

Northern Central Coast growing

EDITORIAL

By **BETHANY FRANCIS**

MASSIVE population growth on the northern Central Coast has led to booming development and new facilities for residents. It's about time. Residents in this area have long been crying out for improved amenities and opportunities in the area.

Blue Haven was established in 1991 as an area fit for families. The old farming land area consisted of dirt roads – one main road in and out. This protected wetland area has experienced huge growth in recent years.

The neighbouring suburb, San Remo, was originally planned as a town which provided cheaper homes for its residents. Years of population growth has led to increasing numbers at both the local Northlakes Primary and Northlakes High School.

Calls to provide amenities from locals were answered in 2010, with the inclusion of a Coles shopping complex. In July this year, a new Woolworths opened at Lake Munmorah. The \$16.3 million shopping complex also consists of a medical centre (soon to be opened), restaurants, cafes, a Newcastle Permanent branch, a newsagent and a pharmacy.

Wyong Shire Council has recently granted the development of Aldi and three other unknown shops at Blue Haven. The \$3.7 million investment into more local business will be finalised by the end of 2014. Residents are being rewarded with shops that provide jobs supporting the local economy.

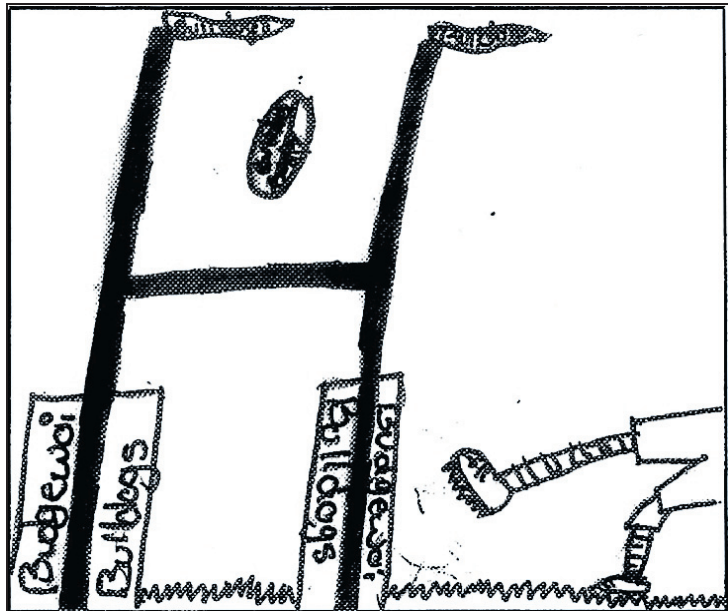
Construction on the new Hunter Expressway is almost complete. The \$1.7 billion project will link residents on the northern Central Coast with north west regions of NSW. Travel times are set to improve for residents in this area.

Residents of the northern end of the coast are finally experiencing adequate facilities to support the growing population and needs of the community.

Further to this, a brand new bulk billing GP super-clinic has been opened in Gosford. The Reliance Medical Practice is the 11th GP super clinic to be built in NSW, and provides access for residents seven days a week. This new medical centre is aimed to take much-needed stress off the local hospitals in the area. It is yet again another win for the residents of the northern Central Coast, who are receiving services they so desperately have been calling for.

For too long, residents on the coast have had a distinct lack of services.

Community spirit and cohesion can only be strengthened with these new inclusions in our area.



Cartoon: Tallis Angianga



ARCHIBULL: The final product – the painted bull.

Picture: Jayden Tait

Bull charges into art class

By **KAITLAN LA ROSA**
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ART 4 Agriculture has launched its 2013 Archibull Prize and students from Northlakes High School are in it to win it.

The competition, which links agriculture and farming to the school and local community, has arrived – in the shape of a bull.

Thirty-five schools from NSW and Queensland are participating in the competition, which closes on October 18.

The integrated program will involve secondary and primary students in agricultural and environmental awareness through art, design, creativity and teamwork.

The theme for 2013 is "What does

it take to sustainably feed and clothe your community for a day?"

Tenille Dowe, teacher at Northlakes High, has chosen a select group of students to paint a life-size bull, which will emulate the cotton industry – the specific agricultural area given to them for 2013.

"It is interesting but it is also a lot of work; we all learnt about the cotton industry in Australia and it is important for my students to learn about things that happen outside of the classroom and also to work as a team," Ms Dowe said.

Students will listen to a local farming and eco champion about life on a farm and construct a presentation showcasing information about how vital the cotton industry is for Australian families.

Mariners' magic not just manly

By **TIANA PIIPARI** and
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EVERYBODY knows and loves the Central Coast Mariners but when people think of the Mariners, most think of a group of male soccer players.

Yet, just as talented but not quite as well known are the Central Coast Mariners Women, who are achieving great success.

The team was established in 2008 and has represented the Central Coast Mariners in the Australian Women's National Football League and the W-League competitions.

The female Mariners are an outstanding soccer team, travelling around the Central Coast to achieve their goals and trying their best to win tough and challenging soccer games.

The team have travelled extensively and played at many places in NSW such as Bathurst, Manly, Sutherland, Blacktown, Wollongong and more.

They have had great success and recently won a game by a massive margin of 10 to one.

They have a lot of potential to be developed further by their coach, Stephen Roche. He is helping to develop them into the soccer stars of the future.

Although the girls all report that training is hard and tiring, they agree it pays off at the end of a soccer game.

The Central Coast Mariners believe they can win the season if they train hard.

A growing community receives amenities

By **BRYCE JAMES** and
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LAKE Munmorah, located on the northern Central Coast, is undergoing major infrastructure construction in the town shopping centre due to its rapidly expanding population.

One of these developments includes a new Woolworths supermarket.

The \$5 million supermarket is situated within the enclosed shopping complex that also includes 13 specialty stores with opportunities for two

kiosks and a medical centre, plus on-site parking for more than 340 cars.

Citizens are benefitting from this new development in the form of jobs for locals and it has allowed residents to enjoy amenities closer to home.

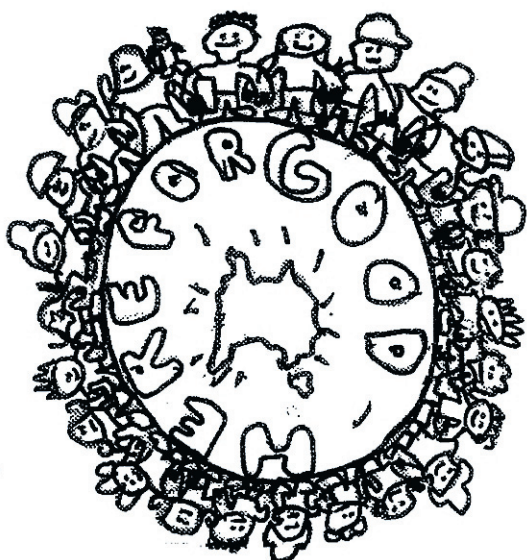
One resident, Joshua Stewart, said: "It's great, now I don't have to travel to Lakehaven to get groceries and they have great coffee closer to my house."

Blue Haven, located five minutes south west, is said to be expanding with an Aldi possibly to be built.



WELCOME: Lake Munmorah Woolworths is open for business.
Picture: Braidie Peachey

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