protect nearby properties.

Firefighters, emergency service personnel and volunteers worked throughout the night to bring the blaze under control.

The blaze burned uncontrolled for over 24 hours before the Fire Service declared it as being

controlled just before 2pm on Thursday, August 16, after waterbombers were deployed.

Firefighters and other emergency services remained on site during the day to conduct back burning and to monitor for any flare ups.

SOURCE:
Media statement, 17 Aug 2018
Paul Jones, NSW RFS Gosford Fire Control Centre

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Application to replace house with three town houses

A proposal to build three dwellings in place of a single house at 2 Webb Rd, Booker Bay, has been placed on exhibition by Central Coast Council until September 9.

The developer is seeking consent to demolish the existing dwelling and erect three town houses.

They will have separate garages accessed from a central driveway.

The land is zoned R1 for General Residential.

The application claims the proposal complies with the Gosford Local Environmental Plan (GLEP) 2014 for minimum lot size (816 square metres), height (7.5 metres) and floor space (0.45:1).

"The proposed development includes a well-considered multi-unit development that will entail the upgrading of older housing stock," according to a statement prepared by planning consultants Clarke Dowdle and Associates.

"It would be commensurate with the evolving style and density of multi-unit development within the medium density zone within the Peninsula (generally east of Ocean Beach Road and towards



Woy Woy town centre)."

The proposal does not comply with the Gosford Development Control Plan for multi-dwelling housing in terms of front, side and rear setbacks and for articulation (building width, depth and length of external walls).

Non-compliance for setbacks has been justified by the developer on the basis that the allotment is

"relatively narrow at 13.75 metres" which "creates a constraint to designing multi-unit design and provide appropriate floor area and vehicle access."

"The proposed setbacks would allow the incorporation of appropriate private open space areas behind front courtyard fencing that would have direct access to the living areas with

appropriate solar access," according to the consultant.

In terms of building articulation, "the proposed multi-housing development would have an overall length of 52.1 metres which does not comply with the prescriptive 25 metre requirement."

"Notwithstanding the non-compliance with the numerical measure, the proposed multi-unit

development would incorporate sufficient setbacks and breaks that would negate monotonous or symmetrical appearance when viewed from the adjacent premises that will be effectively addressed."

Clarke Dowdle and Associates also said the development would allow greater than three hours solar access to living areas and private open spaces.

"The proposed garages provide five off-street parking spaces which complies with the numerical measure of five spaces in accordance with the Gosford DCP."

"Due to the narrowness of the site, no visitor parking is provided. unrestricted on-street parking is safely available within 60m of the development; as such that the proposal complies with the parking requirements outlined within the GDCP 2013."

SOURCE:
DA54902/2018, 22 Aug 2018
Gosford DA Tracker,
Central Coast Council

Councillors available to talk for two hours

Central Coast councillors representing the Peninsula will be available in Woy Woy for two hours on Saturday, September 20, to talk with residents.

Gosford West Ward councillors Cr Chris Holstein, Cr Richard Mehrtens and Cr Troy Marquart will all be available at a "Councillor Listening Post" at Deepwater Plaza from 10am to 12pm.

Mayor Cr Jane Smith said councillors wanted the opportunity to engage directly with their community on local issues and get a better understanding of the things that matter in suburbs and local neighbourhoods.

"Councillors want to understand first-hand community concerns so they can be addressed at the local level," said Cr Smith.

SOURCE:
Media release, 16 Aug 2018
Jane Smith, Central Coast Council



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Parliamentary secretary endorses planning variations

Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Mr Scot MacDonald, who is also Parliamentary Secretary for Planning, appears to have endorsed planning variations of the scale requested in a major development proposed for Woy Woy.

The proposal to build a 27-unit three-storey block of flats and seven two-storey townhouses in place of four houses in Blackwall Rd exceeds planning guidelines by 8.2 per cent for height and 3.5 in floor space ratio.

Mr MacDonald has told Save Our Woy Woy community group president Mr Harvey McDougall in a letter that "the planning system allows for such variations".

"Under the New South Wales planning system, development of this scale and type is determined by local councils," Mr MacDonald said.

"Before determining the development application, Central Coast Council will need to consider matters including the provisions of any environmental planning instrument or development control plan that applies to the land, the likely impacts of the development,

and any submissions made during public exhibition.

"The current local planning instrument applying to this land, Gosford Local Environment Plan 2014, permits multi-dwelling housing and residential flat buildings as proposed by the development application.

"While the application proposes a variation to the height of building and floor space ratio development standards, the planning system allows for such variations, subject to Council's assessment against criteria set out in the Plan (clause 4.6).

"A variety of housing choice is required to suit needs and lifestyles of the current and future population.

"The Woy Woy area will continue to contribute to the region's diverse housing needs particularly through redevelopment of lots containing older housing stock.

"Central Coast Council is best placed to respond to any specific questions on this development application and the planning controls for Woy Woy," Mr MacDonald said.

SOURCE:
Media statement, 21 Aug 2018
Harvey McDougall, Save
Our Woy Woy



Report says derelict oyster farms are major pollutant

A report from local clean-up organisation Clean4Shore has identified debris from derelict oyster farms as a major pollutant in Brisbane Water.

Removal of the debris represents much of the voluntary effort that Clean4Shore coordinates and represents a significant cost to the community in its disposal, according to the 2017 program report released last week.

"Derelict oyster infrastructure, abandoned by owners, washes off

the lease with storms, or simply degrades due to neglect," said co-ordinator Mr Graham Johnston.

"The number of abandoned leases is increasing as the industry struggles with viruses and a lack of operating space."

Students from Brisbane Water Secondary College are major contributors to the Clean4Shore program.

They monitored and cleaned rubbish from Peninsula waterways, including at Pelican Island, Empire Bay, Riley's Island, Woy

Woy Channel, Woy Woy Creek, Phegans Bay, Wagstaffe and Woy Woy Bay, he said.

"All field trips in Brisbane Water return with oyster product," Mr Johnston said.

The college was named the Regional Landcare Schools winner of the Greater Sydney Local Landcare awards for 2017, having removed 18.5 tonnes of rubbish in the 2016-17 period.

SOURCE:
Report, 15 Aug 2018
Graham Johnston, Clean4Shore



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Central Coast Vietnam Veterans marching in Ettalong

Vietnam vets commemorate Battle of Long Tan

Vietnam Veterans from across the Central Coast gathered in Ettalong to commemorate the 52nd anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan on August 19.

Veterans gathered at Ettalong Vietnam Veterans Memorial to reflect on the sacrifice of the friends and forbearers and to march in their honour.

Every year on August 18, the Central Coast veterans groups

march, hold a commemorative service and a memorial dinner to recognise the sacrifice of those who did and did not return home from the Vietnam War.

Nationally, Minister for Veterans' Affairs Mr Darren Chester led the tributes paid during Vietnam Veterans Day at the National Australian Vietnam Forces Memorial in Canberra.

"The Vietnam War was Australia's longest military engagement of the 20th Century

with almost 60,000 Australians serving during a decade of conflict between 1962 and 1972," Mr Chester said.

"Each year on the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, Australia commemorates all those who served in the Vietnam War, including the more than 500 Australians who lost their lives."

SOURCE:
Media release, 18 Aug 2018
Whil Prendergast, Office of Darren Chester MP

Fire brigade holds Get Ready Day

The Bays Rural Fire Brigade will be holding a Get Ready Day on Saturday, September 22.

The event will be held at the local fire station on the corner of Woy Woy Rd and Wattle Cr.

Marking the start of the fire season, the day's object is to educate community members on the importance of having an evacuation plan in the event of a

bush fire.

Community members will also have the opportunity to learn more about the brigade and the inner workings of a volunteer firefighter.

The event will be accompanied by a free barbecue from 10am-2pm, jumping castle, water games, painting, fire safety discussions and information booklets.

SOURCE:
Media release, 15 Aug 2018
Bays RFS Brigade media

Liberal Democrats meet in Woy Woy

Woy Woy will host a meeting of the libertarian political party Liberal Democrats on Sunday, September 30.

The Central Coast and Newcastle branch meeting will take place at the Old Pub Woy

Woy, from 3pm to 6pm.

The branch which formed two months ago holds monthly meetings across the Central Coast and the Hunter.

SOURCE:
Media release, 22 Aug 2018
Codie Neville, Liberal Democrats

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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Mr Boris Bolgoff, Cr Jane Smith and Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch

Koolewong boat ramp officially opened

The \$1.48m revamped Koolewong boat ramp was officially opened on August 20, by Central Coast Council and Roads and Maritime Services.

Council Acting Director Mr Boris Bolgoff said the upgrade had delivered what was promised - an enhanced experience for boating enthusiasts.

"Not only have we constructed

a dual-lane boat ramp with an on-ramp pontoon and an L-shaped floating pontoon, but we have also delivered improvements to car parking, as well as landscaping and ancillary works," Mr Bolgoff said.

"This upgrade is just one of six boating infrastructure projects we will deliver in the next year, with Council investing a combined total of \$2.29m across these projects,"

he said.

Mayor Cr Jane Smith said one of Council's priorities was to deliver enhanced recreational experiences on the Coast and the delivery of this upgrade met that need for the growing number of boating enthusiasts, and the broader community.

SOURCE:

Media release, 20 Aug 2018
Alexis McLaren, Central Coast Council

Volunteer grants program opens

Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks said applications for the Coalition Government's Volunteer Grants program were open.

She said the growth of many local organisations was a testament to the value of the program to Peninsula residents.

"Grants of between \$1000 and \$5000 will help community organisations to buy equipment such as laptops, pay fuel costs, train volunteers and improve their fundraising," Ms Wicks said.

"The last funding round assisted many organisations on the Peninsula, including Umina Men's Shed, which received \$4200

to cover computer equipment expenses, reimbursement of volunteers' training costs and the purchase of power tools.

"Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina P and C Association partly used their \$2400 to buy indoor furniture and appliances, outdoor furniture and equipment," Ms Wicks said.

For more information on available grants and how to apply visit the Australian Government's GrantConnect website.

Applications close Tuesday, September 18.

SOURCE:

Media release, 20 Aug 2018
Charlotte Bowcock, Office of Lucy Wicks MP



Member for Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks, with Umina Men's Shed members



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Crown land sale referred to ICAC

The sale of 1100 square metres of Crown land to the owners of Woy Woy Sporties has been referred to the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption by Greens MP Mr David Shoebridge.

Mr Shoebridge said it was a "public land giveaway that occurred in near-secret".

Documents obtained via the NSW Government Information Public Access (GiPA) Act, including the sale contract, list the land as 1 North Burge Rd, Lot 369 in DP 755251.

"The sale raises grave concerns about the integrity of the remainder of the \$9 billion plus in public lands sales that have occurred under the NSW Coalition Government," he said.

"The prime public waterfront land ... was sold in 2015 for just \$38,000, significantly below its real value, and despite internal valuations putting it at least \$120,000.

"The land sale was negotiated behind closed doors without going to market.

"Once the deal was done, the proposed sale was only advertised in a distant newspaper, a five-hour drive from the site, published in Batemans Bay, in breach of legal requirements under the Crown Lands Act.

"The department itself put a potential value on the site of \$120,000, but even that undervalued this prime waterfront site.



A graphic used by ABC News to show the 1100 square metres of Crown Land sold to Woy Woy Holdings for \$38,000

"In the end it was sold at a fraction of that."

"From the outset this was a contentious proposal that has seen a much-loved local bowling club being sold off for development.

"For many residents of the area to then be excluded from even basic notification is an added insult.

"It is quite literally unbelievable that the only notice given by the Coalition of the proposed sale of the land was in a small local newspaper 270 km away from the site.

"We have uncovered these failings after constant digging for the truth and we now need ICAC to look at not just this sale, but the thousands of other public sites

sold off by the Coalition.

"This is a shameful breach of trust and a clear breach of the law and this is why I have referred it to the ICAC," Mr Shoebridge said.

Mr Shoebridge's letter to the ICAC requested an "urgent investigation" into the matter "as it appears on its face to satisfy the definition of corrupt conduct in s8 of the ICAC Act.

"In summary, on or about June 19, 2015, a valuable parcel of public land was sold by the then Minister for Lands, Trade and Industry and Primary Industries under s34 of the then Crown Lands Act," the letter said.

"The sale was administered by the Crown Lands Division of Trade and Investment.

"That process was grossly deficient and in breach of the statutory requirements for such sale by reason of the following, the land was sold for \$38,830 in a direct dealing with just on purchases, [redacted] Pty Ltd.

"The land adjoined another parcel of Crown Land that had a Statutory Land Valuation of \$110 million which, if applied to the site in question, would have seen it valued at \$121,000.

"The land had an annual rental of \$4785 per annum which capitalised at eight per cent would be valued at \$59,819.

"A full land assessment was not undertaken of the land prior to the sale.

"The proposed sale of the land

was notified only in the Batemans Bay Post, a small regional publication based 270km south of the subject site.

"Section 34 of the Crown Lands Act prohibited the sale of land unless at least 14 days prior to the sale the proposed sale was published in a newspaper circulating in the locality in which the land is situated or in a newspaper circulating generally in the state.

"Once sold a development application was lodged for the site seeking to build a seniors living development on it which, if approved, will provide the successful purchaser with a very significant windfall profit.

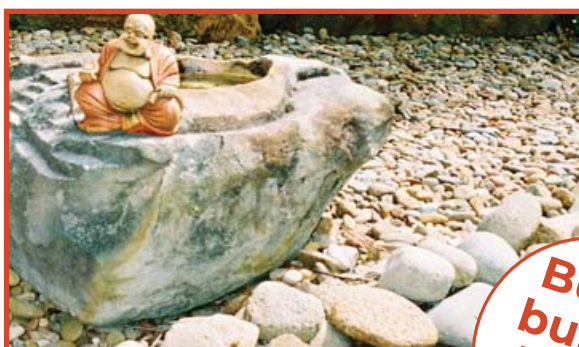
"A number of the above steps raise very real concerns, not least the culpable failure to appropriately advertise the sale.

"However, it is the combination of the following decisions that motivate my office to refer this matter: the decision to undertake a direct sale with just one proponent; the decision only to advertise the proposed sale in a paper so obviously inappropriate...; the failure to undertake a full assessment prior to sale; and the decision to sell the property for a price that was less than 50 per cent of the Statutory Land Valuation on the adjoining site and even below the capitalised value to the public of the annual rental being paid for the site," the letter of referral said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 16 Aug 2018
David Shoebridge, NSW Greens



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Crown Land sale avoided statutory assessment

When Crown Land was sold at Woy Woy Bowling Club, it avoided the normal requirement for a statutory land assessment and for the sale to be conducted by a public competitive process.

A formal statutory "land assessment" for the sale of Crown Land at Woy Woy Bowling Club was not conducted, according to documents obtained under freedom of information legislation.

Instead a waiver from the requirement was given in 2009 because the sale was considered to be "in the public interest" and to abide by "the principles of Crown Land management".

The decision to sell direct to Woy Woy Holdings Pty Ltd was justified on the basis that "the limited development potential [of the land] will adversely impact on the land's marketability if sold by public competition".

The documents also state that the intention to sell Crown Land was advertised in a Central Coast newspaper in 2013 but not when the sale was later executed in 2015.

It was not advertised in Peninsula News.

The documents were obtained by the Save Woy Woy Waterfront community group under NSW Government Information Public Access laws.

The documents show that the Maitland office of the NSW Land and Property Management Authority decided, in 2009, to waive the need

for a land assessment prior to the sale of the Crown Land to Woy Woy Holdings Pty Ltd.

According to the documents, "Part 4 of the Crown Lands Act 1989 provided for the Minister to sell, lease or otherwise deal with crown Land if he was satisfied that the land had been assessed under Part 3 of the Act.

"However, under Section 35(2) the Minister may waive the need for a land assessment prior to reallocation of Crown Land if he is satisfied that it is in the public interest and has had due regard to the principles of Crown Land management.

"A land assessment waiver report has been prepared by Crown Lands Division (Maitland) recommending that land assessment be waived and approval given to surrender of Lease ... and private treaty sale.

"Any sale of the land would be at market value, to be determined by a qualified valuer.

"Due to the site location and current development as part of the Woy Woy Bowling Club, it is not considered appropriate to proceed by way of public competition.

"Private treaty sale to the current tenure holder/adjointing land owner will achieve the most appropriate return to the Crown and will attract minimal sales costs.

"Prior to progressing the sale of the site, approvals under the Crown Lands Act are required as well as statutory advertising and the Department's involvement in preparation and execution of



contracts and other documentation related to the sale and transfer of the property."

The document then recommended the Director of Land Management exercise delegation to waive the requirement for a land assessment "and in doing so is satisfied that it is in the public interest to exercise such delegation and that due regard has been given to the Principles of Crown Land Management."

The recommendation was endorsed by a program manager, supported by the regional manager and approved by the Director of Land Management.

The signed-off 2009 document had the following end note: "The sale of Crown leasehold estate Lot 369 DP 755251 will not be preceding at this time as the adjoining freehold land is not in the name of the holder of the Crown Lease."

The note explained that the holder had the right to make an application to purchase but due to the fact the bowling green on the Crown Land was also partially on adjoining freehold land and that adjoining freehold land was not, at that stage, in the name of the purchaser.

"The business rules related to private treaty sales require either an expressed interest on the land in question or own the adjoining

freehold land otherwise disposal is by public competitive processes.

"Neither the purchaser or LPMA have completed due diligence process to address the matters of competitive neutrality and ICAC Direct Negotiations guidelines 2006 as such sale of Lot 369 can't proceed under private treaty arrangement.

"The purchaser will be advised of this in due course; however, the Waiver of Part 3 requirements may remain effective and be applied should the sale proceed under the governing business rules."

The report that arrived at the recommendation to waive the need for a land assessment also found that "the proposal to sell by private treaty to the current tenure holder/ adjoining freehold land occupant is in accordance with departmental guidelines, practices and policies as well as State Government Policies".

It also found that the sale to the current tenure holder would "ensure that Treasury gained additional funds for allocation in accordance with State Government Priorities, remove the ongoing tenure administration costs currently being borne by the authority and result in reduced sale administration costs."

Correspondence between Crown Lands and the purchaser in 2013 raises questions about the price paid

for the land in 2015.

The documents indicate that the purchaser had been told to expect to pay more than \$38,000 for the land, although this was the ultimate sale price of the land.

According to one email from a Crown Lands Group leader, "I have had a quick review of the files for this parcel of land and also the statutory land value (which is the value used by Councils for land rates and value used by government for land tax), based on this data I would expect the land value to be between \$90,000 and \$120,000.

"I do caution you the actual purchase price will be determined by a registered valuer and set by Crown Lands," it said.

In May 2014, the applicant was advised that the application would be referred to Strategic Proposals and Projects "as the proposed sale was not considered to be of low value".

The land had been the subject of a special lease for the purposes of recreation (bowling greens) since 1965, the documents said.

The lease was transferred to Woy Woy Holdings in 2012 after which the lease over the Crown Land was held in the same name as the ownership of the adjoining freehold land.

"The lessee is seeking to redevelop the club premises and incorporate landscaping on the Crown Land which is inconsistent with the lease purpose," it said.

In 2014, Crown Land's justification for a "direct deal" was that "the applicant has a legal interest in the land by virtue of the lease and is the only adjoining land owner.

"The limited development potential [of the land] will adversely impact on the land's marketability if sold by public competition.

