

Groups come together for Bouddi emergency plan

Four community groups have united to establish an emergency plan to help guide residents of the Bouddi Peninsula.

Wagstaffe-Killcare Community Association president Mr Mike Allsop said the catastrophic danger day on November 12 “exposed some vulnerability in our community with some confusion about what people should be doing to respond and prepare”.

“We found that some people did not know what they should do or where they should go in an emergency,” he said.

Leaders of four main community groups in the area met and agreed to assemble a joint Community Resilience and Empowerment Plan.

Mr Allsop said the objective was to get clear and concise information to people, both locals and tourists, and to co-ordinate the community response to disaster events.

The core group of organisers are Mr Allsop, Killcare Wagstaffe Rural Fire Brigade captain Ms Michelle Biddulph, Killy Cares president Mr Stephen Hinks and Killcare Surf Life Saving Club president Mr Craig Shepherd.

“With the two emergency services and two great community organisations acting as one, you can be assured that whatever happens, we’ll be in a much better place to cope,” Mr Allsop said.

“There are one or two roads



Killcare Surf Life Saving Clubhouse

that are critical and if these are blocked for whatever reason, storm damage for instance, or fire, there is no escape by road.

“So, we have to be prepared and that’s where this new plan will come into effect.

“We know Wagstaffe Hall is a safe neighbourhood place so we have to make sure we are ready to offer assistance with amenities and shelter.

“The surf club is also a designated emergency service and the clubhouse is a good solid building for a safe place, too.

“We have to make those safe places better known and their

location better known.

“It’s still a work in progress and Michelle is researching various RFS emergency templates to find the most suitable for our community of about 2000.”

Mr Allsop said the finished plan could be a two-page leaflet listing trigger points so people know what

to do, where to go, who to call in an emergency.

“We’re hoping that leaflet will be visible and easy to find in every house, even holiday homes for the tourists.

The Community Resilience and Empowerment Plan will be published in the association’s

newsletter and by email and printed copies will be displayed in retail stores and community buildings.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 3 Dec 2019
Interview (Sue Murray), 4 Dec 2019
Mike Allsop, WTKCA

Tree group wins regional environmental award

A Umina tree advocacy group has been named Community Environment Network’s Most Outstanding Community-based Organisation of the Year.

Grow Urban Shade Trees received the award for their work in making the Peninsula a greener, cooler place to live.

The group works under the umbrella of the Umina Community Group,

Group member Ms Melissa Chandler said their award was a reminder to all Peninsula residents that grassroots activism can have an impact.

“This award provided a timely reminder of how three individuals Jennifer Wilder, Debbie Sunartha and myself started this journey simply by putting fingers to

keyboards and pens to paper to contact the then Gosford Council to say ‘we need more trees on the Peninsula’.

“We were solo keyboard warriors until we all joined together, but it’s true that three heads are better than one because the second we started sharing our ideas we started making progress.

“Having our efforts to green the Peninsula acknowledged by the board and members of the Community Environment Network, many of whom we highly respect, is a massive honour for us, but it’s just early days and we are still learning.

“We will do our best to be worthy of this award,” Ms Chandler said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 Nov 2019
Melissa Chandler, Grow Urban Shade Trees

Pearl Beach Arboretum has been successful in gaining a \$20,000 grant to go towards a University of Sydney study about relocating koalas to Pearl Beach.

The funding would allow a detailed survey of the Brisbane Water National Park to determine whether or not any koalas were still present, according to Federal Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks.

If none were present, koalas whose habitat had been destroyed in the northern NSW could be relocated to the arboretum, she said.

The arboretum had a wildlife corridor planted with “koala trees” where they could be released with transponders to track their movement.

“The approval could not have come at a better time,” Ms Wicks said.

“Koala habitats have been completely devastated in northern NSW and koalas currently recovering at the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital will have no habitat to return to.”

Arboretum vice-president



Lucy Wicks with Milo the koala

Ms Anne Parson said she was pleased the grant application had been successful.

“Due to the catastrophic loss of habitat for koalas, they no longer have a habitat to return to so it is vital they have somewhere suitable where they can be relocated,” Ms

Parson said.

“Things have changed very quickly and we really need to be ready to go.”

SOURCE:
Media release, 25 Nov 2019
Lucy Wicks, Federal Member for Robertson

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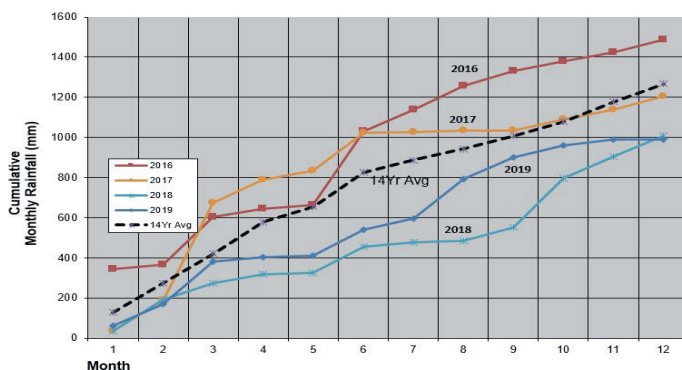
Still no rain

December has started off dry with just 0.5mm of rain recorded as of the 6th, according to data compiled by Umina's Mr Jim Morrison.

Consistent dry conditions have gripped the Peninsula since mid October, with the only decent rainfall event the region has experienced in two months occurring on October 13 when 34.5mm was recorded.

In last edition it was reported November was on track to being the second driest month of the year, but two brief showers on the 26th and 27th which saw 7.3mm and 7.8mm of rainfall respectively, bumped the 11th month's rainfall total up to 30.1mm, putting it in third place for driest month of the year behind May (5mm) and April

Cumulative Monthly Rainfall by Year



(22.mm).

The result is a disappointing one for residents who were hopeful one or two freak storm events would deliver some heavy rains throughout spring similar to last year.

All up, the region's total yearly

rainfall sits at 990.4mm with it highly unlikely to reach it's yearly average of 1268mm before the new year.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 6 Dec 2019
Jim Morrison, Umina

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

The Peninsula News would like to offer three lucky readers the chance to win a Gingle Bells Floral Gin Baubles set.

Gingle Bells Floral Gin Baubles are lovingly hand made by Wild Hibiscus Flower Co.

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To be eligible to win this competition you must be 18 or older.

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Community hall to receive \$66,000 upgrade

Pearl Beach Progress Association will receive \$66,000 from Central Coast Council in a community grant to upgrade the community hall

The money will go towards extensions, an awning roof and other works at the rear of the hall.

The hall upgrade is one of several Peninsula projects to be funded in the latest allocation of community grants.

Peninsula Environment Group will get \$9950 for Woytopia 2020, a community festival about sustainable living.

The group's Garden Rebuild and Security project has been allocated \$13,368 to help build a new storage shed, install CCTV cameras and security fencing at the Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce gained \$14,165 for the annual Brisbane Water Oyster Festival.

Killcare Surf Life Saving Club received two grants - \$7919 for Killcare Seaside Cinema which is a beachfront outdoor movie program and \$6650 to update technology to enhance community safety.

The Hope in Darkness Suicide Prevention Scheme, established by Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation, will receive a \$5000 grant.

The Grommet Umina Board Riders will get \$1000 to buy new foam surfboards.

In total, across the whole region, Council has allocated \$695,984 in its latest round of various community grants.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council agenda
3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 25 Nov 2019



Furniture truck believed to have caused power cut

A furniture truck that accidentally struck a power pole in Central Ave, Phegans Bay, is believed to have been behind a Bays-wide power outage on November 21.

According to Phegans Bay resident Mr Noel Plummer, the driver was attempting to reverse down Central Ave, a steep stretch of road, when he lost control and

it crashed into the power pole, partially snapping it and bringing down several power lines.

Mr Plummer said the recovery operation was also impeded by the steepness of Central Ave, with responding removalists for the damaged truck unable to take their own truck down the hill, needing to connect a chain to the furniture truck to tow it up the hill.

"My power did not return for a least an hour of two," Mr Plummer said.

"I imagine returning power to houses closer to the damage would have taken some time as before the broken pole could be replaced the furniture truck had to be removed," he said.

SOURCE:
Email, 22 Nov 2019
Noel Plummer, Phegans Bay



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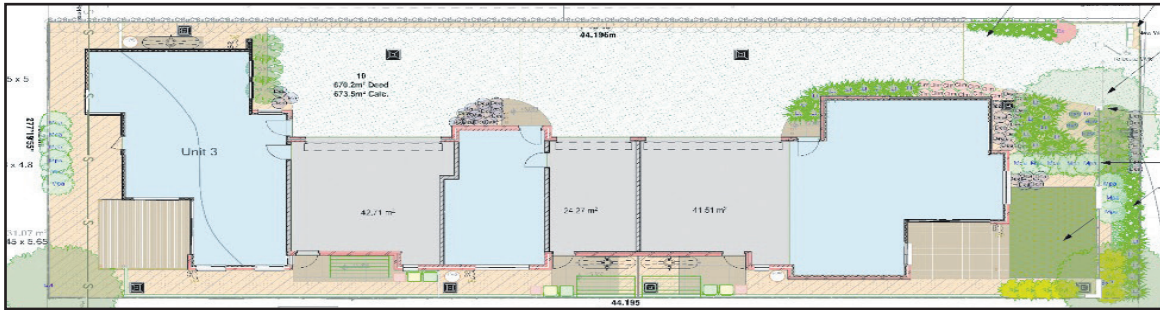
Clifford St villa development approved

A three-villa development at 4 Clifford St, Umina Beach, has been finally given the go-ahead by Central Coast Council after several amendments and a site inspection.

The development application (DA 54622) from Mr David Murray went to the councillors for decision because the 670sqm site was smaller by 10.6 percent than the site requirement of 750sqm for a multi-dwelling development.

It also departed from the maximum floor height for the lowest occupied storey, with a small portion of one of the units being 1.3m, a variation of 30 percent.

According to the application, this was a result of topography, with the site falling away from the road.



Setbacks from site boundaries to exterior walls were 70 percent less than required on the eastern side, 57 percent on the western side, and 12.55 percent on the front setback.

Dwelling with ground floor entry required a minimum private open space of 50sqm and this proposal has only 44.14sqm.

The applicant's planning consultant Mr Matthew Wales spoke in Public Forum ahead of the

meeting and said the application had been lodged in June last year and "has been the subject of extensive consultation with council staff in order to resolve a number of issues relating mainly to solar access and neighbor amenity".

Mr Wales said, even though this was "only a modest three-unit villa site, this application and assessment has been thorough and resulted in a better outcome for the site".

Plans had been amended to address matters raised by Council's initial assessment and in the three public submissions.

A report by the Council's senior development planner, Ms Karen Hanratty, said that to overcome privacy concerns, a privacy screen would be added to Unit 3 to prevent overlooking and at Unit 2, a solid balustrade on the terrace would be higher and the eastern wall on the upper level would be extended.

The report said modification to the roof over the living area of Unit 3 would improve solar access to that space, as requested by Council.

