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**The Land** – Such as natural features including views/vistas, street trees, terrain, watercourses

**The Urban Form** – Such as street grid, public domain, open space, roads, community facilities

**The Built Form** – Such as scale of buildings, material of buildings (e.g brick/weatherboard), fencing, generous verges

**The People** – Such as cultural values, age and cultural mix

**The Local Economy** – Such as key industries, retail anchors and activity

**The Local History** – Unique history including built heritage and historical people and events

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The exhibition period for the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement has now concluded.

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**Cooper**, 21 days ago

A mountain bike park that schools can all use with easy trails and more technical trails, I would also like to see some jump trails.



**Scott**, 21 days ago

I would love to see the Central Coasts Mountain Bike trail networks be linked together with pathways similar to the Kincumber to Davistown and Woy Woy to Gosford paths built. This would give locals/ teenagers and tourists access to all of the MTB networks on the Central Coast and fight the obesity and mental health epidemic we are currently seeing. I would also like to see more mountain bike single trails built and the current trails legalized up Kincumber mountain. I would also like to see all of the lookouts up Kincumber mountain be

pruned and maintained for bushwalkers/hikers, mountain bike enthusiasts and tourists to appreciate the amazing views that are available but are completely overgrown.



**Peter Holmes**, 27 days ago

Preserve the unique beauty and public amenity of the Central Coast and prioritize this over commercial interests. Reduce the visual and environmental impact of the built environment by limiting building heights and footprints and encouraging "energy-wise" construction. Quarantine areas of biodiversity and particular natural beauty from development and maintain public open spaces and parks.



**ray rauscher**, 27 days ago

The Land - Rumbalara Reserve of critical importance in enhancing Urban Form - original pioneer street layout and pedestrian upgrading of East Gosford and Gosford to be integrated into planning Built form - design of East Gosford shopping area as a village hub and traffic calmed Local history - heritage of whole east ward critical to incorporate into planning



**Steve Pearson**, 28 days ago

I continue to be dissatisfied by the ongoing inherent and subconscious racism in Australia and here on my beloved Guringai where I lived for the past 20 years. From both a historical, cultural & environmental perspective when are we going to put the First Nations people first and foremost in our thoughts, plans & actions. This region already has an identity, once that is rich and deep and something I hope we can all learn to be proud of in the not too distant future



**Nature lover**, about 1 month ago

A crucial point which was not really mentioned is the fact that there is no mountain bike trail infrastructure. Mtbing is a healthy and enjoyable recreation for body and mind. Get the kids off screens and out into nature where they can learn to respect the environment. It has a minimal impact to the environment and can benefit the community in many ways as well as an economic benefit to local businesses from visitors.



**Dietereater**, about 1 month ago

We need a professional MTB Park. <https://www.glenworthvalleybikepark.com.au/thepark>



**Adventurer**, about 1 month ago

The residents of the Central Coast need access to the Coastal Open Space System (COSS) for active recreation. Critical to the local lifestyle is the accessibility of natural areas to pursue recreation such as mountain biking, trail running, bushwalking, orienteering and rock climbing. Central Coast Councils consistent push back on active recreation in our natural spaces is impinging on our local way of life. Coasties love to get out in the bush and enjoy their natural spaces. Bushland is vital for exercise and mental health for thousands of Coasties. The sports pursued in the bush are low impact and essentially carbon neutral. Please Central Coast Council plan for an extensive sustainable trail network for Mountain Bikers and other bushland users so that we can engage fully in the lifestyle the Central Coast should offer. It is disappointing that despite the high level of negative comment the Draft Biodiversity strategy is being used as one of the key documents underpinning the Local Strategic Planning Statement. I would like to know why the draft biodiversity strategy has not been amended to follow public comment and why it has not been published if it is to be a supporting document. Mountain Biking and soft adventure sports also offer a fantastic low carbon way forward for our tourism industry. Support, plan for and fund active recreation in our COSS lands!