"The land adjoins an extensive waterfront reserve with recreational facilities and sale will not adversely affect public use and enjoyment of the reserve."

SOURCE:

Documents, 17 Aug 2018
Ross Cochrane, Save
Woy Woy Waterfront

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Climate change impact raised at planning panel

The impacts of climate change, especially sea level rise, on Woy Woy and the whole Peninsula, were addressed by more than one speaker at the August 23 Joint Regional Planning Panel meeting.

Woy Woy resident Mr James Waugh addressed the panel and argued that redevelopment of the club for seniors accommodation should be refused on the basis of the present and future flood hazard.

Mr Waugh said current planning standards had been based on a 2008 Court of Appeal case, which had wisely directed local councils to consider ecologically sustainable principles including the likely impacts of sea level rise.

Mr Ross McMurtrie said the CSIRO had set its sea level rise projections at 74cm by 2100 and the Central Coast Council, to its credit, has a climate change policy that allows for that.

"If that was placed in the assessment report it would allow for an alarming increase in flooding of [the development] site," he said.

Accelerating and nuisance flooding as a result of sea level rise is already becoming more frequent in the area, he argued.

"Now is not the time to embark on large residential developments such as senior housing on flood

prone land," he said.

Mr Norman Harris, speaking on behalf of the Australian Conservation Foundation Central Coast Branch, said the development application under discussion had relevance to the Central Coast Council's draft climate change policy, due for public exhibition on September 6.

"Speculative is an apt description of this DA," Mr Harris said.

He said a flood risk management study of the area in question, conducted by the former Gosford Council only three years ago, did not envisage the possibility of a DA the size of the proposal for Sporties.

"They never told to us at the public meetings for that risk management study that there was going to be high rise on the foreshore.

"Everyone who made submissions to that risk management study did so on the basis the character of the area at that time was going to continue into the future.

"No one envisaged that this sort of development would ever be considered on a flood plain.

"It does not make sense," he said.

SOURCE:
Meeting, 23 Aug 2018
Central Coast Joint Regional
Planning Panel
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

Sporties refusal may 'sterilise' our future, says Chamber

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce believes the refusal on August 23 of the development application for the Sporties land on the corner of North Burge Rd and Brick Wharf Rd, has potentially "sterilised" future redevelopment within the whole of Woy Woy.

"The implications for this situation are that the same principles will now apply to all developments in the future that are affected by the Probable Maximum Flood and that will be further compounded by any adoption by Central Coast Council of sea level rise," said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"Our concern now is that this decision will affect any development in Woy Woy within a one in a one hundred year flood and that includes half the Woy Woy CBD.

"This decision has the potential to sterilise development over half the Woy Woy CBD," he said.

The community submissions by residents and community groups who addressed the Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel opposed high density development taking over the area.

Mr Ross McMurtrie, who addressed the Planning Panel on behalf of the Save Woy Woy Waterfront community group, said: "There is no other development like

this on the Woy Woy Waterfront.

"It would set an undesirable precedent," Mr McMurtrie said.

Local resident Mr James Waugh said he was concerned about the way the Central Coast Council staff report, which recommended refusal of the Sporties redevelopment, had mentioned high density residential development in Woy Woy.

"A number of comments [in the Central Coast Council staff report] imply that high density residential development would not only be acceptable but desirable," he said.

Arguments that high-density would be acceptable on roads like North Burge and Brick Wharf based on the areas being close to the Woy Woy town centre were misleading, he said.

Although geographically close, Mr Waugh said the neighbourhood around Sporties was a "different world", to the town centre.

"The residents don't want high density anywhere, they don't want 100-plus people being shoehorned into the waterfront," he said and urged the Panel to base its decision on the existing character of Woy Woy "which is essentially a low-density sleepy seaside town".

He said the current community felt it was "somehow being stabbed in the back" by any suggestion that high-density residential development was a desirable outcome for Woy Woy.

Another resident, Ms Ruth Herman also highlighted that

the Council staff's report had deemed the transition between neighbouring development and the senior's housing proposal was acceptable.

"I also strongly disagree with the report that the development does not impose an unacceptable bulk and scale," Ms Herman said.

"The nearest development with similar bulk and scale is 1km away," she said.

Ms Herman said she believed any future review of the Development Control Plan for Woy Woy, in relation to development objectives for scenic quality "should include retaining and supporting of significant elements not already noted for medium density".

Ms Margaret Sullivan, who moved to Brick Wharf Rd four years ago said the current levels of development on the Peninsula were already causing challenges for traffic management and parking.

"I chose to live up here because of the low density and the feel of the area," she said.

She said she believed the volume of traffic along Brick Wharf Rd had increased three to four times in the last four years.

SOURCE:
Meeting notes, 23 Aug 2018
Central Coast Joint Regional
Planning Panel
Interview, 23 Aug 2018
Matthew Wales, Peninsula
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Sporties developer gives emotional address

Waterfront group calls for community to revive Sporties

The Save Woy Woy Waterfront group has called on community to rally behind the Woy Woy Sporties club to revive its fortunes.

However, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales has declared the demise of the club inevitable.

Waterfront group founder Mr Ross Cochrane said that, with the refusal of proposed development, "you now have clear air to save the bowling club without the threat of the development hanging over your head."

"The threat of the development has meant people have stopped booking 21st parties and weddings because they think the club will close."

"Now the development has been refused, club members need to get the message out that it is open for business and work to make it viable."

Residents who spoke at the Joint Regional Planning Panel meeting, held at Gosford's Council Chamber, to consider the proposal to redevelop the club, said they hoped the club could be kept.

"I sincerely hope the bowling

and fishing clubs can continue to provide their excellent recreational activities for the community," said Woy Woy resident Ms Ruth Herman.

Speaking on behalf of Save Woy Woy Waterfront at the Panel meeting, Mr Ross McMurtrie said the group had "strong concerns about the loss of public and recreational space, the loss of three outdoor bowling greens, a public fishing club."

He said the redevelopment of the club would also result in a major loss for the competitive bowlers of the club.

"The loss of a competitive bowling club to be replaced with an amateurish indoor bowling club would result in isolation" for the bowling club members, many of whom were elderly, he said.

However, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said the Chamber was "deeply concerned that the refusal by the Panel will mean that the club will close."

"Sadly it would appear inevitable that club is not sustainable in its current form and the Chamber saw this development as a way of underpinning the future of Sporties

and regrettably that is now not going to happen.

"We now are looking to encourage the owner to look at alternative uses for the site in the hope that some sort of community facility can be maintained."

"However, we recognise that this is now going to be difficult and that despite what local residents wanted to see, they may now see the end of their community facility."

"It is now clear that the future of the Sporties club is in serious doubt as the applicant will now have to re evaluate the viability of the business and that is obviously going to put those jobs on jeopardy and will ultimately mean that Sporties as we know it today will not exist in the future."

"So unfortunately whilst the community wanted to save Sporties, this decision will not deliver for the community what they expected."

SOURCE:
Meeting, 23 Aug 2018
Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel
Interview, 23 Aug 2018
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

Sporties developer Mr Tony Altavilla addressed the Joint Regional Planning Panel meeting on behalf of the applicant, the current owner of the Woy Woy Sporties property, Woy Woy Holdings Pty Ltd.

"I have been living here 50 or more years and I have seen the flooding," Mr Altavilla said.

"I am just as passionate."

"I am here to save the Woy Woy bowling club from sinking and drowning," he said.

"All the bad publicity we are having is sinking the club."

"The club can no longer survive in its present state."

Mr Altavilla said the actual club had "never flooded", explaining that the Sporties land had been raised above the flood level.

"I agree the road does flood but it is not [for] me to address the road, the Council should have addressed this road years and years ago."

In terms of the bulk and scale of the proposed development he said plans had been changed multiple times in an effort to overcome community and Council concerns.

"We have had a rooftop green, an underground green," he said.

"There is a solution to all this."

We are intelligent. We love the club.

"The Opera House is built on water. The tunnel is built on water. There are solutions," he said.

An emotional Mr Altavilla told the panel he and his family had paid a significant personal cost in their efforts to "save the club" including personal intimidation and threats.

"What else can I do to support it?" he asked.

Unable to continue his presentation, a distraught Mr Altavilla left the meeting, saying: "Intimidate me, and treat me like shit. I love the area more than anybody. You can have the club. Take me. Kill me."

Panel chair Mr Tony Perica said the meeting would allow Mr Altavilla time to compose himself and continue his presentation but he did not return.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr Perica said the Panel's legal decision to refuse the development would be published on its website within seven days and could be the subject of a legal challenge if the developer so decided.

SOURCE:
Meeting notes, 24 Aug 2018
Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel
Reporter: Jackie Pearson

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Alliance calls for Crown land details

Recently-released information about the sale of Crown land at Woy Woy Bowling Club has highlighted the need for more openness about Crown land management and sale, according to Crown Land Alliance Central Coast.

The group has written to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch, asking her to obtain and release a list of all Crown land on the Peninsula "so that the public has ready and low-cost access to this information".

"According to the Auditor General's report 97 per cent of commercial leases on Crown land are approved through direct negotiations, which can create opportunities for dishonesty or bias," said Alliance convenor Mr Kevin Armstrong.

The report found that the Department is not currently managing the sale and leasing of Crown land effectively.

Across the State, there were 225 Crown land sales between 2012 and 2015.

The Department had not provided clear and up-to-date guidance for staff to make informed, consistent decisions about the sale and leasing of Crown land, according to the Auditor General.

"The Department often does not

provide opportunities for people to understand and have a say in decisions about Crown land," said Mr Armstrong.

"Its approach to community consultation has been focused on notification, rather than meaningful engagement.

"Decision-making about Crown land is not transparent.

"Some of the data the Department uses to support decision-making is inaccurate."