Only Cr Jeff Sundstrom and Cr Chris Holstein attended the site inspection with Council officers and, when it went to vote at Council's November 25 meeting, Crs Jane Smith, Kyle MacGregor and Louise Greenaway did not support approval.

However, Ms Hanratty said in her report that the development was in a key location close to Umina Beach town centre, it was consistent with other medium density villas in the immediate locality and would provide important high-quality residential accommodation.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council
agenda 2.2, 25 Nov 2019

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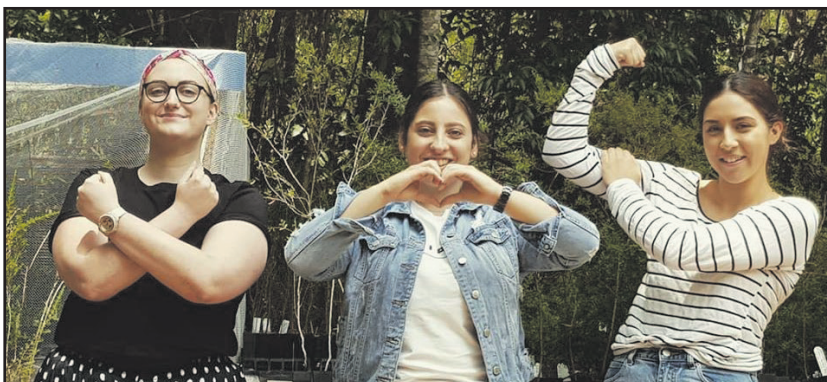
The recent catastrophic fire conditions have highlighted the deep disconnect we have with nature and lack of understanding of our interdependency

with this living system, of which we are a part. This ignorance at all levels of our complex societies, has detached the connection between deforestation leading to soil erosion and without the "deep root of trees to bring moisture from deep underground eventually replenishing the atmospheric moisture from our oceans, the droughts tend to be longer and drier," as described by Charles Eisenstein in his book *Climate a New Story*. He describes how deforestation results in higher clouds, which produce less rainfall in total but in greater intensity, aggravating the drought/flooding cycle.

This living system also includes our wildlife, such as our Koala's, whose interdependent relationship with native eucalyptus trees are vital for other wildlife and so any catastrophic change to their population can trigger an ecological chain reaction. That's why we are in a critical stage in human civilisation and why more than ever, we need to protect our Coastal Open Space System (COSS) and native forests from being cleared. Also, continue to protect our biodiversity, essential for the resilience of our living system, such as Porters Creek Wetland on our Central Coast, so it is not only protected but thriving. Join us at our monthly Sustainable Saturday's to Protect, Reconnect and Regenerate our living human communities so dependent on a healthy 'living system'.

Hale Adasal CEN Chairperson

CEN YOUTH PRESENTS: 'STEPS TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE'



Our Community Environment YOUTH Network have over the past few months been developing the following: 'Steps Towards a Sustainable Future' - as an easy guide for members of our Central Coast community and beyond to act in building a sustainable future. I'm so proud to be sharing their first major project with you. Protect, Reconnect,

Regenerate are the main themes that all the steps cover, including the following categories: Native Trees & Plant Based Foods; Transport; Storytelling; Reduce Reuse Recycle and Renewable Energy. To read more and all the steps you can take, please see CEN website under Youth Projects.

Hale Adasal CEN Chair

CEN NETWORKING NIGHT AND BAT AWARD WINNERS



Thursday night was CEN's End of Year get-together where we celebrated together the achievements of this past year. We also presented the 2019 Be a Team (BAT) Awards and CEN Staff gave a brief update on their activities for the year. The 2019 winners were

• **Most outstanding all-rounder "BAT" Award** - Gary Blaschke for his dedicated work with Disabled Surfers Association, Coal-ash Community Alliance and as a vocal spokesperson on local issues.

- **Most outstanding community based organisation** - Grow Urban Shade Trees (GUST), founders Melissa Chandler, Debbie Sunartha and Jennifer Wilder for their tireless work promoting the benefits of trees and community planting events.
- **Rookie of the year** - Justin Estreich, for his inspirational marine debris clean ups across the Central Coast for Sea Shepherd and bringing people together in these events.
- **Best 12th person** - Carla Roberts for her dedication and commitment to Wildlife ARC caring for injured native animals for more than 30 years

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sustainable Saturdays

When: Sat 7th December, 2019, 9am to 1pm

Where: CEN Office, Ourimbah

Our December Sustainable Saturdays on 7 December will be gifts of kindness to one another and our living earth as we team up with our local Amnesty Write for Rights event and write letters to protect our local natural habitats and defend those throughout the world who are doing the same.

When we think globally as the earth knows no boundaries when it comes to our natural habitat and we act locally to protect our natural wonders to keep our air and water clean and our living communities safe from harm. We also act buying and sharing native plants encouraging through our CEN nursery to give gifts that keep giving.

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Wildplant Community Nursery

When: Saturday 7th December 2019, 9am to 1pm

Where: CEN Office, off Brush Road, Ourimbah

We have a range of local native plants available including ground covers and herbs, shrubs and trees, bush food, bird attracting, native bee attracting, frog friendly and screen plants. Current specials on wetland plants. Cash or Credit Card.

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Phosphorous Awareness Week

P-Week (2nd - 8th December, 2019) is to raise awareness about excess nutrients in our local waterways, which can be harmful for native plants, animals, and can cause algal outbreaks and eutrophication. Excess nutrients can come from sources such as detergents, fertilisers, animal & human waste, and many more!

Waterwatch will hold a P-Day event for existing Waterwatch volunteers and anyone new who would like to find out more about nutrients in their local waterways.

When: Thursday 5 December, 2019

VENUE: Terrigal Scout Hall, Willoughby Rd, Terrigal

COST: Free

Lunch will be provided on the day! Bookings by Wednesday 3rd Dec 2019 Contact: Waterwatch on Ph 4349 4757 or email: waterwatch@cen.org.au if you require any further information

P-Day is coordinated by the Community Environment Network's Waterwatch program and supported by Central Coast Council

Central Coast Marine Discovery Centre

January Talks and Workshops - these events will be available at www.ccmcd.org.au/events to register by mid-December.

- Marine Art Workshops: 7th January and 23rd January
- Rockpool Rambles: 9th January and 17th January
- Expert Talks: Shark Behaviour 10th January
- Expert Talks: Rocky Shores 24th January
- Shark Awareness School: 16th January

Register at: www.cen.org.au/events



The Community Environment Network (CEN) is an alliance of individuals and groups that work for ecologically sustainable development.

Support CEN - Become a member - Volunteer - Make a donation

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Stolen elf needed for Christmas fund-raiser

A Booker Bay resident is seeking information to recover part of a Christmas fundraising display stolen on November 28.

Ms Jamie-Lee Vandenberg said her neighbours held an annual Christmas display to raise funds to support charities for the visually impaired.

"On Saturday night, two elves which were part of an orchestra set were stolen.

"One was located in Ettalong, but the drummer elf is still missing," she said.

Ms Vandenberg said her street was saddened by the theft as the neighbours in question were well-

liked people.

"My neighbours are the nicest people you'll ever meet.

"They understand people have a few too many and might think these things are funny.

"They aren't out to persecute anyone.

"They just want the elf back.

"We have been told the elf was seen near Ocean Beach Surf Club but have been unable to locate him," Ms Vandenberg said.

If anyone knows where the elf is they are asked to return it to Booker Bay Rd.

SOURCE:

Social media, 2 Dec 2019
Jamie-Lee Vandenberg, Booker Bay



Umina CWA delivers presents to Blayney women

Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association will deliver 70 Christmas parcels to the women of the Blayney community, west of Orange NSW.

Blayney is a farming community that's been hit hard by the NSW drought, according to branch

president Ms Rikki McIntosh.

Branch members decided to support the community and collected gifts for women in Blayney.

Ms McIntosh packed her car and headed off on a road trip on November 29 to deliver the gifts in person.

Speaking before her departure,

she said she was happy to see women answer the call for gifts to help make Christmas time a little more special for the Blayney community.

"It's an absolute privilege to be able to deliver these to such deserving women," she said.

SOURCE:

Social media, 28 Nov 2019
Rikki McIntosh, Umina CWA



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Bouddi Bushcare wins State prize



Bouddi Bushcare Group, formerly known as the Bitou Bashers, won the Community Group Prize at the State Bushcare and Landcare Awards last month, following the group's regional win in August.

Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch congratulated the group for its long-term efforts to improve national parks.

"The group began in 2001 as the Bitou Bashers to remove bitou weed from the area surrounding Maitland Bay," Mr Crouch said.

"Each year these volunteers give more than 1500 hours of their time to the community.

"The original group of six morphed into Bouddi Bushcare and now has 18 members who meet weekly.

"The group now works throughout Bouddi National Park including Riley's Bay, Little Beach, Tallow Beach, Maitland Bay and Putty Beach.

"It also assists at other sites such as Wambina, Wamberal and Pelican Island nature reserves.

"I congratulate Bouddi Bushcare Group for its persistence at removing weeds that threaten endangered plants and plant communities," he said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 26 Nov 2019
Ben Sheath, Office of Adam Crouch MP

Hawke Head Dr is finally sealed

Central Coast Council has finally sealed Hawke Head Dr, Hardys Bay, after "many years" of campaigning by local residents..

Ms Cate Cotterell said their house was constantly covered by fine dust and they have been concerned about the possible health hazard.

"We, and other residents, have been in frequent contact over many years with Council to get this problem addressed and we've also had support for the campaign from local groups such as the Wagstaffe-Killcare Community

Association and the Hardys Bay Club," she said.

"There is a surprising amount of traffic on the road, and it's not just, or even mainly, residents who use it – the road gets a lot of use, especially at weekends and in summer.

"It is the only road into Bouddi National Park, with access to Box Head, Tallow Beach and the popular Flannel Flower walking track to Wagstaffe.

"The speed of vehicles using the road was a constant worry as its surface was often in bad condition and there is a steep drop on one

side," Ms Cotterell said.

Another resident, Mr James Balfour, said the unsealed surface seemed to be taken as a challenge by some drivers.

"Utes especially often roared up the road and around the blind corners and it's lucky no one has been hurt over the years," he said.

"The damage caused by the heavy traffic meant that Council frequently had to send a crew and equipment to grade the road but this was only ever a temporary solution.

Both the Cotterells were members of the Killcare Rural Fire

Brigade and they said that the grading used to cover over the fire hydrants.

"In an emergency we would have to locate them and dig them out," Mr Lyn Cotterell said.

"The newly sealed surface includes well marked hydrants so we can respond more quickly in an emergency.

"Another problem with the old road surface was that it got washed out in heavy rains

"The new work includes the construction of large gutters and several culverts to take the stormwater to the downhill side of

the road."

Mr Balfour said: "We are delighted that residents and visitors have a safer and cleaner road."

He said the community was now hoping they could persuade Council's garbage contractor to provide a garbage collection service at their driveways.

"This would save us from having to drag our bins several hundred metres to the nearest road junction at Nukara Ave," Mr Balfour said.

SOURCE:
Email, 3 Dec 2019
James Balfour, Hardys Bay
Photo: James Balfour



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Molly, age 11



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Runner up (left) - Emily, age 11, Yr 5.



