

Secondary entry #18: St Edward's Christian Brothers Gosford

Where young men achieve



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Supporting Coast Shelter

By **CALLUM YOUNG**

ST Edward's Christian Brothers' College motto is, "Give to the poor in handfuls" and that is exactly what they do.

The school seeks to engage all students in programs of awareness, advocacy and action. It is through these programs that the students learn the values of service and outreach to the marginalised. One way the boys do this is by volunteering at Coast Shelter as part of their Waterford Project.

Coast Shelter is a non-profit charity that provides accommodation and support programs for people who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, on the Central Coast. Their vision of helping those less fortunate and aiming to "end homelessness on the Central Coast" has made Coast Shelter a success for over 20 years.

In 2014-2015, Coast Shelter provided 48,145 overnight beds, accommodated 693 people and served over 50,000 free meals. Coast Shelter has nine programs that offer crisis accommodation to men, women, youth and children. In addition to this, the Centre provides meals 365 days a year, a myriad of practical assistance, including: food hampers, financial assistance, haircuts, podiatry, legal assistance, counselling, mental health and housing assistance.



St Edward's Homeless Sleepout; clockwise from left: Corey MacDonald, Lachlan Gower, James Cooper, Michael Fraser, Jordan Monardo, Cooper Soper and Ricky Franco.

St Edward's has been supporting Coast Shelter for over eight years. Their aim of ending homelessness on the Coast resonated with social justice co-ordinator, Pat Dell. Mr Dell, a board member of Coast Shelter, has run various activities to help, in his words, "such a noteworthy and significant organisation

on the Coast". His commitment is part of the mission to "end homelessness on the Central Coast."

Upcoming events to support Coast Shelter is the annual Christmas Hamper Drive, and raising money and awareness through the Homeless Sleep Out. At the sleep out, boys try to experience home-

lessness by sleeping overnight on the concrete, at the college.

More regular activities include: monthly Monday assistance in the restaurant, providing music on various occasions in the restaurant, helping with the annual Homeless Memorial Service and school food drives throughout the year.



Site for proposed waterfront development. Picture: Supplied

Big upgrade for Gosford Waters area

By **DANIEL OSLING**

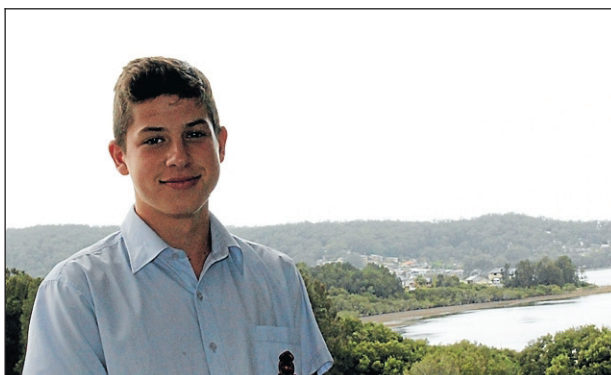
GOSFORD Waterfront is in for an upgrade. Construction has already started with the knocking down of Gosford Public School, and moving it next to Henry Kendall High School. As yet, no development application has been received for the old school site.

The Rezoning Gosford's Waterfront document released by the NSW Government says, "The development of the Regional Performing Arts Centre proposes to retain and facilitate the enhancement of the War Memorial Park, ensuring the space is not affected".

The redevelopment of the Waterfront should aim to mitigate the impacts on the local and regional traffic network and encourage greater use of alternative transport modes. Roads and Maritime Services has reviewed the information and has no objectives to the proposal.

No public land will be sold, and a public park will be made for functions or for just walking the dog. More parking spaces will be made, including for the disabled. Plants grown in the area have total containment with artificial soil, drainage and irrigation.

An estimated 1200-2000 jobs will be created. About 200 new residential dwellings will be built as well as retail and hotel facilities. This build is limited to five years, but no time frame has been formalised.



Noah Pagden has achieved great success on the soccer pitch.

Noah's kicking goals for the future

By **BRENDON NUNN**

THE future is bright for rising soccer star Noah Pagden. Noah is a year 9 student at St Edward's College who's been playing soccer since he was four. In recent years he has risen as one of the most successful players in the state.

When he was 11, Noah played for the Central Coast Mariners for a season. When

he was 12 he started playing for Football NSW Institute of Sport. As of the end of this season, he no longer plays for the institute but next year he will be playing for the Western Sydney Wanderers. He has captained NSW Metro Soccer at consecutive National Youth Championships in Coffs Harbour.

Noah has worked hard to get to where he is now. He trains three times a week but

wouldn't have it any other way, "I'm happy the hard work is paying off."

Noah leads his team with pride, all the way to Japan. The team came tenth in a recent international tournament, but Noah said it was "Good for their development and to compare ourselves to the rest of the world." This has lead them to work even harder in the nationals where the team came third.

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