"Given that the NSW Government response to the scathing Attorney General's report into the management of Crown Land, and a Parliamentary Enquiry, has been to devolve responsibility for Crown Land management to local government, it would appear that an alert public may be the only watchdog to protect extensive public land interests from alienation via secretive sale or long-term leases," he said.

According to the Alliance, the privatisation of the NSW Government's property titles office has meant it was now prohibitively expensive for community members or groups to conduct title searches to find Crown Land.

SOURCE:

Media release, 18 Aug 2018
Kevin Armstrong, Crown Land
Alliance Central Coast

Market raises money for free permaculture course

Bouddi Kids Create Market has raised \$350 for Killcare Community Connect's Green Community Project, bringing the total to \$953.

"This money will now be spent on education resources and construction materials for a free Permy Kids course beginning at Killcare SLSC in October," said market organiser Ms Anna Trigg.

She said a local permaculture teacher would run a six-week course for interested children to help them plan, design and construct a labyrinth garden outside the kiosk for the whole community to enjoy.

The latest market was held in late July, and attracted over 70 young stallholders to Killcare Surf Life Saving Club.

"Young stallholders offered an array of workshops, stalls and performances for the market-goers who turned up on the day.

"Killcare SLSC raised over \$200 in gold coin donations, which will go toward keeping our beaches safe for local and visiting families over the spring and summer months.

The Bouddi Kids Create Spring Market will be held next on Sunday, October 7, from 10am-2pm, at Killcare SLSC.

SOURCE:

Social media, 1 Aug 2018
Anna Trigg, Killcare SLSC



Killcare SLSC president, Mr Peter Bagnall, with some young nachos enthusiasts at the markets

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Council should buy Sporties 'stranded' asset

The Joint Regional Planning Panel's decision on August 23, to unanimously reject the redevelopment of the Sporties Bowling Club as an integrated seniors' living accommodation was the right decision.

However, the club's owner, Woy Woy Holdings Ltd, has a stranded asset that apparently is losing money.

It would be in the best interests of the owners and the local community, if this bowling club was acquired by Central Coast Council with financial assistance from the NSW Government.

The facility lies on primarily

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recreational land and is a valuable recreational resource.

It is also in a flood hazard zone, with flooding risk augmented by the impact of increasing climate change effects.

What better authority than the Council to own and manage this resource?

As a model I recommend consideration of the successful resumption of the South Strathfield Bowling Club by Strathfield Council.

That club was renovated with a grant of \$495,000 from the Department of Aging, Disability

and Home Care.

From late 2012 it has been operating as the Dutton Centre, which gives priority to services and programs for aged and disability groups.

Our outcome if it is purchased by local government with state government assistance, of course will be different, depending on what best meets the needs of our community.

I believe State Government should step up given the sale of about 1100sq metres of what was formerly Crown land to the owners for far less than market value and which now is part of the club site.

Email, Aug 24
Suraya Coorey, Woy Woy

Surely Council can help with a few dollars

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The Peninsula Recreation Precinct near Jasmine Greens Kiosk is such a wonderful asset to the whole community and a facility we all can be proud of.

It is used by local residents and visitors alike.

Recently, while enjoying the area with my family, I noticed the condition of the beautiful Whale Tails, standing proud but unfortunately neglected, what fantastic, unusual, iconic pieces of street art they are, these unique figurines are extremely run down, mosaic tiles falling off, grout crumbling, inviting vandalism.

It's amazing not much physical damage has been done to these magnificent statues.

Surely Central Coast Council can find a few dollars to repair these exotic icons?

After a little enquiry I found the people willing to volunteer their labour, if the Council can scrounge the dollars to pay for the materials, grout, glue and whatever else is needed to rescue this valuable art.

The local schools could also be invited to become involved and a win-win situation created, with the young people having pride in helping repair such an important local asset.

Contact has been made with Council repeatedly by these civic-minded locals who also contributed to the original construction but

can only get as far as middle management, who seem to delight in refusal.

How much would it cost? Not much money, I would imagine.

The tourist dollar is vital to our local economy.

The Council seems disinterested in anything Peninsula-related.

An easy fix needs common sense.

One does wonder if the Council is listening.

I worry if tourists see that Council has abandoned Umina Beach whether they may abandon us as well.

With a little cooperation this situation can be sorted and maybe a sign that Council has not abandoned us.

It's not hard.

Email, 22 Aug 2018
Brian Lewis, Umina

Long-term dredging solution needed

Again the dredge at Ettalong is not working due to sea conditions.

I thought that this dredge was meant to be an ocean-going one.

It is clearly not.

The emergency funding for the attempted dredging to date has cost around \$1m which has and will prove money poorly spent.

To dredge or dig up the sand and only move it a short distance

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away from the channel, 100 to 300 metres, is an exercise in futility.

With this current stop in operation of the dredge being due to weather conditions, the removed sand will migrate back to where it came from.

With the \$1m they will have spent when this round of dredging

is complete, it could have been used more wisely in the first place by having an ocean-going dredge do the works in the first instance and the sand pumped back onto the beach.

When the channel silts up again in six months, what will they do then?

We need to have a long term solution not these band-aid fixes.

Email, 22 Aug 2018
Carl Veugen, Umina

Merge Fairfax with the ABC

The takeover of the Fairfax papers, by an entertainment-oriented media concern cannot be in the public interest.

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The answer is to turn Fairfax into a public corporation and

merge it with the ABC.

Both public interest and greater efficiency would be served.

Letter, 30 Jul 2018
Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach



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Climate change in the land of opportunity

It is known that Council's Climate Change Policy will be discussed by councillors this month.

I expect the policy to address many more issues than energy efficiency.

Some issues I have identified for comment before the policy is released for public exhibition are development applications, biodiversity, human health, the future and conflict.

Two development applications for Woy Woy have highlighted questions about human health, the future and conflict.

Reputations of development proponents, consultants and others are on the line.

Others refer to the host of decision makers who will need to address climate change, not just for the proposed development but all development existing, affected by the lodged development

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application. (A well-known example is beachfront development.)

Additional research, consultant and administration costs will increase the monetary value of development, beyond affordability.

If action had been taken in the 1990s?

The Peninsula News (edition 448) reported that one development application would increase floor area from an existing 150sqm to 450sqm (DA54542).

There are no signs that the growth epidemic is abating.

This will add to climate change management on the Woy Woy Peninsula and reduce resources that have been a feature for residents.

The land of opportunity for a few is the land of opposition for many.

Letter, 3 Jul 2018
Norman Harris, Umina



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Avoca Beach residents unhappy about another water main break

Three properties on The Round Dve, at Avoca, were flooded, when a large water main burst, just after 6:00am, on Wednesday, August 8.

IPART issues paper reveals underspending by council on water services

The former Gosford Council underspent on both operating and capital programs for the delivery of water services between 2013 and 2017, according to an IPART issues paper, and the combined Central Coast Council has not caught up.

Construction certificate granted for 57 unit development

A construction certificate has been granted for a 57 unit residential flat building and ground floor commercial premises at 277 to 279 Mann St, Gosford.

Submission threshold reduced to 15

The number of submissions required for a development application (DA) to be referred to a public Central Coast Council meeting has been dropped from 50 to 15, following a debate in Central Coast Council on August 13.

Liberals object to council's lowering of threshold decision

The politicisation of Council has continued, with the Member for Terrigal, Adam Crouch, Member of the Legislative Council, Taylor Martin, and Central Coast Councillor Jilly Pilon, condemning Council's decision to reduce to 15 the number of submissions

Revitalisation of Gosford City Centre on exhibition

The revitalisation of Gosford City Centre as the vibrant, liveable capital of the Central Coast, reached another milestone on Thursday, August 16, with the release of the draft Development Control Plan (DCP) for the community to view and comment

299 residential unit development draws many objections

The \$90m proposed development of 299 residential units, over three stages, proposed for 87 to 89 John Whiteway Dve, Gosford, has already been the subject of almost 30 objections.

Gosford CBD and Waterfront Advisory Committee held inaugural meeting

The Gosford CBD and Waterfront Advisory Committee of the Central Coast Council held its inaugural meeting on June 28, and devised a plan of action for the coming 12 months.

Draft climate change policy to be placed on public exhibition

A new draft climate change policy aligned with Central Coast Council's corporate vision "to build a vibrant and sustainable Central Coast", will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days.

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Parliament hears how truth, common sense and honour all failed in Kangy Angy selection

Member for The Entrance, David Mehan, read a statement from the Kangy Angy Residents Action Group (KARAG) in the NSW Legislative Assembly on August 7, which included damning information about the role of the former Wyong Council in

Environmental Justice Australia lawyers concerned about 400 hectare ash dam

Delta Electricity Company Secretary, Steve Gurney, has labelled community concerns about the structural integrity of the ash dam at Vales Point Power Station as "mischievous".

Council to consider participating in Strategic Biodiversity Certification Project

Co ordinator General for the Central Coast, Lee Shearer, has asked Central Coast Council to support and participate in a NSW Department of Planning Strategic Biodiversity Certification Project.

Council owned land as stewardship sites needs to be adding to region's biodiversity

Community Environment Network Chairman, John Asquith, has confirmed that CEN will be meeting with the NSW Department of Planning on Thursday, August 23, to discuss the NSW Government's Strategic Biodiversity

Staff report recommends acceptance of Strategic Biodiversity Certification Project

A staff report recommending Council's acceptance of the NSW Government's Central Coast Strategic Biodiversity Certification Project, also spells out the risks of Council deciding either to participate or not participate.

Amalgamation under review

The worthy efforts of staff in amalgamating the former Gosford and Wyong Councils were acknowledged when Council met on August 13, and Councillors called for community input into the future of Central Coast Council.

Praise all round as trees saved

Transport for NSW has announced that the section of road connecting Orchard Rd to its New Intercity Fleet rail maintenance facility site at Kangy Angy, is proposed to be re-classified to retain vegetation.