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Roadworks to be completed over next five years

Roadworks at Woy Woy, Empire Bay, Umina, Pearl Beach and Blackwall will be completed by 2025 under a \$70 million Federal roads package.

Councillors approved 29 road projects across the region at the November 25 meeting.

The money was pledged by the Federal government in the lead-up to this year's election.

There will be a \$16.5 million upgrade of the intersection at Ocean Beach and Rawson Rds at Woy Woy, to be completed by 2024.

Mutu St, Woy Woy, will get a \$725,000 road and drainage upgrade, expected to be finished this financial year.

It will include pavement reconstruction, kerb and gutter, footpath, street drainage and parking improvements from

Rawson Rd to Ocean Beach Rd.

A road and drainage upgrade, costing just over \$3 million, is expected to start in 2021 along Shelly Beach Rd, Empire Bay, with pavement reconstruction, kerb and gutter, footpath and street drainage from Kendall Rd to Sher Close.

St Huberts Island bridge will undergo pedestrian safety improvements and security, costing \$900,000 and expected to be finished this financial year.

Just over \$2 million will go towards an upgrade of drainage at Everglades Catchment at Umina Beach, with work starting this financial year and finishing by 2023.

The work will take place on the drainage network from the Everglades main open drain to Carpenter St and Glenn St, then on to Connex Rd and ending up at Lovell Rd.

Gem Rd at Pearl Beach will also

get a drainage and road upgrade in 2020-21 from Crystal Ave to the end of the road.

Road and drainage improvements costing \$2.7 million will go towards Springwood St, Blackwall, between Gallipoli Ave to Commonwealth Ave.

These works are expected to be completed by 2022-23.

Mayor Cr Lisa Matthews said she was pleased to see the government deliver on its promise to fund local road upgrades on the Coast.

"This funding injection from the Federal Government will allow Council to deliver projects that the community has identified as priorities," Cr Matthews said.

SOURCE:

**Central Coast Council agenda 3.15, 25 Nov 2019
Media release, 26 Nov 2019
Lisa Matthews, Central Coast Council**



Roadworks are planned for Gem Rd, Pearl Beach



Workshop about keeping chickens

Central Coast Council will hold a green living workshop at Umina Library on December 11.

This workshop will cover the benefits of keeping backyard chickens as part of a sustainable

lifestyle and cover the dos and don'ts of keeping chickens.

Key topics covered include council regulations for keeping chickens, how to house them safely and how to meet their needs.

The workshop will run from

10am to 12pm.

Places are limited and will need to be booked prior to the day by calling Umina Library.

SOURCE:

**Website, 5 Dec 2019
Lisa Matthews, Central Coast Council**

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Amalgamation report adopted without debate

Central Coast Council has adopted a report on the amalgamation process on November 25 without debate.

The report noted that most residents surveyed in both the former Wyong and Gosford council areas were opposed to a merger.

But it said they supported "joint service delivery".

It recommended council include

some "relevant questions" in its annual customer experience survey.

Mayor Cr Lisa Matthews said last week that "de-amalgamation" would not be considered, but the size and boundaries of the wards needed to be looked at.

"People on the Peninsula don't want to be called Gosford West," she said.

Cr Matthews said her

interpretation was that residents believed the community did not get a say, there was no consultation, and that the State Government had simply proclaimed the two councils were "getting married".

She said the topic had been referred to a councillor workshop and it would discuss any potential

questions for a poll or referendum that could be held in conjunction with that election.

Asked by Cr Troy Marquart, Cr Chris Holstein said the workshop was not about de-merging, but he would not rule out what could be discussed at the meeting.

Cr Holstein has talked

previously about the possibility of three wards with five councillors in each.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council
agenda 3.2, 25 Nov, 2019
Interview (Marilyn Vale),
12 Nov, 2019
Cr Lisa Matthews, Central
Coast Council

Tip receives 'unlimited' e-waste

Residents may now dump an "unlimited quantity" of electronic waste at Woy Woy tip at no charge.

The council is hoping to divert such waste from kerbside collection.

Council manager Mr. Andrew Pearce said e-waste was now one of the most common items placed in household bins and bulk kerbside collections across the local government area.

"Last year we recycled more than 135 tonnes of e-waste and, with the number of new items that

can now be dropped off, we are hoping to continue this upward trajectory."

Items that can be dumped include televisions, computers, printers and phones.

E-waste collected at Council's three tips is transferred to a processing facility in Sydney where it is shredded and sorted to create high-quality raw materials for re-use.

SOURCE:
Media release, 27 Nov 2019
Andrew Pearce, Central
Coast Council

Councillors to have nine-week break

Central Coast councillors will have a nine-week break over the Christmas period after they hold their last council meeting for the year on Monday, December 9.

The councillors will not hold any more meetings until February 10 next year.

Deputy mayor Cr Jane Smith asked for a meeting in January she did not get the numbers at the November 25 meeting, with only Cllr Louise Greenaway supporting

her.

Cr Smith said it was concerning that the governing body of the council was not meeting for nine weeks - more than two months in a 12-month period.

Chief executive Mr Gary Murphy said he had delegations in his position as general manager and the mayor had authority under the Local Government Act to make decisions if the need arose.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council
agenda 3.5, 25 Nov 2019

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Marquart calls climate action councillors ‘hypocritical’

Cr Troy Marquart, who represents Gosford West ward which covers the Peninsula, has called councillors who supported action against climate change “hypocritical” for accepting money from a coal company.

“In this room there has obviously been a horrendous amount of vilification in regard to coal and that type of base load power,” Cr Marquart told the November 25 council meeting.

“Unfortunately, recently this council decided to jump into bed with Extinction Rebellion and all their mates and say things such

as base load power, such as coal, such as farmers who want to have sheep, farms with cows, gas, all these things need to go.”

He was referring to the Council declaring a climate emergency, at its August 26 meeting, when he, along with Cr Greg Best and Cr Chris Burke, voted against the declaration.

He spoke to a report from council staff which included allocations in a community funding program from Delta Coal.

The report said that Delta Coal now owned the company that in late 2013 was granted development consent to extract up to 2.1 million tonnes of coal a year until the end of 2027 from Chain Valley Colliery.

For each tonne of coal produced, 3.5 cents was required, as a condition of consent, to be allocated as a community funding program for projects within the suburbs of Summerland Point, Gwandalan, Chain Valley Bay and Mannering Park, the report stated.

Cr Marquart said Delta Coal had two coal mines in the northern Central Coast and employed 250 workers “to dig up that horrendous black rock that many people in this room don’t like”.

“I personally like it because it keeps the lights on.”

Cr Marquart said he appreciated the company wasn’t doing it out of “the absolute goodness of their heart but you go through what

they are doing and \$48,898 which is going into the exact region that these people are working in”.

He said Delta Coal was employing people and doing good things for the community and providing coal.

He said it was hypocritical for people to put their hands up to accept this “Christmas present from coal and then next week again affirm that we’re in a climate change emergency and if we don’t all stop burning coal tomorrow then Mangrove Mountain is going to be waterfront”.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council agenda
item 3.10, 25 Nov 2019



Councillor Troy Marquart

Council services limited over Christmas period

Central Coast Council services will be limited over the Christmas-New Year period.

Council offices will be closed from 1pm on Tuesday, December 24, and reopen on Thursday,

January 2, at 8.30am.

This includes the Gosford and Wyong Offices, council works depots and Laycock St Community Theatre.

All library branches, including return chutes, will be closed during

this period.

Essential services will continue, such as residential waste collection, water treatment and lifeguard beach patrols.

Woy Woy tip will only be closed on Christmas Day and New Year’s

Day and will close at 1pm on Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve.

The Peninsula Leisure Centres will be closed on Christmas and Boxing Day, and will be open on all other days, operating on adjusted

hours.

Council childcare centres will be shut from Monday, December 23, and will re-open on Tuesday, January 7.

SOURCE:
Media release, 5 Dec 2019
Central Coast Council

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Free children's activities

A licenced club in Woy Woy will host a free Christmas biscuit decorating workshop and disco for children on December 13.

Everglades Country Club will host the evening which will start at 6pm with the cookie decorating workshop followed by the disco, which will include a number of free games and activities to entertain

children.

The disco will be run by children's entertainment company Bop Till You Drop.

While the evening is free, patrons are advised to book their children in for the night as places are limited.

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Dec 2019
Sarah Kane, Everglades Country Club

Council still to receive final quarter figures

Central Coast Council has received figures for the first quarter of the current financial year ending in September before the final

quarter statements have been released for last financial year.

The full financial statements for last financial year, as they are still

being audited by the NSW Audit office and have not been made public, the council was told.

Chief executive Mr Gary Murphy said an indicative fourth quarter report could be arranged

for councillors.

He said councillors would certainly have information about the previous year's financial position when they met about the budget.

No time has been set for the release of the fourth quarter figures.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council agenda 3.12, 25 Nov 2019

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Annual handbag donation

The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association has completed its annual handbag donation.

According to publicity officer Ms Margaret Key, each year members filled a handbag with items for women in need.

Ms Key said branch members had each sourced a handbag or

backpack in excellent condition and then filled it with necessities.

"Each bag is filled with shampoo, conditioner, a toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant, soap and ladies' sanitary items," Ms Key said.

SOURCE:

Media release, 4 Dec 2019
Margaret Key, Umina Beach CWA



History book still available

There are 70 copies available of the Ocean Beach-Umina History Group's book, Umina - the First 50 Years 1914-1964, according to principal author Ms Julie Aitchison.

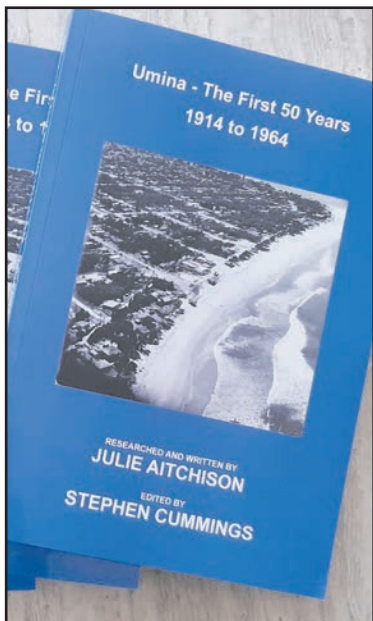
The book includes historical documents, photographs, maps and newspaper items and reports.

The 228-page manuscript was launched in March and was the culmination of more than eight years of research.

Ms Aitchison said the book was no longer available at shops but could be obtained by messaging the Ocean Beach-Umina History Facebook page.

SOURCE:

Social media, 3 Dec 2019
Julie Aitchison, Ocean Beach/
Umina History Group



Uniting Church holds early Christmas service

Broken Bay Uniting Church will hold its Christmas service on December 15.

The annual service is held for people who find traditional Christmas services on December 25 stressful or painful for any reason.

"We gather to remember the pain associated with Christmas," said church minister, the Reverend Patty Lawrence.

"It may be a loved one no longer with you, a difficult relationship, or the added stress and expectations.

"This short service is followed

by time to sit and reflect or chat over a cuppa.

"All are welcome."