**Bob Doyle Greens**, about 1 month ago

It is with great pleasure that I read the comments from Rob, David and Sue. They cover key concerns for this ward ( and for the Central Coast more generally). So as well as endorsing their comments I would like to add that, regarding the heading, "The People - cultural values, age and cultural mix", we need to lead the way in having dual names for our local features such as Bulbararing for Captain Cook lookout. We need to recognise that the Guringai people would identify with large parts of this ward as well, and consult deeply with them at every step of the way. Indigenous language needs to be seen in parks and public spaces as well as roads. "The Land" - we need to be more proactive in the management of our reserves to give notice to people mowing to the edge of lagoons that their actions are having a negative impact on habitat (and monitoring should be increased). Also, that garden escapees are impacting negatively on the natural vegetation. This may require an increased budget for the land care /bushcare programs. A focus on promoting more community involvement in caring for areas of local bushland should be a priority. Pathways and naming of natural vegetation could be part of this process. Soft impact walking trails throughout the ward would encourage greater understanding of the natural beauty and characteristics of the area. Bike trails need to continue to be a priority. The Local History: Each ward should in an ideal world have its own theatre and museum, publicly owned and funded as are libraries. Gosford East, like the entire Central Coast, has a high number of residents who clearly value art , literature, science, design, the natural environment and community activities, yet we are a long way from having the facilities to support this. Perhaps there could be an expanded use of sporting facilities as dual purpose buildings , along with surf clubs (as already happens to some extent) as well as a more proactive promotion of community use of school spaces after hours. Our multi use community centres and halls at a peppercorn rent, would be a start. Yet purpose built theatres and museums should be the goal.



**RobMorgan**, about 1 month ago

The CC Council's 'Local Character Statement' for Copacabana (from CCC website 2019) is very extensive (13 pages) and is very clear in its proposed future 'desired character'. On several occasions the following statements appear ... 'these should remain low density residential foreshores where future development does not dominate the informal scenic quality of Gosford City's ocean beaches' ... 'minimise the scale and bulk of new buildings or additions to existing buildings' ... 'these should remain low density residential neighbourhoods where existing streetscape quality and amenity are enhanced substantially by further 'greening' ... 'minimise disturbance to any existing trees that are visually prominent' ... 'should become leafy low - density residential hillsides, where new developments do not dominate their landscape setting' ... 'avoid the appearance of a continuous wall of development along any street or hillside' ... 'minimise disturbance to natural slopes and existing trees' ... 'maintain the existing levels of privacy and amenity that are currently enjoyed' ... 'landscape settings that adjoin bushland reserves are not dominated by new development' ... 'conserve natural and scenic characters' ... 'where prominent coastal landmarks are not dominated by new development' ... 'ensure that new developments do not dominate their low scale residential surroundings' ... 'maximum height of two storeys' ... 'there should remain rural residential buffers between surrounding rural areas' ... 'a substantial scenic buffer that separates neighbouring coastal suburbs' ... 'conserve the natural qualities of hillside and ridgetop reserves' ... 'ensure that natural landscape settings are not dominated by the size, siting, design or construction of new structures'. The 13 pages are dominated by descriptions such as these. I submit that the CC Council's 'Desired Local Character Statement' should be respected and adhered to in Copacabana and surrounding neighbourhoods and should not be included in a 'one size fits all' approach to zoning on the Central Coast (as has been proposed for the Wyong LGA). On behalf of other Copacabana community members, we request that Copacabana be exempted from the proposed changes to R2 zoning and that current controls be maintained to ensure that the CC Council's proposed 'Local Character Statement' can be achieved and maintained.



**David Abrahams**, about 2 months ago

The Bouddi peninsula represents some of the most significant Aboriginal and early settlement history remaining in Australia. The Bouddi NP protects some of this natural heritage, though many significant carvings and ancient trees and middens are on private property. Indeed chronicles of early settlement mention this area before most of Australia and first contact was established here. Matthew Flinders credited a local aboriginal man Bungaree as 'The First Australian'. This needs to be celebrated as in a nationally significant manner. The aboriginal dream time stories also relate directly to Bouddi and Broken Bay. This truly unique heritage needs to be recognised, communicated to local land owners and the public in general so they can value these features. Any physical plan that affects the landscape should in my view respect and reflect these cultural values. Public infrastructure could perhaps note this history in a gentle way. Open curbing, use of sandstone rather than formed cement, native wood instead of steel or plastic. Local plants instead of imports. Private building should perhaps make extra special attempts to preserve the landscape, the vistas and the significant flora and fauna, not least of which are the Sydney Red Gums, many trees that pre-date settlement.

Architects and builders may scoff at such reflections in their plans, though these things are what makes this area such a desirable and valuable place for visitors and residents.



**SueS**, about 2 months ago

The land and landscapes of the Gosford East Ward down the Bouddi Peninsula are unique to the area, providing essential habitat for native animals and birds, indigenous botanical specimens to support that habitat, massive old tree canopies and beautiful stretches of lagoons that contribute to biodiversity and beaches that provide places for active and passive sport and recreation and reflection. These natural features exist because of strong policies that inhibit over-development and inappropriate development. Planning protections must be retained to preserve this 'coastal paradise' for generations to come. Local character statements must be respected.



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