Future ownership of over 1,400 parcels of Crown Land to be decided

The new Crown Land Negotiation Program Committee, formed by Central Coast Council, has commenced work on the Assessment Stage of the NSW Government's Comprehensive Crown Land Negotiation Program.

Crown Land acquisition request principles finalised

The principles that will be used by Central Coast Council to decide whether or not to claim interest in parcels of Crown Land included in the NSW Government's Crown Land Negotiation Program, have been finalised.

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Health

Suicide awareness walk at Umina Beach

A suicide awareness walk will be held from 9am to 11am on Sunday, September 9, at Umina Beach Surf Lifesaving Club.

Organised by Coast Community Connections, the Out of the Shadows Awareness Walks are promoted by mental health service Lifeline, annually in the lead-up to World Suicide Prevention Day on Monday, September 10.

"This walk aims to raise awareness, remember those lost to suicide, and unite in a commitment to prevent further deaths by suicide.

Coast Community Connections general manager Ms Emma

Gilby said: "All are welcome and the event will include a welcome before a procession down to the water's edge to launch a surf boat.

"The group will then walk down towards the southern end of the beach where a reflection and smoking ceremony will take place."

Umina Surf Lifesaving Club will help with free bacon and egg rolls after the walk.

"Lifeline counsellors and support staff will also be available to speak with anyone needing support or information," Ms Gilby said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Aug 2018
Emma Gilby, Coast Community Connections



Coast Community Connections held the same event on Umina Beach in 2017

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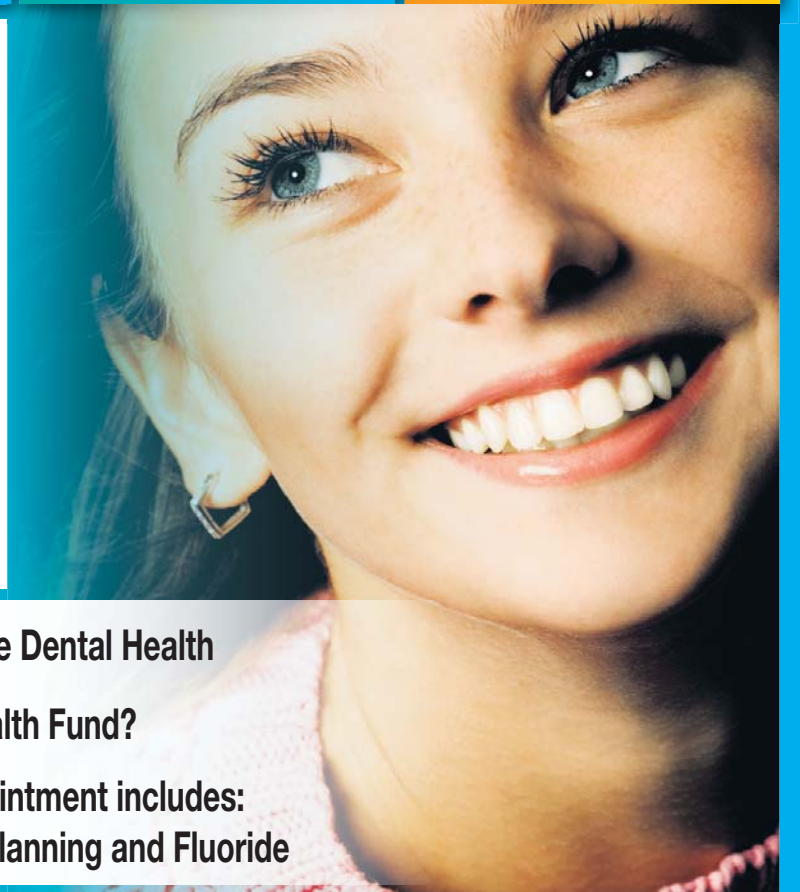
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Health



Aged care provider holds dinner dance

A Woy Woy aged care provider held its annual dinner dance on Friday, August 17. The Blue Wave Living dance had a circus theme, with dinner

followed by activities including table tennis, guessing competitions and skittles. Marketing officer Ms Kylie Scott said the effort to deliver an evening of fun and laughter was phenomenal. The staff spent weeks preparing for the evening. They dressed up in elaborate circus costumes to entertain their residents.

Source: Media release, 20 Aug 2018
Kylie Scott, BlueWave Living




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'Just Start Walking Australia'

is designed to prompt people around Australia to, quite simply, just start walking.

Visit the Just Start Walking website for tips on how to get the most out of your walking, download the free mobile app and introduce regular walking into your lifestyle, plus join the Just Start Walking Community on Facebook.

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Time machine musical performed at Umina

Kindergarten to Year 2 students from Umina Beach Public School have performed a special musical celebrating the hits of years past.

"Our K-2 students had a wonderful time entertaining us in their concert performance of the musical 'Time Machine'," said principal Ms Lyn Davis.

"The trip down memory lane and listening to all the hits from the 50's to the present was wonderful.

"We have some talented

dancers and actors in our midst and the dedication of our teaching staff was on display for everyone to see."

Students in Years 3 to 6 are now preparing for their own musical this November.

Entitled Smithy, it will be a celebration of Australian aviator, Sir Charles Kingsford Smith.

"It has been 90 years this year since Smithy became the first person to fly across the Pacific Ocean.

"At the time, this was the most amazing feat, and Smithy went on to do so much more until he was tragically lost at sea," Ms Davis said.

"The students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are working together on this production.

"Our main characters have been singing, dancing and acting their hearts out and it is starting to look like a polished production."

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 14 Aug 2018
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach
Public School

Umina teams debate each other

Umina Beach Public School's Years' 5 and 6 debating teams squared off against one another in Round 4 of the Premiers Debating Challenge.

The topic of debate was: All schools should require teachers to be fit non-smokers.

Year 6 were the affirmative and Year 5 the negative.

"Our Year 6 team's arguments included that children deserve to have fit teachers that can run around with them during sport," said school principal Ms Lyn Davis.

"If teachers quit smoking, their health will improve and they will save money.

"Teachers are role models and they would be hypocrites if they teach students about the harmful effects of obesity and smoking and are obese and/or smokers themselves."

She said: "Year 5's arguments included that it would be a breach of teacher's freedom and that what they do in their personal life does not affect students at all.

"Teachers can still be relatively fit and healthy while also being smokers or being slightly overweight.

"Forcing teachers to quit smoking will mean that teachers might be stressed out, and that they could take this out on their students," Ms Davis said.

"Our Year 6 team were



successful on this topic and are the most successful debating team in our local division.

"We will now progress to the next stage of the competition.

"This is a wonderful achievement

and we eagerly await details for their next debate," she said.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 14 Aug 2018
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach
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Education



St John the Baptist's Semester 2 Student Representative Council

New SRC at St John's

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School Woy Woy has elected its new Student Representative Council.

The Council works with teachers and school staff to represent the views and opinions of their fellow students in school decision

making, according to principal Ms Nicole Cumming.

The Council was responsible for thinking up new ways to promote student engagement with the school, she said.

It represented "an excellent leadership opportunity for elected students and promotes positive

relationships between student groups that might not otherwise interact".

The school's Council is elected every semester.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 15 Aug 2018
Nicole Cumming, St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

Year 6 students at Empire Bay Public School have unanimously voted to hold a Fiver for a Farmer fundraiser in conjunction with the school's Father's Day Breakfast, on Friday, August 31.

"Year 6 has indicated that they would like to hold a fundraiser to support Australian farmers experiencing hardship due to the drought," said school principal Ms Simone Champion.

"Year 6 is asking the school

community to support their fundraiser by donating a \$5 note on the day.

"They would like to make it a fun day for the students and would love everyone to get behind their cause by dressing up as a farmer or farm animal on the day.

"We hope our community can get behind this wonderful initiative and congratulate Year 6 on their commitment to support the community," Ms Champion said.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 16 Aug 2018
Simone Champion, Empire Bay Public School

Spelling and speaking results

Woy Woy Public School has announced the winners of their Spelling Bees and Public Speaking Competitions.

"In the Spelling Bees, Abby Wang (KM) took out the top prize

for Kindergarten, and Aaliyah Paul (1S) and Aleyah Flanagan (2Y) were the Year 1 and Year 2 winners respectively," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"Maya Albert (4-6G) won the

Stage 3 Spelling Bee, with Gemma Montalbano coming in as runner-up, and Jackson Wang won the Stage 2 Spelling Bee with Charlie Sposito the runner-up.

"In the school's Public Speaking

Competition, Allegra Magnus-Jones (KM), Amy Ferguson (KRM), Levi Young (1S), Terence Wu (2Y), Toby Cridland (3M), Mia Pike (4E), Tayla MacLeod (5/6A) and Kahlia Williams (5/6H) all

delivered outstanding speeches," Ms Buckley said.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 17 Aug 2018
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

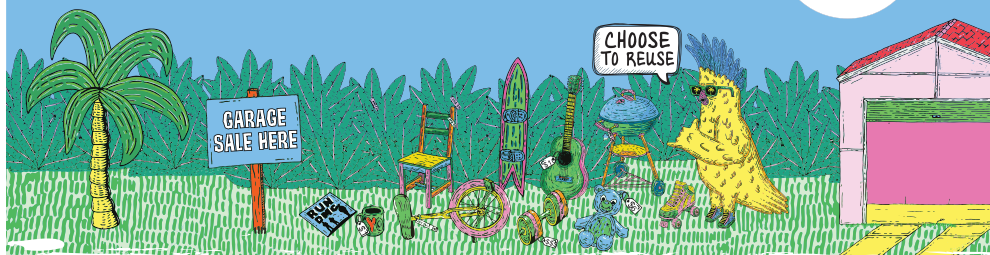


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Annabelle dominates at carnival

A Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus student has dominated at the Sydney North Athletics Carnival.