The service will be held at the Ettalong Uniting Church from 3pm.

SOURCE:

Media release, 25 Nov 2019
Carol Wilton, Broken
Bay Uniting Church

Annual wishing tree appeal

A Woy Woy department store has launched its annual wishing tree for Christmas in partnership with the Salvation Army.

Kmart Woy Woy is seeking

donations from shoppers of children's gifts to distribute to those in need.

Shoppers have until December 24 to leave a gift under the tree located inside the store or

alternatively they can make a monetary donation.

Kmart is located inside Deepwater Plaza.

SOURCE:

Social media, 12 Nov 2019
Jodie Elkin, Deepwater Plaza

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up in Armidale and my business partner's family are originally from Ingham," said Founding and Managing Director of The Oak Tree Group Mark Bindon.

"All too often seniors are forced to relocate to bigger, metro cities to get the support they need because regional towns may lack the infrastructure.

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Rotarians witness expansion of Uganda program

Woy Woy Rotarians Ms Joan Redmond and Ms Di Schwarzl have returned from a recent trip to Uganda to witness the expansion of the Rotary-supported Pure Joy Women Empowerment Uganda program.

"We were there for the graduation of six tailoring trainees and for the official opening of the new Pure Joy Unisex Hairdressing Salon," said Ms Redmond.

"Our first surprise on reaching Jinja was seeing the dresses and accessories the tailoring trainees

had made for their graduation.

"These were no simple shifts, but intricate designs they had created on pedal-powered sewing machines.

"We spent the first week helping complete an order for 100 document folders and to make products for sale from the stunning Kitege cotton we bought in Kampala.

"In the hairdressing salon next door, we watched as the six hairdressing trainees totally transformed the tailoring graduates with new hairstyles and braids.

"Overall, what's most pleasing

is seeing the steady growth of the project, year by year," Ms Redmond said..

"Three years ago, Pure Joy began making reusable sanitary kits.

"They progressed to making craft items for sale and now they have a confident team doing tailoring and passing on their skills to new recruits.

"It's very satisfying being able to fund this new opportunity to help disadvantaged women," Ms Redmond said.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 27 Nov 2019
Vic Deeble, Rotary Club of Woy Woy

Rotary clubs hold first joint meeting

Two Peninsula Rotary Clubs have held their first joint meeting on November 26.

Umina club president Mr Rouel Vergara said: "It was a great pleasure having our first and hopefully not the last, combined meeting with the Rotary Club of Woy Woy.

"President Don Tee and I were pleased to see a well-attended meeting with members from both clubs as well as the fellowship among the members.

The joint meeting welcomed

Erina chiropractor Dr Jorge Chavez as guest speaker on the night.

"Dr Chavez talked about the benefits of chiropractic adjustments in overall health.

"His presentation gained a lot of interest from our fellow Rotarians as he covered the health benefits of having a healthy back and getting regularly checked by a registered chiropractor."

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 27 Nov 2019
Simon Darwin, Rotary Club of Umina



Free kayaking tours

Central Coast Council is running two free kayaking tours of Woy Woy's Waterfall Bay this week.

The tours will take place on December 10 and 11 and will be run by Council's environmental education team, Oarsome.

Mayor Cr Lisa Matthews said the tours were a part of a series of free events taking place across the

Coast's waterways with support from the NSW Government.

Cr Matthews said residents could enjoy a free kayak paddle on Brisbane Water.

"Visit Waterfall Bay, see amazing bird life and learn how we can all care for our waterways," Cr Matthews said.

All equipment and a morning tea will be provided.

Interested kayakers must be eight-years-old and up to participate.

Meeting point will be advised on booking confirmation.

SOURCE:

Website, 5 Dec 2019
Lisa Matthews, Central Coast Council



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Pharmacist describes industry changes

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has heard a club former member, pharmacist Mr Ross Pearce, as its latest guest speaker.

"Ross commenced by explaining that the chemistry behind pharmacy had dramatically changed over the years," said club publicity officer Mr Vic Deeble.

"He showed the molecular structure of a drug that formed the basis of his early pharmacy years that had a simple benzene ring with 'not much hanging off it'.

"He said that a person could probably have a reasonable chance of making it themselves at home.

"It had a molecule with a carbon count of 10 and a molecular weight of 211.

"He then showed a modern

drug used for rheumatoid arthritis with a carbon count of 224 and a molecular weight of over 51,000.

"Not something you could conjure up at home," Mr Deeble said.

Mr Pearce then gave a brief history of the development of drugs in Australia over the past 30 years and of the health industry, discussing the introduction of several vaccines and the implementation of the My Health record.

"Ross concluded by answering many questions from members on a wide range of topics with the aplomb as befits someone who has mastered his field," Mr Deeble said.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 3 Dec 2019

Vic Deeble, Rotary Club of Woy Woy



Local Member holds youth forum

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch held her 2019 Youth Leadership Forum on November 27.

Students from Brisbane Water Secondary College's Umina and Woy Woy campuses participated in the day, which attracted a record number of students, according to Ms Tesch.

PCYC Umina also attended.

Ms Tesch said the forum was

a valuable opportunity for her to listen to the concerns of young people.

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper said the Year 10 student representative council members went along to represent the Woy Woy campus.

"The day was highly inspirational and the students had the important opportunity to interact and network with lots of students from other

high schools.

"They came back even more passionate and full of ideas.

"A big shout out to Umina campus' Ethan Hill for all of his hard work and dedication for climate change action," Ms Cooper said.

SOURCE:

Social media, 27 Nov 2019

Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Social media, 28 Nov 2019

Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



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Smoke, fire ... and now for summer

The Central Coast is still suffering under a pall of thick smoke as the Gaspers Mountain and Three Mile blazes continue to burn, with communities in the region on high bushfire alert.

Vandals attack Little Tern colony

The Little Tern colony at North Entrance's Karagi Reserve has suffered a devastating blow after several nests and eggs were destroyed during a raid over the weekend.

Premier forecasts reforms "supercharging" the economy on the Central Coast

Central Coast Mayor, Lisa Matthews, said the "devil will be in the detail" of yet more planning reforms announced by Premier, Gladys Berejiklian, in her State of the State address on November 27.

Several organisations call for support to attain gender equity on councils

With the Central Coast Council elections less than a year away, Mayor, Lisa Matthews, has thrown her support behind a call for help from the State government in encouraging more women to run for council.

Skippping Level 1 water restrictions could save 480 million litres

Councillor Greg Best will try for the fourth time to tighter water restrictions on the Coast when he brings a rescission motion to Central Coast Council's December 9 meeting.

Senate attempt to ensure genuine community consultation on seismic testing fails

NSW Greens' Senator Mehreen Faruqi has accused the major parties of betraying the Central Coast by voting down a Greens' motion calling for "genuine community consultation" on Asset Energy's plan to conduct seismic testing off the region's

Call for all government agencies to recognise the Central Coast as a stand alone region

Central Coast Mayor, Lisa Matthews, is calling on all government agencies to follow the lead of the Rural Fire Service in ensuring that the Central Coast is recognised as a stand alone region and community.

Rock fishers now required to wear life jackets

Rock fishers are now legally required to wear life jackets in high risk locations on the Central Coast or risk a \$100 on-the-spot fine, but the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW says uncertainties over the suitability of different jackets needs to

Council is now accepting unlimited household e-waste

Central Coast Council is now accepting unlimited quantities of household e-waste that can be dropped at all three of its waste management facilities for free.

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



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Woolworths exchange contracts for Hilltop Park location

Landcorp NSW (formerly named Lirun Developments) has confirmed that it has recently exchanged contracts with Woolworths for a site on Sparks Rd in the Hilltop Park residential development at Warnervale.

Eight community projects receive coal mine royalties

Eight community projects will share in almost \$50,000 under the 2019 Chain Valley Colliery Community Funding Program.

Marquart calls fellow councillors hypocrites over climate change

Central Coast Councillor, Troy Marquart, used a regular report to council on community grants from a coal company to launch an attack on fellow councillors for their stand against climate change, calling them hypocrites.

Labor and Liberal vote against Drinking Water Catchments Protection Bill

Greens NSW spokesperson on Mining, Coal and Coal Seam Gas, Abigail Boyd, has described the recent defeat of the party's Central Coast Drinking Water Catchments Protection Bill 2019 in the Legislative Council as "disappointing".

Future of promised skate park at Lake Munmorah still unknown

A "conflicting situation" has arisen over a promised skate park at Lake Munmorah.

Call to tighten water restrictions to be debated

Councillor Greg Best will try for the fourth time, at Council's next meeting, to tighten water restrictions to Level 2 on the Central Coast.

Consent to operate Air B'n'B property at Norah Head refused

Norah Head residents have a reprieve from a noisy Air B'n'B property when Central Coast Council knocked back development consent at the November 25 meeting.

New Chamber President says "we need to think big for the town"

Budgewoi Sailing Club and the Noela The new president of Wyong Chamber of Commerce, Matt Lusted, is leading a team with big plans to become the administrative hub of the north and "second city" of the Central Coast, along with a Southbank style precinct along the

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Tesch experiences Dunecare voluntary work

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said she has a new respect for Dunecare and Bushcare volunteers after she experienced first-hand the work they do.

She visited Umina Beach Dunecare and said the volunteers worked year-round in physically demanding conditions.

"Dunecare and Bushcare works to ensure coastal environments at Ettalong Beach and Umina Beach are pollution-free and weed-free," she said.

"They remove invasive weeds that threaten our sensitive coastal environments and keep our dunes and beaches in pristine condition.

"Poisons can't be used, so everything is done by hand," Ms Tesch said.

She has called upon more members of the Woy Woy Peninsula to volunteer their time with Dunecare and participate in their monthly working bees.

Interested community members can contact Umina Community Group at contacts@UminaCommunityGroup.com.au for further details and to get involved.

Volunteers are overseen by Central Coast Council and have been trained in best-practice methods to remove these weeds.

Volunteers undertake training to ensure they can respond appropriately in a first aid emergency.

SOURCE:

Media release, 5 Dec 2019

Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

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Business Concierge service piloted in Woy Woy

Woy Woy Service NSW Centre is hosting a pilot program of a "Business Concierge" service, which one local businesswoman has already used.

Ms Maria Ramos has operated a coffee shop in Woy Woy for about three years and has won a few awards after being voted by customers as selling "the best coffee on the Coast".

A Business Concierge is "exactly what small business owners need", Maria said.

"I'm getting lots of information that I wouldn't have if I didn't have the Business Concierge," she said.

"These are things like incentives the government offers, lots of website links to information about, for instance, staff training, and business knowledge.

"I can ask anything, any time and I'm going to get an answer and that's really helpful.

"This is a great tool for small business owners," Maria said.

The face-to-face and individual service is a one-stop shop for people who are opening or expanding a small business.

A Business Concierge will help with registrations, licences, permits and applications to make sure they are complete before submitting them to councils or agencies.

The Business Concierge will also help with applying for grants and financial support as well as introductions to specialist support and advisory networks.

Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch said the service complemented the existing personalised phone support from the Business Concierge team as well as the online guidance outlining the regulations and licences needed to start a small business.

"The phone service has already helped 5000 customers start or grow their business, with owners of cafes, restaurants and small bars saving up to 86 hours of effort, while slashing the time it takes to start a small bar by almost six months," Mr Crouch said.

"Less time spent dealing with government means more time to develop your business and commence operations.

"I encourage local business owners to learn more about this fantastic new initiative and make



Maria Ramos

an appointment at Service NSW Woy Woy."

SOURCE:

Interview (Sue Murray), 5 Dec 2019

Maria Ramos, BBF Cafe

Media release, 27 Nov 2019

Adam Crouch, Member for Terrigal Website, 4 Dec 2019

Business Guides, Service NSW



Santa pictures with a Umina flavour

Umina Surf Life Saving Club has held its annual beach Christmas photo shoot.

Residents were able to book in for a photo with Santa that reflected "the Umina community's character,

more than the generic setups in shopping centres", according to club president Mr Stephen Scahill.

He said the club had been running the photo shoots for a couple of years and they had been

well received.

The photo fees went to support the club.

SOURCE:

Social media, 26 Nov 2019
Stephen Scahill, Umina SLSC



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Councillors should roll up their sleeves and make it work

Upon learning we could be considering de-amalgamating, I just shook my head.

We have been through the amalgamation process.

It has not been through the first term of a full council and our elected representatives are now wanting to dismantle it.

We were not asked if we wanted to amalgamate.

It was dropped on us without consultation.

So now it has been done and

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our elected representatives for this amalgamated council should roll up their sleeves and make it work.

Then also to say that the ward system needs changing is also a dumb in my opinion.

If you reduce the number of wards, you will have to increase the numbers of elected representatives per ward.

This will increase the number of party candidates elected to the council thus reducing the very

small independent representation the council now has.

The council has at present the mayor elected by the councillors.

If this was to go to popular vote, we will always have a mayor who is a political party member, never to see an independent again.

That is not to say that all the so-called independents in this current council are true independents, not aligned to any political organisations.

Email, 25 Nov 2019
Carl Veugen, Umina

What is parking space shortfall across the Peninsula?

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Peninsula due to infrastructure trade-off?

Is the Central Coast Council CEO prepared to provide this information?

I suspect that the practice will continue, supported by council's planners well into the future.

It's a bonus for the applicant and an undeclared conflict of interest for council's planners.

Basix certification is another trade-off, identified to councillors and council staff at a Peninsula development site meeting.

The ultimate contradiction is when planners' interests come into conflict with planning instruments and are in play with every development application assessment.

Letter, 27 Nov 2019
Norm Harris, Umina

Urinating for all to see

I live in a Woy Woy housing department block near the ferry and it always fascinates us that people don't realise that every single person here is looking down on to the alley underneath our windows.

The things we see would curl your toes but the majority of people, men and women, stand there day and night urinating for all to see.

Maybe more public toilets is the answer, I just don't know.

Email, 5 Nov 2019
Carol Wills, Woy Woy

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Constitution is frozen in time

An indigenous voice to Parliament is long overdue, but why try to add it to the archaic Australian Constitution?

The indigenous people had no say in that 1901 Constitution at all.

It was intended to be a flexible, basic, colonial law.

However, Section 128, the federal structure, the adversarial two-party system and limiting

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the initiative of constitutional amendment to politicians has resulted in a Constitution frozen in time.

The Section 44 drama once again demonstrated the absurdity of the situation.

The political malaise is caused by major governance system failures, including the Constitution.

Is Australia incapable of reform?

Anthony Albanese's next Vision Statement should be devoted to governance system renewal.

Email, 5 Nov 2019
Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach



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Expensive roundabout will cause delays

When I first read about council's plan for a roundabout at the Maitland Bay Dve and Picnic Pde intersection, I thought: What a waste of money!

Now that more information has become available, we can all see just how this is to be wasted.

My first question would be: How can council have an estimated cost of \$7M when they don't have a design?

Clever lads on our council or do they have a crystal ball?

My biggest concern however is: Who will benefit from its construction?

We are informed that 19,000 vehicles use the intersection per day.

We have not been given a breakdown of where those cars are coming from and going to.

I would be prepared to bet that the vast majority in the morning are coming from the Rip Bridge

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proceeding to Woy Woy and beyond and in the evening are going back over the bridge.

At present, these motorists have an uninterrupted run.

The big winners will be those turning right from Picnic Parade to go over the bridge.

But how many cars are actually doing this in peak hour?

Is it only a few hundred or more. During the day any delay is only for a few seconds.

In the evening, when the residents of Ettalong are returning home they just make a left turn.

This could be simplified by the addition of a left turning lane which could easily be achieved if the light pole was re-located.

I believe that if/when constructed every user of the roundabout will be affected, while at present it is only a small minority.

Email, 4 Dec 2019
Laurie Powell, Woy Woy

It is interesting that the Melita Boatshed is considered such a hazard that its immediate demolition is being forced on the leaseholder ("Bays group opposes demolition of historic boatshed", edition 483).

To judge from the photograph, the building doesn't look particularly hazardous, and Horsfield Bay is not a highly-frequented location, so that an intruder would have to go out of his way to place himself in hazard there.

On the face of it, this would seem like a very low-priority

concern.

By contrast, the old Sheather's wharf at Koolewong has been in a highly-dangerous condition for years, is immediately visible to anybody directly off Brisbane Water Dve and has absolutely no security arrangement to prevent unauthorized access, in clear breach of all lease conditions.

Why have the authorities taken no action to protect the public in this instance?

The discrepancy in the treatment of these two leases seems to call for some explanation.

Email, 27 Nov 2019
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

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Thanks for making a difference

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Members of Woy Woy Rotary Club thank those members of the public who purchased our Melbourne Cup Trifecta tickets.

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the local community.

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Email, 1 Dec 2019,
Don Tee, Woy Woy

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Mr David Cornfield, Ms Rebecca Cooper, Ms Kynesha Stapleton, Ms Di Brown and Ms Kathy Beverley

Teachers check in on new hospital employee

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper and vocational education teacher Mr David Cornfield visited Brisbane Waters Private Hospital on November 25 to check in on a former student.

The pair met with Year 12 graduate Ms Kynesha Stapleton and the hospital's chief executive Ms Kathy Beverley and services manager Ms Di Brown to congratulate Ms Stapleton on her recent employment.

Ms Beverley said the hospital had collaborated with the College on several occasions and was keen to promote opportunities for local young people interested in a career in health.

"Our hospital has a long history of working with the local high school.

"Brisbane Waters Private loves to support youth keen to work in the health care industry," Ms Beverley said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Nov 2019
Kathy Beverley, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital

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An aged care facility in Umina has had residents' old photographs made into large posters and fixed to the back of their doors.

Peninsula Villages adopted the practice in its Jack Aldous House rooms, after learning of its use by Vietnam Veterans Keith Payne VC Hostel in Noraville as a way to engage residents to tell their life stories.

Village chief executive Mr

Shane Neaves said the posters had already been effective communication tools for staff, residents and loved ones.

They also had the added benefit of serving as a visual aid for residents with memory problems and acted as a way for residents to be social as they shared the stories behind their photos with one another.

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Nov 2019
Shane Neaves, Peninsula Villages

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I once heard that the quality of a person's life is partly determined by the quality of the questions they ask themselves.

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Why is it my fault?

Why me? and on and on the list of circling questions can go.

But wait, what if I stopped wallowing and started asking questions like What can I do to make a difference to this situation?

What if I stopped focusing on the problem and started focusing on the solution?

What if I stop looking for who is to blame and start moving forwards?

Well the same is true of our

health.

We are asking a lot of questions these days.

What gene makes people fat?

Which cocktail of medications will best treat this myriad of health issues?

However, the overall declining health of Australians in general suggests that we are not making a real difference to our health.

Sure, we are living longer, however we are sicker, more stressed, more overweight and more unhappy than we have ever been.

Just maybe it is time to start asking ourselves a new question: How can we do something positive for our community? and "How can I navigate living in a modern world and look after my health successfully?"

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P.S. At Umina Chiropractic Centre we are also offering a helping hand and collecting donations of gifts for Coast Shelter, aimed at youth aged 12-18 and you can leave any gifts at our reception desk.

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Chicken eggs hatch at Woy Woy village

An aged care facility in Woy Woy has successfully hatched a clutch of chicken eggs.

BlueWave Living residents and staff have welcomed the hatchlings, with residents playing with, caring for and observing the chicks.

The chicks are housed in the residents' lounge and, according to BlueWave's marketing manager Ms Kylie Scott, have been a big hit with residents.

Ms Scott said the program was facilitated to engage residents and staff alike.

"It's cuteness overload at BlueWave Living and the program has been a huge success and brought much joy to residents," she said.

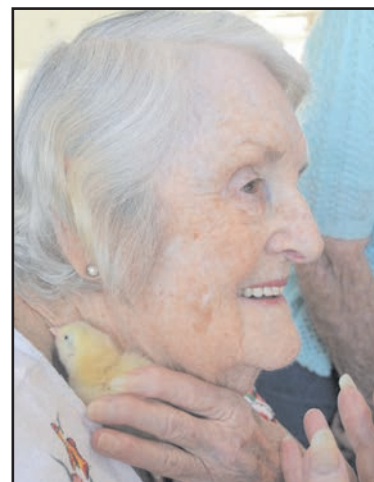
While still young, the chicks will remain in the lounge and residents' family and friends are welcome to visit and spend an afternoon with their loved ones and the hatchlings, she said.

As they grow, the chicks will be moved into the village's chicken run.

SOURCE:

Email, 25 Nov 2019

Kylie Scott, BlueWave Living



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Students create ceramics garden

Students from Umina Beach Public School's class 1M have created a ceramics

garden for the school.

The garden, near the Melbourne Ave entrance, was created after

students participated in an art session using clay.

"The students were guided to work imaginatively with clay and engage with the elements of earth, fire, air and water," said principal Ms Lyn Davis.

"1M worked in pairs to create birds, butterflies, flowers and beads from previous 2D images they had drawn.

"The students glazed their animals and flowers as well as three beads each, using bright colours to bring their work to life.

"The hands-on project took about six weeks to finish culminating in the gorgeous ceramic flower garden that is complimented by donated flowers and plants," Ms Davis said.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 26 Nov 2019
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School

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Hair accessories to match school uniform

Empire Bay Public School has introduced a range of girls hair accessories and school house items to match the school uniform.

The optional line of items were produced in partnership with accessory manufacturer Ponytails and Fairytales and includes all purpose hair bows in the school's colours of red and royal blue and bows in each of the school's house colours.

The new house packs also come in the school's four house colours and include a sports

bag, sunglasses, pom-poms, sweatbands, coloured hairspray and coloured zinc, all matching the associated house.

Principal Ms Simone Champion said the new school hair bow was suitable for everyday use with the house packs suitable for all house sporting events from 2020 onwards.

The all-purpose bows come in an array of shapes and patterns including headbands.

SOURCE:

Social media, 28 Nov 2019
Simone Champion, Empire Bay Public School



School launches dance program

Pretty Beach Public School has launched its Footsteps Dance Program.

The program started on November 18 and will see all students from Kindergarten through to Year 6 engage in dance lessons and performances.