"Annabelle Rodgers is off to the State Carnival after her recent tremendous results at Sydney North Secondary Athletics Carnival," said principal Mr Brent Walker.

"Annabelle finished the day with first place in the Girls 12-15 Years Multi Class Shot Put, Long Jump, Discus and Javelin and a second in the 12-15 Years Multi Class 100 metres."

SOURCE:

Social media, 11 Aug 2018
Brent Walker, BWSC Umina



Parents and students warned of nesting plovers

Parents and students at Pretty Beach Public School have been warned to give a wide berth to a family of nesting plovers

"As some of our school community are aware, we have a family of plovers or masked lapwings that have nested on our school oval," principal Ms Deborah Callendar said.

"Plovers are very protective of their nests and chicks.

"Adults will dive on intruders, use loud noises and swooping or act as though they have a broken wing in an attempt to lure the intruder away from the nest.

"This behaviour is mostly bluff and actual contact attacks are rare.

"Regardless, it is this fearlessly protective nature that brings them into conflict with people," she said.

Wildlife rescue service Wires has given the school tips to deal with the birds.

These included: "Plover aggression only occurs for a short period of time.

"Once the chicks have hatched, the level of attacks will significantly decrease.

"Try to avoid the nesting area and do not antagonise the birds.

"Try not to walk directly towards the birds or make eye contact with

them.

"Attempts have been made in the past to relocate the eggs and nests to a more suitable location, however the parent birds rarely follow, resulting in abandonment," Ms Callendar said.

"We are not looking to remove the nest, and are hoping this nesting period is a relatively short one.

"In the meantime, we ask you all enjoy the natural experience," she said.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 16 Aug 2018
Deborah Callendar, Pretty Beach Public School

School collects to buy bales for farmers

Umina Beach Public School has been collecting funds throughout August to aid drought stricken farmers across the state.

"Our students, parents, teachers and community members have helped raise money for Buy a Bale,

to assist our farmers in drought stricken areas," said principal, Ms Lyn Davis.

"As a school, we have raised in excess of \$2390.

SOURCE:

Social media, 17 Aug 2018
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School Facebook page

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Education



K2P1- K-2 students from Woy Woy South had a wonderful day at their Athletics Carnival earlier this month



Fun in the sun at athletics carnival

Woy Woy South Public School held their Kindergarten to Year 2 Athletics Carnival on August 3.

"Fun in the sun is exactly what students in K-2 had at their Athletics Carnival," said principal Mr Matt Barr.

"They got to enjoy a variety of novelty races and events including tug of war, sack races, triple sack races, egg and spoon races, giant jenga, giant connect four, bucket building and cup stacking.

"It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and carers joining us for picnics, and cheering on all of the students and even having a go at the tug of war," Mr Barr said.

SOURCE: Social media, 4 Aug 2018
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School

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Probus club celebrates 38 years

The Probus Club of Umina Beach has celebrated its 38th birthday with a celebratory luncheon at Everglades Country Club.

The club was launched by the Rotary Club of Umina Beach in 1980.

Umina Rotary publicity officer Mr Geoff Melville attended the luncheon on behalf of the Rotary Club.

"Over 70 members of the 100 strong Probus Club attended the luncheon, along with some special guests," Mr Melville said.

"Mr Hashim Durrani, a Past President of the Probus Club, was in attendance.

"Probus Clubs are fellowship clubs and the name comes from joining the words professional and

business.

"They were originally formed to fill a gap felt by men who left work and missed the camaraderie and fellowship of fellow workers.

"By the 1980s, Probus outnumbered Rotary Clubs in England and already there are 130,000 Probians in the South Pacific region," Mr Melville said.

Probus Umina Beach has regular outings and a recent trip took members to Norfolk Island on a 10 day holiday.

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has sponsored four Clubs and another jointly with Woy Woy Club.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 22 Aug 2018
Geoff Melville, Rotary
Club of Umina Beach



The Pirate Paella was the Frantastic Choir's feature melodrama for their 2018 friends and family concert

Choir holds annual performance

The Frantastics Choir's annual performance for family and friends was held on Wednesday, August 22.

The event was held from 1pm in the main hall at the Woy Woy Community Centre.

The \$5 admission fee included an afternoon tea supplied by choir members, with all proceeds going to the Charlie Teo Cancer Research Foundation.

This year's melodrama was the Pirate Paella.

New material included songs from musicals, popular classics, old time items, comic skits, solos, and small group items.

SOURCE:
Media release, 15 Aug 2018
Fran Kendall, Frantastics Choir



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Wildlife photographer to speak at Rotary club

Local wildlife photographer Ms Esther Beaton will be guest speaker at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Umina Beach on Wednesday, August 29.

"Some 30 years ago, I came to Australia from the USA and, even though I have travelled the world over, I have never found a more inspiring country for nature photography," Ms Beaton said.

"Australia is a nature lover's paradise and a photographer's dream," Ms Beaton said.

Ms Beaton describes her photography as unique, emotive and meticulously crafted.

Her work has appeared across many mediums including National Geographic, Time Magazine and



Accomplished nature photographer, Ms Esther Beaton, will be Umina Beach Rotary's next guest speaker

the New York Times.

Australian Government.

Ms Beaton's photography has also been featured in publications for the CSIRO, the ABC and the

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 22 Aug 2018
Geoff Melville, Rotary
Club of Umina Beach

Association votes to support farmers

The Patonga Progress Association has voted overwhelmingly to donate funds to drought affected farmers.

Around 50 people attended the August meeting, with a unanimous vote to support NSW farmers battling drought, according to resident Ms Vanessa Ashcroft.

The association aims to raise

\$1000 for water and \$1000 for hay to help farmers in need.

The group plans to distribute the money through a donation website called Buy a Bale, which allows people to pick which region of Australia to donate to.

Ms Ashcroft believes the association is well on the way, having run a 60s-themed dance following the meeting and with

another dance scheduled for November, which has already sold out.

For each ticket sold, \$10 will be donated to struggling farmers.

"We're just a small community but we're doing all we can," Ms Ashcroft said.

SOURCE:
Interview, 20 Aug 2018
Vanessa Ashcroft, Patonga
Reporter, Alex Turner-Cohen

Wildlife carer seeks funds for native animal humidicrib

A Umina wildlife carer has started a crowd-funding campaign to purchase equipment to improve the survival rate of sick, injured and abandoned native animals coming into care on the Peninsula.

Ms Clare Rickell started the campaign in July to raise \$1300 to purchase a bird brooder, which controls temperature and humidity similar to a humidicrib.

Designed for young and recovering birds, it is also widely used with wildlife rescue for animals as large as koalas and other marsupials.

"Coming into summer and the upcoming baby season, our branch of native animal rescuers needs a good humidicrib to deal with the influx of animals," Ms Rickell said.

"Each year we seem to get

more and more in.

"This unit can be used for all our animals including possums, bats, large and small and kangaroo joeys and many more.

"It keeps them at a constant warm temperature and humidity which is great for the babies who don't have fur yet, so it's a great little unit.

"This unit is great as it has inbuilt water reservoir so it can be used for animals who need very high 90 per cent humidity such as our cave dwelling microbats.

"Getting our existing equipment up that high is nigh on impossible.

"With your help, I can purchase one of these great units ready for this year's intake and it will help to save many lives," Ms Rickell said.

Ms Rickell's campaign can be found on the Go Fund Me website.

SOURCE:
Website, 22 Aug 2018
Clare Rickell, Umina

New eatery boasts Italian cuisine

Woy Woy has a new eatery boasting Italian cuisine and gelato for locals.

Opened to the public in April, Costa Centrale is Woy Woy's newest slice of Italy.

The Costa Centrale team

recently introduced a dessert bar hosting 12 gelato flavours, and since serving their food people have asked them to start serving dinner as well.

The cafe is owned and operated by the close-knit Russo family, Andrea, Emilia, Rose and Samuel.

"Predominantly, Andrea, my partner, came up with the idea, but altogether it was the four of us," said co-owner Ms Rose Russo.

Moving to Woy Woy from Sydney to seek affordable housing, Andrea and Rose saw an opportunity they couldn't resist.

"There weren't many Italian restaurants that we liked going to in Sydney," Ms Russo said, which is exactly why the team of four were inspired to open their cafe.

It took just six weeks to transform the old burger diner into their new crisp white and mint cafe.

"People visited from the time we were renovating to have a chat and have stayed as regulars from the start," Ms Russo said.

"It's almost like we've made a second family in the area," she said.

Andrea and Rose enjoy cooking the Italian dishes that locals love, while Emilia and Samuel make sure diners enjoy the experience.

Andrea and Emilia have a southern Italian heritage.

Growing up, Andrea and Rose's parents owned restaurants in Ryde, Dural and Windsor.

This is where they began to build their knowledge and skills as restaurateurs.

SOURCE:
Media release, 3 Aug 2018
Interview, 7 Aug 2018
Rose Russo, Costa
Centrale Co-Owner
Reporter: Chloe Krafczyk

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4343 9999

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For selection criteria and Application Form visit
www.centralcoastconservatorium.com.au

Enquiries: P 4324 7477

E admin@cccmusic.nsw.edu.au

Rotary
Club of Woy Woy
District 9685



Marina to offer short-stay accommodation?

A local marina has entered a partnership to offer the short-stay accommodation in what may be a first for the Central Coast.

Koolewong Marina owner Mr Les Binkin has partnered with boat share venture Flotespace, to provide short-stay accommodation services.

"Koolewong Marina is fortunate to be working with Flotespace as they pioneer this exciting new short-stay accommodation alternative," Mr Binkin said.

"Whilst we recognise this model may not suit all marinas, we feel Flotespace will add value and profile to our relatively new Koolewong Marina brand.

"Vessels are berthed in contemporary facilities with modern amenities provided.

"The security system is paramount to giving peace of mind to all clients and their guests.