Principal Ms Karen Wardlaw said the program was implemented as a way to get students active and social while building confidence in their dancing abilities.

"All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have been learning a

bunch of cool dance moves and performing them under the cola to some funky beats.

"Students gather with their stages and have a blast together while getting some all-important exercise.

"I'm sure we'll see these dance moves performed on the playground, at home or possibly at the Year 6 Farewell," Ms Wardlaw said.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 21 Nov 2019
Karen Wardlaw, Pretty Beach Public School

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Campus offers beach volleyball as a sport

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus has added beach volleyball to its summer sport offering.

Campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper said the new sport was available to Year 10 students and would be played at Umina Beach.

"The beach provides the opportunity for the students to

adapt their skills to the sandy environment and modified rules.

"It's also a wonderful reminder of how lucky we are to live in this beautiful part of world," Ms Cooper said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Nov 2019
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC
Woy Woy campus



Plaque honours memory of school rooster

Ettalong Public School has unveiled a plaque honouring the memory of the school rooster, Braith, which was killed in a dog attack in September.

The plaque, situated in the school's memorial garden, was unveiled by the student representative council on

November 29.

Principal Ms Lynn Balfour said Braith had been a part of the school community for 10 years after the homeless bird wandered onto the school grounds in 2009 and had become a much-loved part of the school community.

"Braith arrived at our school as a nameless, homeless bird around 10 years ago and was quickly

given the name Braith, after Sydney Roosters' rugby league player Braith Anasta.

"Students kept a protective eye over Braith and he was a treasured part of our school, often visiting classrooms and taking pride of place in photographs," she said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Nov 2019
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong
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Weather shed transformed by indigenous artist

Pretty Beach Public School has had its weather shed transformed with art by a renowned indigenous artist.

Principal Ms Karen Wardlaw said the school community was delighted to welcome Mr Grant Molony to the school on November 18 and 19 to create a mural on the shed, with students watching the art take shape.

“One of the most exciting things we saw in Week 6 was the transformation of our weather shed into a colourful but calm and welcoming space,” Ms Wardlaw said.

“Students watched with great interest and excitement as Grant commenced his rather magical transformation of our school space.

“Grant was impressed by the interest shown by our students and commented on their excellent manners and interested engagement.



“He was visited at each break, over Monday and Tuesday, by a group of students who sat themselves down and watched the process, without fail, for each play session over the two days.

“They loved talking to Grant about his progress, his colour choices and his art processes used.

“Upon the completion of this project, Grant stated that his visit to our school was ‘a pleasure with such amazingly behaved students and a beautiful school’.

“We believe that our school is even more beautiful, thanks to the talent, time and energy expended by Grant,” Ms Wardlaw said.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 21 Nov 2019
Karen Wardlaw, Pretty Beach Public School

Schools vie for Christmas tree award

Two local schools are vying for the title of best Christmas tree this year in a regional shopping centre’s school Christmas tree decorating competition.

Woy Woy and Woy Woy South Public School have both entered trees in the competition which challenges students to create their own array of decorations to display.

The general public then has the chance to vote for their favourite tree with a gold coin donation, with money raised donated to Coast Shelter.

This year Woy Woy South opted for a red and white theme with their decorations with handmade baubles, candy canes, ribbons and

beads making up the majority of their decorations and a star bearing the school’s emblem crowning the tree.

Woy Woy Public School’s tree was adorned with pink and yellow decorations including streamers, handmade baubles and a string of handmade Christmas Trees.

The trees went up at Erina Fair on November 25 and will be in place until December 24, with the three winning schools each receiving a \$300 Erina Fair gift card.

SOURCE:
Social media, 25-28 Nov 2019
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School



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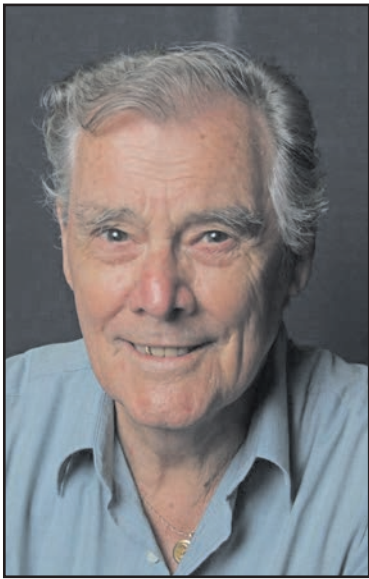
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Tributes paid following death of John Hickey



Tributes have been paid to long-standing member of the Woy Woy Little Theatre, Mr John Hickey, after his death on November 19 of esophageal cancer.

President Ms Christine Vale said Mr Hickey had been a stalwart of the company for 57 years and that the organisation owed him and his wife Barbara a great debt.

"Without them, the company would not be in the wonderful position it is today, and for that all of us will always be thankful," Ms Vale said.

"Like many members, past and present, over the past 15 years, I've been on stage with John as

well as being directed by him.

"It was always a privilege.

"John had a quiet confidence about him, and his years of experience just cut through.

"His sense of timing, both in comedy and drama, showed this on stage, and his perceptiveness when directing was a joy," Ms Vale said.

"Along with Barbara and others, John was instrumental in settling the company in its new home at the Peninsula Theatre nearly 20 years ago.

"The company is so fortunate to be reaping the benefits of what John did for it.

"We won't forget it, and his legacy will continue," Ms Vale said.

Long-time friend of Mr Hickey's, Mr Graham Vale, also paid tribute.

"John's passion for Woy Woy Little Theatre was absolute.

"Acting, directing, stage managing, behind the scenes and as a fervent custodian of the continuous development of the company in many committee functions over many decades.

"I'm pretty sure that he would want me to point out that he wasn't a founding member.

"He would want me to point out that the founding members in 1962 of the Woy Woy and District Theatrical Society (as it was then known) included Richard Smith, Maureen and Ian Ross, Bill and Edna Tomkins, Bill and Patricia

Flynn, Ann and Ron Morris and Dawn Healey.

"But with a high degree of confidence, I will say that John and Barbara have been the longest active members of the company since that time," Mr Vale said.

Mr Hickey's funeral was held on November 26 at Woy Woy's St John the Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife Barbara, their two daughters, eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

SOURCE:

Website, 21 Nov 2019
Christine and Graham Vale, Woy Woy Little Theatre Company

Artist raises money for eye care

A Umina artist will sell arts and crafts to raise money for the Fred Hollows Foundation.

Ms Lorraine Van Epen will hold a stall at the Ettalong Flea Markets on December 14 to support the Foundation.

Ms Van Epen has been making pieces throughout the year in

preparation for the sale and will be passing on proceeds to support the Foundation's work in providing eye care for those in need in over 20 countries.

She said a person's sight could be saved for \$25.

"It's great that they work in our own indigenous community," Ms

Van Epen said.

Funds raised will go towards the Foundation's work in training and empowering eye doctors and nurses to create sustainable communities.

SOURCE:

Media release, 2 Dec 2019
Lorraine Van Epen, Umina

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Maddy Bell



Elissa Koppen



John Bell and Bruce Beresford

Two locals win Bouddi Foundation awards

Two local residents were among 24 young artists presented with a grant at the Bouddi Foundation for the Arts annual awards day.

Killcare Heights flautist Ms Elissa Koppen and Empire Bay actress-dancer Ms Maddy Bell were both awarded \$2100 through the grants to help support their artistic pursuits.

Ms Koppen aspires to establish a concert season on the Central Coast, providing musicians opportunities and economic incentives to stay on the Coast and providing a rich musical offering to the community.

Ms Bell's grant will help her defray costs of going to the United States for vocal and drama coaching, as well as to pursue further education in Australia.

The awards day was held at Wagstaffe Hall on November 10, with Foundation chairman Mr John Bell presiding over the festivities.

"I am thrilled with the number and quality of our grantees this year and the size of our financial investment in them signals our commitment in making this Foundation a major player in fostering the next generations of Australian artists," Mr Bell said.

Following the awards, film director Mr Bruce Beresford joined Mr Bell for a lively interview providing insights from Mr Beresford's career including his latest movie Ladies in Black.

Mr Beresford entertained with

stories from the making of his films which also include Driving Miss Daisy.

Mr Bell is a long-time friend of Mr Beresford's with the pair adding a few anecdotes from their youth to the interview.

"Bruce and I went to Sydney University together and I starred in his first feature movie, all students, of course.

"We lived together for a while and did odd jobs together in our university holidays.

"We also acted alongside each other in several university stage productions, but Bruce had already set his sights on being a movie director," Mr Bell said.

SOURCE:

Media release, 4 Dec 2019
Peter Park, Bouddi Foundation for the Arts



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MONDAY, DEC 9

Christmas Wreath Making,
The Avoca Surfhouse,
Ticketed, 7pm - 9pm

Tech Savvy Seniors:
Introduction to Apple iPads
& iPhones - BYO,
Tuggerah Library and
Council Services,
Free for 60 years and over-
Bookings essential,
1pm - 3:30pm

Valley of Dreams - Seya
Hashemi,
The Community Gallery
East Gosford,
9/12 - 31/12

'The Changing Room' -
Christine Sykes:
Author event,
Lake Haven Library,
6pm - 8pm

D3 Darren Disney Dance:
End of Year Performance
- Vibe,
The Art House Wyong,
Ticketed, 7pm

TUESDAY, DEC 10

LifeSpan Central Coast
Wrap Up & Beyond Event -
Help us celebrate the end
of the LifeSpan Trial Site
and see what is in store for
Suicide Prevention on the
Coast, Free,
Wamberal Surf Life Saving
Club, 9am - 2:30pm

Christmas Gingerbread
Biscuit Decorating with the
CWA,
Kincumber Library,
Free - Bookings essential,
3:45pm - 4:45pm

Tech Savvy Seniors:
Introduction to the internet,
Tuggerah Library,
Free - Bookings essential,
10am - 12:30pm

Oarsome! FREE kayak tour
of Woy Woy,
Lions Park Woy Woy,
10 & 11/12, 8am - 12pm

Sensitive Santa at the
Library,
Toukley Library,
8:30am - 9:30am

Supporting Healthy
Relationships:
Free workshop for
domestic and family
violence awareness,
The Art House Meeting
Room Wyong,
9:30am - 11:30am

WEDNESDAY, DEC 11

Luke Antony:
Christmas in Song,
Laycock Street Theatre
Auditorium, Ticketed, 11am

Discover your own
Backyard: What to do on
the Central Coast,
Erina Library, Free -
Bookings required,
10am - 11am

Green Living Workshop:
Keeping Backyard Chooks,
Umina Library,
Free - Bookings required,
10am - 12:30pm

THURSDAY, DEC 12

Santa Sack Decorating - for
ages 5-10,
Tuggerah Library and

Council Services,
Free - Bookings essential,
4pm - 5pm

Indian Buffet and Music
with Sandy Bigara &
Friends,
Rajdhani Indian Restaurant
Terrigal, Ticketed,
7pm - 9pm

The CMPNY's Annual
Concert 2019,
The Art House Wyong,
Ticketed, 12 & 13/12,
7:30pm

FRIDAY, DEC 13

Faulty Towers - The Dining
Experience Show 1,
Breakers Country Club
Wamberal, Ticketed,
7pm - 11pm

Boho Native Wreath Making
Workshop,
Erina Fair Shopping Centre
- Between Lorna Jane
& Surf Dive N Ski, 13 &
14/12, 9:30am - 11am

Greedy Guts Markets,
Florida Beach Bar Terrigal,
5:30pm

Brackets and Jam,
Kincumber Mountain,
7:30pm

Christmas at TEG,
The Entertainment Grounds,
Ticketed, 6pm

SATURDAY, DEC 14

HopeUC: The Nativity - a
Carols Spectacular,
HopeUC Charmhaven,
Ticketed, 14 & 15/12,

Multiple sessions,
14/12 - Sensory show,
11am

Coastal Art Exhibition,
Patonga (opposite the
Bakehouse Gallery)
14, 15, 21 & 22/12,
10am - 4pm

Christmas Party Picnic
Raceday,
The Entertainment Grounds,
Ticketed, 12pm - 6pm

Create a Gingerbread
House,
Narara Valley Baptist
Church, Ticketed,
2pm - 8:30pm

Troubadour Central Coast:
Hawaiian Christmas Party,
St Luke's Hall Woy Woy,
Ticketed, 7pm

Green Living - Bee Aware
for Kids, making an insect
hotel,
Gosford Regional Gallery,
Free - Bookings essential,
9am - 10:30am

Fresh Christmas Wreath
Making,
Alberts Line Gosford,
Ticketed, 2pm - 4pm
Dried Christmas Wreath
Making - 2pm - 4pm

Internationally acclaimed
troubadour - Owen
Campbell,
Mangrove Mountain Hall,
Ticketed, 6pm

Church on the Hill
Quarterly Markets,
All Saints Anglican Church,
8am - 1pm

The Radiators,

Ourimbah-Lisarow RSL,
Free, 8pm

Oarsome! FREE catchment
crawl of Erina Creek,
Free - Bookings required,
9am - 3pm

The Lee Academy Sub-
Junior Concerts 2019,
The Art House Wyong,
Ticketed, 14 & 15/12,
2pm, The Lee Academy
Studio Concerts,
14 & 15/12, 6pm

Havana Nights Christmas
Edition!
The Coast Bar & Restaurant
Gosford, Ticketed,
6:30pm

SUNDAY, DEC 15

**Hard to Be Merry - A
service for those who
find Christmas a
difficult time,
Ettalong Uniting
Church - 55 Picnic
Parade, 3pm
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The Road to Bethlehem - A
Drama Tour Portraying
The Events Of The First
Christmas,
Central Coast Adventist
School Erina, Free -
Booking's required,
15/12 - 17/12,
6:15pm - 9pm

Endless Summer: Sunday
Sessions (Island Vibes),
The Coast Bar & Restaurant
Gosford, Ticketed,
3pm - 11pm

MONDAY, DEC 16

Tech Savvy Seniors:

Introduction to the internet
- FREE for participants
aged 60 years and over,
Kincumber Library,
10am - 12:30pm

FSDance - Mary Poppins
Returns,
The Art House Wyong,
Ticketed, 16 & 17/12,
6:30pm

WEDNESDAY, DEC 18

The 2019 Archibald Prize
exhibition After Hours with
Jonathan Dalton,
Gosford Regional Gallery,
Ticketed, 4pm - 8pm

A Vibrant New Solo
Exhibition - Drawing in
Space with Willemine Villari,
Gosford Regional Gallery,
Ticketed, 18/12 - 22/01

THURSDAY, DEC 19

Mind Blowing Magic By
Julian Bull - The Most
Intensely Magical
Experience Of Your Life,
Wyong Milk Factory Cafe,
Ticketed, 7pm

Tech Savvy Seniors:
Introduction to the internet
- BYO Smartphone, Tablet/
iPad or laptop,
Woy Woy Library,
Free - Bookings essential,
10am - 12:30pm

Multi-Sport Fun Day - Six
hours of fun playing
games such as wheelchair
basketball, soccer, hockey
and volleyball as well as
jumping on the inflatables
and trampolines,
Niagara Park Stadium,

Ticketed, 9am - 3pm

Nightmare Before
Christmas: Libraryoke
Disco - ages 7-13 years,
Tuggerah Library, Bookings
required, 5pm - 7pm

FRIDAY, DEC 20

Star FM Central Coast
Carols,
Central Coast Stadium,
Ticketed, 4pm - 9pm

Free Discovered - We
welcome singers and
singer/songwriters (aged
7 - 24 years) who have a
love of singing,
The Hub Erina Youth
Entertainment Venue

The Lee Academy Fulltime
Graduation Concerts 2019,
The Art House Wyong,
Ticketed, 20 & 21/12,
7:30pm

SATURDAY, DEC 21

**Combined Churches
Carols and Lessons,
Umina Uniting church -
346 Ocean Beach Rd,
7pm, 4341 8536**

Breath-Training Workshop
for Ocean Swimmers,
Ocean Beach SLSC & Pearl
Beach rock pool, Ticketed,
8am - 1pm

Breastfeeding Basics,
Gosford Private Hospital,
Ticketed, 9:30am - 12pm

Ettalong Chrismtas
Markets,
The Galleria Ettalong

Beach,
10:30am - 4pm

Messy Little Munchkins
for messy sensory play,
JumpNJungle Gosford,
Ticketed, 9:30am

SUNDAY, DEC 22

**Central Coast
Mariners vs
Adelaide United,
Central Coast Stadium,
Ticketed, 6pm
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TUESDAY, DEC 24

**Christmas Eve
Community Carols in
The Park with Gosford
City Brass Band,
Kibble Park Gosford,
6pm - Community
building games,
7pm - carols**

Carols in the Park,
Memorial Park The
Entrance, 6pm - 9pm

**Christmas Eve
Carols - led by some of
our young people,
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come dressed as an
angel, a shepherd or a
wise man / woman,
Umina Uniting church -
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A lunch, supported by Central Coast Council and a disability services provider, has been provided to 80 Peninsula residents at the Peninsula Community Centre on November 27.

Provider Social Shindigs Services runs activities at the community centre every week for adults living with an intellectual disability.

The lunch consisted of chicken with yoghurt sauce, beetroot feta and pomegranate salad and zucchini slice, followed by pannacota and fresh berries for dessert.

The meal was prepared and served by The Wholesome Collective, and the event included a healthy cooking display, according

to Coast Community Connections chief executive Mr Bruce Davis who organised the event.

"The ingredients were all sourced from local producers and farmers from the Central Coast hinterland.

"A local farmer also attended to talk about his farm and share his knowledge and beautiful fresh fruit and vegetables with our community, including the children from our Peninsula occasional childcare service," Mr Davis said.

"The aim of the event was to bring members of the Peninsula community together in an inclusive way to try and address issues of isolation and loneliness," Mr Davis said.

SOURCE:
Website, 29 Nov 2019
Bruce Davis, Coast Community Connections



Troubadour ends year with Hawaiian theme party

The Troubadour Folk Club will end the year with a Hawaiian-themed Christmas party.

"We promise homegrown mayhem and fun," said club president Mr Michael Fine.

"This is a great way to commence the festive season."

He said those attending would

be encouraged to wear their grass skirts, Hawaiian shirts and leis, bring their ukuleles, surfboards, pineapples and friends as well as something to drink and nibbles to share.

"This is a do-it-yourself night with an invitation to all to contribute to the show."

The Christmas Party will

take place at Woy Woy's St Luke's Church Hall from 7pm on December 14.

Tickets are essential.

He said the club would return in February for another year of blues, roots, folk and jazz.

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Dec 2019
Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club



Celebrate Christmas

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Sunday 15th December - 3.00pm - HARD TO BE MERRY
service - for those who find Christmas a difficult time.
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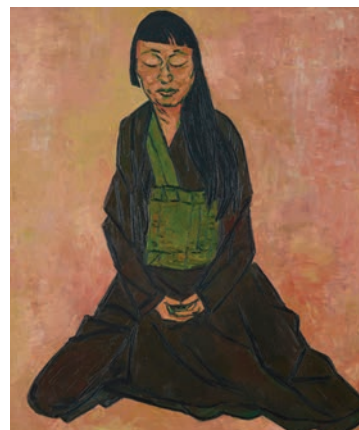
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TOP RIGHT: Tessa MacKay, *Through the looking glass*, oil on linen, 210 x 330.5 cm. © the artist. Winner: Packing Room Prize 2019.

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Managed by Gosford Regional Community Services
Enquiries regarding hire to 4323 7483
accounts@gosfordcommunity.org.au
www.gosfordcommunity.org.au

Community Groups

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4334 3800

Freemasons
Who are they?
What do they do?
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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

Seniors Computer Club
Central Coast
A non-profit seniors club to help members master computers, tablets, phones and keep up with grand children
Friendly Volunteer Helpers
scccc@internode.on.net
Google sccccincumber
4307 9421

Seniors Social and Friendship Club Inc
Meets 2nd Mon
Regular monthly social activities as well as day

outings and short breaks away, organised by individual members.
4322 7588 or 0427 404 322

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

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

Arthritis NSW
Woy Woy support group
Ettalong Bowling Club
Springwood 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 Wed - 10am - 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
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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
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Peninsula Village Meals
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Peninsula Village Carer's Support Group
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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

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penlighthouse@gmail.com
www.peninsulalighthouse.info/

Schizophrenia and Bipolar Fellowship
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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
1300 650 594

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

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coastalacappella@gmail.com

Soundwaves
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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.magregor@hotmail.com
Woy Woy Branch
Everglades Country Club
7.30pm 2nd Mon
Peninsula Day Branch
1pm 2nd Mon
CWA Hall Woy Woy
4341 9946

Liberal Party of Australia
Woy Woy Branch
4th Thur 6.30pm
Club Umina, Melbourne Ave, Umina Beach
woywoyliberals@gmail.com

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
3rd Mon.
Woy Woy Leagues Club
Make new friends and have fun while serving your community.
0478 959 895

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.
www.cashousie@hotmail.com

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

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

Central Coast Rescue Unit
Marine Education Courses.
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4325 7929
www.vmrcc.org.au

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0414 635 047
www.ccssoaring.com.au

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2nd & 4th Tue, 7:30PM,
Ettalong Diggers
0408 416 356

Peninsula Environment Group
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www.peg.org.au

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Kincumber - Thurs 715pm
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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

The Partners of Veterans Association of Australia Inc Central Coast Sub Branch
4th Tues - 10am-1pm
Kincumber Neighbourhood Centre, 1/20 Kincumber St
Kincumber
Support Network for Partners of Past and present Australian Defence Forces
0403 499 905

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
woywoyowa@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.cccwhc.com.au

NEWSPAPERS

Central Coast

If you would like your Community Organisation listed here call us on 4325 7369 or see www.coastcommunitynews.com.au

Pet store mounts drought relief collection for Christmas

A Umina pet store has launched a drought relief collection for Christmas.

Paws on the Coast is seeking donations of tinned goods, long life food items and pet food to bolster its drought relief Christmas hamper campaign.