"Participating guests will be able to enjoy our Boathouse Restaurant and retire for the night back

on board overlooking beautiful Brisbane Water from the safety of their berth," Mr Binkin said.

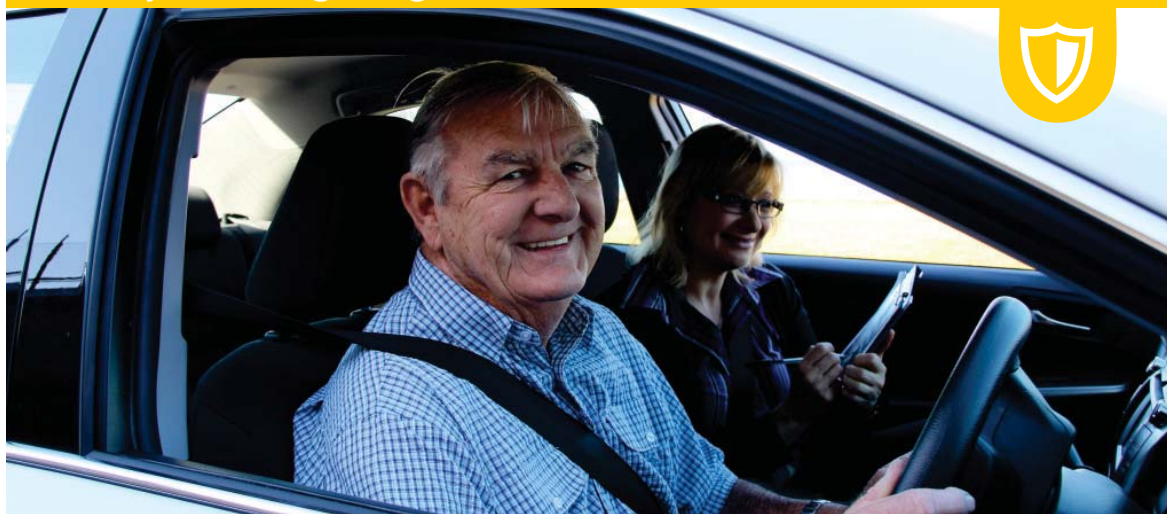
The new venture hinges on a decision by the Australian Maritime

Safety Authority to allow private boat owners to rent out their boats as accommodation.

SOURCE:
Media release, 10 Aug 2018
Hugh Treseder, Flotespace



Safety Learning Program



FREE Senior Road Safety presentation

We are hosting a FREE presentation with great tips for staying safe on our roads.

The session will be presented by NRMA and will include:

- Safe Driving Tips
- Older Driver Licensing
- Pedestrian Facilities
- Road Rule Update
- Pedestrian Safety
- Fitness and Driving

GOSFORD

Tuesday 4 September

10.00am - 11.00am

Central Coast Leagues Club, Dane Drive

Central
Coast
Council

Bookings are essential as spaces are limited.

Phone 4350 5387 to book your seat or for more information. Morning tea will be provided.

Directory - Not for profit Community Organisations

Art & Culture

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
hospitalartaustalia.com.au
0431 363 347

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

Cards, Chess, Choir, Creative Folk Art, Dancing, Darts, Handicraft, Handicrafts, Indoor Bowls, Leatherwork, Line Dancing, Mahjong, Painting, Rummikg, Scrabble, Table Tennis, Ukulele, Women's Shed,
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.
Aims: Safeguard ABC's independence, adequate funding, high standards. Meetings through the year + social afternoons
Well-known guest speakers
4341 5170
www.fabcns.org.au

Central Coast Caravanners Inc

3rd Sun Monthly Visitors - New Members welcome, Trips Away, Social Outings, friendship with like minded senior folk - Details from Geoff
0447 882 150

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

CCLC Indoor Bowls

Mon - Ladies Social
Wed Night - Mixed Social
Sat - Mixed Social
New members welcome - tuition given
level 2 Central Coast Leagues Club
4334 3800

Freemasons

Who are they?
What do they do?
Find out about the world's oldest fraternal organisation and how we help our community.
Gosford Masonic Centre
86 Mann St Gosford
www.tcd2001.org

Peninsula Village Playgroup

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

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

The Krait Club

Community Centre - Cooina 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 203 671
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

High quality variety entertainment available for matinee bookings at your venue. New members welcome.
1pm Mondays during school terms
Walter Baker Hall, Woy Woy
4343 1995
www.frantastics.org

Health Groups

Al-Anon

If someone's drinking is causing you problems...
Al-Anon can help
4344 6939
1300 252 666
Meetings Sat 2pm
Woy Woy Hospital Ocean Beach Road

Arthritis NSW

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

Better Hearing Australia - Central Coast

Hearing loss management
Support and 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

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

Peninsula Village Carer's Support Group

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

Prostate Cancer Support Group (Gosford)

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

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 Stroke Recovery Club

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

Music

Brisbane Water Brass

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

Coastal a Cappella

Vibrant women's a cappella chorus. New members welcome - music education provided.
Rehearsals.
Tues 7pm Gosford Tafe Performance opportunities
Hire us for your event
0412 948 450
coastalacappella@gmail.com

SOUNDWAVES

A cappella harmony for Men - new members welcome. Rehearsals Mondays 7.00pm to 9.30pm
Central Coast Leagues Club, Dane Drive, Gosford
Ring Max on 4324 3631 or Kieran 4324 1977

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
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

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

Rotary Club of Kariong

Phillip House, 21 Old Mount Penang Rd, Fri 7.15am
4340 4529
kersuebay@philliphouse.com.au

Rotary Club of Umina Beach

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

Rotary Club of Woy Woy

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

Special Interest

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, t 7.30pm.
Proceeds to Woy Woy Catholic Parish.
wcp housie@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.centralcoastgoju-kaikarate.com.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

Central Coast Soaring Club Inc

Gliding Club. Learn to fly, Instruction FREE to members
Come and have an Air Experience Flight All Welcome
14 and up for Training
Flying at Bloodtree Road Mangrove Mountain
Thur, Sat, Sun (weather permitting)
0412 164 082
0414 635 047
www.ccssoaring.com.au

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

Central Coast Goju-Kai Karate

Traditional Karate & Self Defence for Teens & Adults
No Contracts, Cheap Rates
Wamberal - Mon 630pm
Kincumber - Thurs 715pm
0417 697 096
www.centralcoastgoju-kaikarate.com.au

Woy Woy Judo Club

Mon & Fri -Beginners From 4:30pm
Tue & Thur - graded classes
4:30pm - 8:30pm
27 Bowden Road Woy Woy
Min Age 3 years old
0434 000 170
www.woywoyjudoclub.com

Veterans

National Malaya Borneo Veterans Association

1st Sat (except Jan) 10.30am
Umina Club
Melbourne Avenue Umina Beach
4342 1107

Veterans' Help Centre'

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

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

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.cowhcc.com.au

NEWSPAPERS

Central Coast

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.

Surf clubs hold registration days

Local lifesaving clubs have organised their first registration days for the 2018-19 summer season.

Killcare Surf Life Saving Club held their registration day on Sunday, August 26.

Umina Surf Life Saving Club will host two registration days in September, the first taking place

at the Umina Surf Club from 12pm to 3pm on September 9 and then from 9am to 12pm on September 16.

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club has yet to announce a date for their registration days.

SOURCE:
Social media, Aug 12, 20
Bill Cook, Umina Beach SLSC
Peter Bagnall, Killcare SLSC

Killcare Surf Life Saving Club has farewelled old time club member, with the recent death of Mr Alan Cameron.

Club president Mr Peter Bagnall reflected on the life of Mr Cameron and his contribution to Killcare SLSC over the years.

"Alan was a former old time member, boat captain, sweep and rower of the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s when Killcare was a real force in branch and NSW surf boat competition.

"As the Cameron family in the early days were involved in fishing,

it was no wonder boat rowing was selected for competition as surf carnivals in lieu of beach sprinting," Mr Bagnall said.

"After the war, a fishing boat was donated to the club and altered to suit four rowers and was christened Blue Bottle.

"Killcare had great success in branch carnivals, with Alan spending plenty of time on the podium.

"The early 1950s saw Killcare purchase a secondhand double-ended boat from a Sydney club, Blue Bottle II.

"Alan Cameron was one of the sweeps and rowers of this team which always placed and proved a real threat in major competition.

"Killcare had some wonderful rowers and they proved their

ability by winning a major event at Terrigal, including boats from Central Coast, Newcastle and Sydney at the Australian titles even with a capsized in one of the heats.

"In early 1960s, a new tuck-stern boat was built for Killcare and named Blue Bottle III, and once again Alan was the sweep.

"Over that period many races were won and the crew was very well respected.

"Over the years, Alan kept a keen interest in Killcare SLSC, especially if we had boat crews.