Co-founder Ms Jody McKinnon said Paws on the Coast staff and volunteers had been fundraising to have water delivered to struggling farmers in Tamworth and had so far seen two water carriers deliver 17,000 litres to two farmers in need.

"We hope to continue doing this.

"While we know it won't fix the drought, we couldn't stand by and do nothing knowing our fellow Aussies that are suffering," she

said.

Ms McKinnon said the Christmas hampers would be delivered with the next water deliveries.

She said that coordinating the fundraising for the water while simultaneously sourcing goods for the hampers was proving difficult.

She was asking anyone who could spare food items or other goods to drop them into Paws on the Coast's Umina storefront to be added to the hampers.

"Any donations of Australian tinned fruit, nuts, savoury crackers, Christmas crackers, pet food, Christmas paper plates/napkins or anything that won't melt will be so appreciated," she said.

SOURCE:

Media release, 26 Nov 2019
Jody McKinnon, Paws on the Coast

A group of local artists have joined forces to ensure the annual Killcare Art Show continues.

"There has been an art show at Killcare Surf Life Saving Club every summer for the last 10 years recognising the wonderful artists we have on the Central Coast," said artist and show convenor Ms Janet Hoyer-Cobb.

"With the club no longer in a position to run the show, the artists have been handed the reins to organise and run the show, rebranded as the Killcare Art Exhibition," she said.

Twenty artists have signed on for this year's show which will run for four days and present a diverse range of mediums and subject matter.

"There will be paintings in many mediums and genres, unique goods made with recycled materials, as well as works by a basket weaver, wood turner and sculptors.

"Some artists have exhibited at Killcare before while several are new.

"Many are local but all will have fresh new and vibrant works for this show," Ms Hoyer-Cobb said.

The exhibition will be held in the surf club's auditorium and open on December 27 and run from 11am to 7pm up until the 30th.

The opening night will also double as a "meet the artists" event which will run from 4pm to 7pm on the December 27.

"This exhibition will present a great opportunity to view quality artworks, have a chat with the artists or possibly buy something to revitalise your home or give as a gift," Ms Hoyer-Cobb said.

SOURCE:

Media release, 28 Nov 2019
Janet Hoyer-Cobb, Killcare Art Exhibition



Camelle Denny with Margaret Fortey and her oil painting "Sand Dunes"

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
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Gosford 4336 2400
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- **Depp Studios** -
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- **Tony Fitzpatrick** trading
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- **Stan Prytz** of ASCO
Bre Concreting
- **Andrew and Peter Compton**
- **Bruce Gilliard Roofing**
of Empire Bay
- **Jamie McNeilly** formerly of
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- **William McCorriston** of
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- **First Premier Electrical
Service** of Umina Beach
- **High Thai-d Restaurant**
of Umina Beach
- **Mal's Seafood & Charcoal
Chicken** of Ettalong Beach
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- **Tye King** - Formerly The
Fish Trap Ettalong Beach
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- **Simon and Samantha
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- **Rick Supplice** of Ettalong Beach,
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Leon, Ettalong Beach
- **RJ's Diner** - Ryan
Tindell of Woy Woy
- **Thomas James Clinton**,
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- **Menhir Tapas & Bar PTY LTD**
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- **Linda Smith**, Bookkeeper
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- **Emma Knowles** -
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- **Mulla Villa PTY Ltd**
- **Jessica Wheatcroft** trading as
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- **Peter Zing**, Singapore Zing Cafe
- **Pruksra Thai Massage**, Woy
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- **Dale Arurlilac**, Woy Woy
- **Craig Lack** Fencing

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4342 6716

Gift drive for Coast Shelter

A chiropractor in Umina has launched a Christmas gift donation drive for Coast Shelter.

Umina Chiropractic Centre has launched the gift drive and is seeking donations of Christmas gifts suitable for boys and girls aged between 12 to 18.

The Centre will be collecting gifts until December 17 for delivery to Coast Shelter the following day.

Gifts can be dropped off to the centre's reception desk.

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 Nov 2019
Cathy Grieve, Umina Chiropractic Centre

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Surf club members named for interbranch team



Several Umina Surf Life Saving Club members have been named to Surf Life Saving Central Coast's Interbranch Team.

Ronnie Jordan, Jed Hoyland, Davara Marshall, Poppi Leaver, Lachlan Braddish, Bailey Johns and Jemma Smith have all been named to the team for the NSW Interbranch Championships last weekend (December 7 and 8).

Ronnie was named in the Under-12s, Jed and Davara in the Under-14's, Poppi in the Youth and Lachlan, Bailey and Jemma in the Opens.

Davara Marshall was named junior team captain and Bailey Johns the overall team captain.

Club president Mr Stephen Scahill said members were proud of their Interbranch team representatives.

The competition was hosted by Bulli Surf Life Saving Club.

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Nov 2019
Stephen Scahill, Umina SLSC

Umina Eagles women hope to contest Premier League

Umina United Soccer Club is hoping to field a women's Premier League team for the coming season.

"Umina United welcomes all previous players and new players to join the squad for the 2020 season," said club president Mr Lee Fulwood.

He said this year Reserve Grade had won the grand final and the First Grade team placed fourth overall.

"These achievements were all done with less than

20 players by season end.

"Hopefully with new faces and players returning from injury, the team will look to build on such success, taking out more trophies in this upcoming season."

"For any women interested, we will be starting our pre-season training in early January," Mr Fulwood said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 Dec 2019
Lee Fulwood, Umina United Soccer Club



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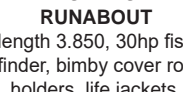
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Rugby club pays visit to Tongan college

Three members of the Woy Woy Rugby Club have visited a college in Tonga.

Mr Kevin Glew, Mr Peter Fenton and Mr Sione Ofahengaue have visited the Tupou College to renew the club's relationship with the college and to foster a new one with its ex-students' rugby team, the Taloa Old Boys.

In the past decade, the Woy Woy club has welcomed several players into its ranks from the College, with Mr Glew saying their acquisition was a core factor in Woy Woy's meteoric rise in the Central Coast Rugby Competition.

"Woy Woy benefited greatly from acquiring Tupou College players over the past six seasons," Mr Glew said.

"Feleti Atiola, Chris Paseka, Tevita Tanginoa, Fokolulu Taumalolo and Sione Toki all played five or six seasons with Woy Woy and helped lift us from the bottom of the ladder to become one of the strongest teams in the competition.

"Tonga is rich in culture, but poor financially.

"Nevertheless, the people are essentially happy and typical of Pacific Island countries.

"The trip to the college was a real eye opener.

"Rugby plays an extremely important part in their lives," Mr Glew said.

Tupou College was opened in 1860 by Australian missionary Mr John Moulton whose grandson, also named John, was the Eastwood club doctor and Wallaby's doctor during the 1990s.

The College has produced many international players

including, George Atiola and Fakahau Valu who captained Tonga in the first World Cup in 1987 as well as famous Wallaby Viliame Ofahengaue.

Mr Glew said Woy Woy Rugby Club has resolved to assist the College in several areas while benefiting from the talents of its rugby players into the future.

SOURCE:
Media release, 3 Dec 2019
Peter Fenton, Woy Woy Rugby Club

Pool visits top 491,000 a year

Central Coast Council has disclosed annual attendance at the Peninsula Leisure Centre indoor heated pool has reached 491,000 visits.

This compares to Gosford's outdoor and indoor heated pool complex with 189,000 visits and

the Toukley indoor heated pool with 132,000.

Roofing over the centre's sports hall is currently being replaced at an estimated cost of \$30,000.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council agenda 3.6, 25 Nov 2019

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Southern Spirit women defeat Warnervale Whites

Southern Spirit Cricket Club's women's team has continued its fine form in Central Coast Cricket Association's T20 competition, defeating the Warnervale Whites in Round 8.

Association publicity officer Mr Garry Burkinshaw said a strong batting performance secured Southern Spirit second place on the competition ladder, with Warnervale having no answer to the Spirit's 2/185 off the 20 overs.

"Having been sent into bat, Southern Spirit through Tarni Stevens, Nicole Cattley 35 and Danielle Harris 29, all unbeaten, were instrumental in the Spirit reaching 2/185 from their allotted 20 overs," Mr Burkinshaw said.

"In reply Warnervale lost captain and key batter Jacquie Chandler for four, however, chased the total gallantly, in the end finishing 33 runs short at 4/152.

"Johnson rounded out a good match finishing not out on 48 while Jacinta Crawford 34 not out was also good with the bat.

"Harris was the pick of the Southern Spirit bowlers with 2/15 off three overs," Mr Burkinshaw said.

In the Men's First Grade competition, all clubs enjoyed the return to the two-day format after the one-day competition wrapped

up earlier this month.

The Spirit's first match of the two-day competition saw them come up against one-day winners Lisarow-Ourimbah.

"Batting first, the Lisarow-Ourimbah were in trouble at 3/24 after Simon Mahoney dismissed Ben Cohen, Mitch McBeath and Tyler Searle in consecutive deliveries.

"Lisarow-Ourimbah's Ben Sunshine joined Blair Lindsay and the pair resurrected the innings with a partnership of 131 before Sunshine was dismissed for a well-made 77.

"Lindsay continued on to make his first century for Lisarow-Ourimbah eventually being dismissed for 101 (185 balls off 11 fours).

"Scott Burkinshaw (31) and Matt Sunshine (24) not out, put on valuable runs at the end before Lisarow-Ourimbah were dismissed for 274," Mr Burkinshaw said.

"Mahoney finished with 3/31 whilst Lachlan Cork also took three wickets.

"Southern Spirit will resume next week at 0/8," Mr Burkinshaw said.

The First Grade will face Kincumber in Round 12, while the women will meet Lisarow-Ourimbah in Round 9.

SOURCE:
Media releases, 2-4 Dec 2019
Garry Burkinshaw, CCCA



Everglades 2019 Club Championship awardees

Men's champion goes on to win district title

Everglades Country Club's Men's Golf Club recently completed its Club Championships, with winner Aaron Walters going on to win the District Champion of Champions title the following Sunday.

"The Championships were recently completed after four tough

rounds on our course, that is in immaculate condition," said club marketing manager Ms Sarah Kane.

"Junior champion Tom Sterling also won the Junior net event at the Champion of Champions," Ms Kane said.

The club also held The Everglades Cup recently with

Simon Hoyland defeating Aaron Walters with a birdie on the first playoff hole, after both shot 70, to win the major Open event.

In the other grades, Steve Winstanley won the Bowl and Jim McGrath won the Plate.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Nov 2019
Sarah Kane, Everglades Country Club

Paul is Masters Athlete of the Year

Ettalong Pelicans Masters Swimming Club member Paul Lemmon has been named NSW Sport's Masters Athlete of the Year.

Mr Lemmon is one of the most decorated masters level surf lifesavers in the state and was honoured for his achievements over the past year.

These included stints at

state, national and international championships, where he won a total of 28 gold medals, nine silver and seven bronze, in both pool and ocean events.

Mr Lemmon shares the honour with NSW Cycling's Mr Geoff Stroker.

SOURCE:
Media release, 18 Nov 2019
Greg Campbell, Prism Communications



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