"Even up until two years ago Alan would come down to the club most afternoons, just for a chat."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 17 Aug 2018
Peter Bagnall, Killcare SLSC

The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Wednesday, Aug 29

Prestige Fours Tournament, Ettalong Bowling Club, 9:00am to 4:00pm, continues until August 31

Thursday, Aug 30

SBNG and Rotary Club of Woy Woy Networking Night, Everglades Country Club, 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Friday, Aug 31

Steel City Live, Ettalong Beach Hotel, 9:00pm to 12:00am
Kids Circus Workshop and Disco, Everglades Country Club Woy Woy, 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Diplazar, Southern End and The Rucksaks, The Bayview Hotel Woy Woy, 8:30pm to 2:00am
Johnny Devilseed and Old Man Rubes, Ocean Beach Hotel Umina, 7:00pm to 10:00pm

Saturday, Sep 1

Cranky Duck, The Old Pub Woy Woy, 8:00pm to 12:00am
Spike Milligan Room Community Open Day, Woy Woy Library, 9:30am to 12:30pm

Sunday, Sep 2

Father's Day Breakfast, Ettalong Bowling Club, 9:00am to 10:30am

Monday, Sep 3

Father's Day Breakfast, Woy Woy Peninsula Community Childcare Centre, 8:00am

Tuesday, Sep 4

Kevin Bloody Wilson, Ettalong Diggers, 8:00pm to 11:00pm, tickets essential

Friday, Sep 7

Defence ABG Teacher Training, Brisbane Water Bridge Club Woy Woy, 10:30am to 3:30pm, tickets essential

Saturday, Sep 8

Michael Jackson The Legacy Tour, Ettalong Diggers, 8:00pm to 11:00pm, tickets essential
Secret Society, The Old Pub Woy Woy, 8:00pm, to 11:30pm
Midnight Drifters, Ettalong Bowling Club, 7:30pm to 11:30pm

Sunday, Sep 9

Out of the Shadows Suicide Prevention Walk, Umina Surf Life Saving Club, 9:00am to 11:00am
Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics registration and uniform day, McEvoy Oval Umina, 10:00am
Umina Surf Life Saving Club

registration day, Umina Surf Club, 12:00pm to 3:00pm

Wednesday, Sep 12

Growing Healthy Teens Social Media Workshop, Coast Community Connections Woy Woy, 10:00am to 11:00am

Friday, Sep 14

Kids Art Workshop and Disco, Everglades Country Club Woy Woy, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Sunday, Sep 16

GMS Choir Variety Concert, Everglades Country Club, 1:00pm to 4:00pm
Sunday Sets featuring Lachlan Edwards, The Bayview Hotel Woy Woy, 2:30pm to 6:00pm

Thursday, Sep 20

Central Coast Branch meeting of the Animal Justice Party, Woy Woy CWA Hall, 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Friday, Sep 21

Kids Dress Up Disco, Everglades Country Club Woy Woy, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

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

THE SHAME FILE

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• **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 Supplie** of Ettalong Beach, Trading as Rick's Flyscreens
• **Mountain Mutts** - Monique Leon, Ettalong Beach
• **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**
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• **Menhir Tapas & Bar PTY LTD**
• **Dean Lampard** - Trading as Lampard Painting
• **Callum McDonald** - Trading as Sunset Decks
• **Linda Smith**, Bookkeeper Horsfield Bay
• **Robcass Furniture Removals**, Mannering Park
• **Emma Knowles** - Blacksmith NSW

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:

Mental Health Line 1800 011 511
Beyondblue 1300 224 636
Domestic Violence Line 1800 656 463
Lifeline 13 11 14
Kids Help Line 1800 551 800
Griefline 1300 845 745
Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467

Transport

Taxi 131 008
Busways 4368 2277
City Rail 131 500

Welfare Services

Gosford Family Support 4340 1585
Meals on Wheels 4341 6699
Department of Community Services Gosford 4336 2400
The Salvation Army 4325 5733
Samaritans Emergency Relief 4393 2450
St Vincent De Paul Society
HELPLINE 4323 6081

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Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics registration day will be held on Sunday, September 9

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Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics will have its first registration day on Sunday, September 9, from 10am at McEvoy Oval, Umina.

Field events coach Mr Mark Wilson said: "Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics runs at McEvoy Oval, Umina, every Friday night from 6pm for kids under 6 right up to under 17.

"We are a non-profit organisation that raises funds through the support of the local community.

"We are run solely by

volunteers who put their heart and soul into making the club a success," Mr Wilson said.

"Little Athletics is all about the development of the children emphasising on positive attitudes and healthy lifestyles.

"It's a family movement in which the mums, dads and children can do something together. "The children compete and parents get involved by assisting on the night.

"For those athletes that enjoy extra competition,

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"Those selected based on top places move onto regional competition," Mr Wilson said.

Woy Woy also offers coaching on Tuesday and Thursday nights during competition season.

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Social media, 22 Aug 2018
Mark Wilson, Woy Woy

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Home advantage for rugby union semi-final

Woy Woy will have the home advantage against Kariong in their minor semi-final game of Central Coast Rugby Union competition at Woy Woy Oval on Saturday, September 25.

"The final four sees four Premier 1 teams that are quite evenly matched and it should prove a close premiership," said Central Coast Rugby Union football officer Mr Larry Thomson.

"Woy Woy have had some great results during the year but at other times have seen matches slip away quite unexpectedly.

"However, they have had two very close wins over their rivals Kariong during the season.

"Both were close, 29 to 24 in the first round, and quite recently they won with a try on the fulltime whistle to win 30 to 28.

"It is obvious the clash on Saturday will be close if these two games are anything to go on," Mr Thomson said.

"Because of these two wins, Woy Woy may have that psychological advantage but finals rugby is a very different story.

"Both teams can score tries.

"Their respective backlines contain players who can make inroads into any opposition.

"Kariong will rely heavily on players such as Mitch Clay, Ryan Wallbank, Brent Bovis and Jake Holwill.

"Woy Woy also have players to do the same.

"These players include Wade Hannell, Mitch Hyde, Dante Otto and Fokolulu Taumalolo, but it is in the forwards where most games are won and lost.

"The two sets of forwards appear to be very evenly matched so it will come down to which group of forwards are more committed on the day.

"Both teams know their season is on the line.

"The winner on Saturday goes through to the preliminary final while the losing team can hang up their boots for the season.

"This will be an intense struggle and will closely fought for the entire 80 minutes," Mr Thomson said.

Woy Woy entered the finals in third place on the competition ladder but with less than 10 points between Woy Woy, Terrigal (second place) and Kariong (fourth), all finalists know that competition powerhouse and first placed Ourimbah, will be the team to beat this year.

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 Aug 2018
Larry Thomson, Central Coast Rugby Union

Woy Woy Pirates Swim Club member Tahlia Blanshard has returned home from the 2018 CPIRSA World Games, held in Sant Cugat, Barcelona, with four medals.

The 18-year-old has been a long time member of both the Woy Woy Pirates and Mingara Recreation Swim Clubs.

Tahlia is affected by cerebral palsy on the left side of her body and was just one of five athletes to represent Australia at the Games.

Tahlia was the only Australian team representative competing in the paraswimming.

She took out the gold in the S9 100m Freestyle, Butterfly and Backstroke and a silver in the 50m Freestyle.

Prior to her World Games selection, Tahlia was well into a Health Science Degree with the Australian College of Physical Education, was coaching a local netball team or travelling to the Peninsula Leisure Centre where she trains in the pool six days a week.

Also an avid dancer, Tahlia splits her time between the pool and the studio as much as she can.

"My goals for the Games were to set loads of new personal bests, win a medal and make lots of friends from other countries, so it's pretty special to be coming home with four medals," Tahlia said.

Tahlia is now focusing her efforts on her next event the Australian Short Course Nationals, coming up this October.

She will face a more diverse field of competitors at the Nationals, as a range of Para-athletes are set to hit the pool, as opposed to the World Games which only featured athletes with Cerebral Palsy.

Should Tahlia perform well at the Nationals she will be one step closer to achieving her ultimate goal of representing Australia in the Paralympics and to break a Butterfly world record.

SOURCE:
Athlete Profile, 22 Aug 2018
Tahlia Blanshard, CPSARA



Surf club to offer Duke of Edinburgh awards

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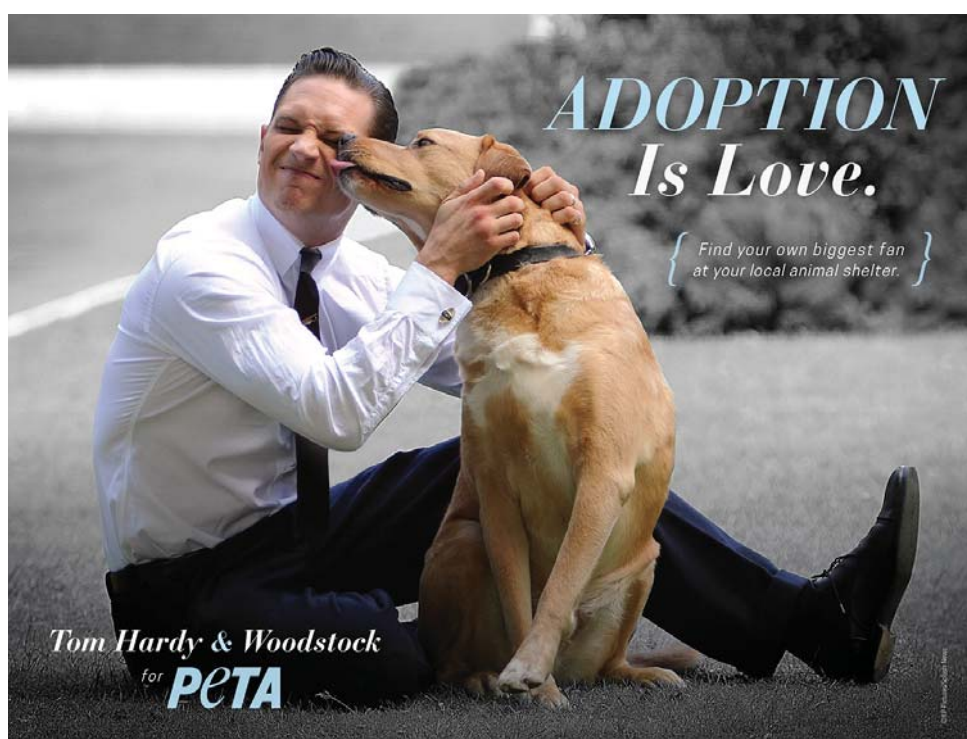
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club president Mr Peter Bagnall.

"We'll start with offering the bronze award this season, adding silver in 2019-20, followed by gold after that," said club president Mr Peter Bagnall.

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SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Aug 2018
Peter Bagnall, Killcare SLSC Facebook page



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