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Autumn 2019

Surfing the **dream** in Copa

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Corey Fletcher prior to a recent Nutri Grain Ironman final



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WHAT'S ON

MARCH

Saturday 02

Community CPR course
Copa SLSC

Saturday 02

Copa Bush Care
2-4pm at viewing platform

Sunday 03

Clean Up Australia Day

Monday 11

Copa Probus Club
10am at Copa SLSC

Sunday 31

Neighbour Day

APRIL

Thursday 04

CCA General Meeting
7:30pm Fire Station

Saturday 06

Copa Bush Care
2-4pm at viewing platform

Monday 08

Copa Probus Club
10am at Copa SLSC

Saturday 13

School holidays start

Friday 19 – Monday 22

Easter Long Weekend

Thursday 25

Anzac Day Dawn Service

Monday 29

School resumes

MAY

Saturday 04

Copa Bush Care
2-4pm at viewing platform

Sunday 12

Mothers Day

Monday 13

Copa Probus Club
10am at Copa SLSC

A word from the CCA President

With the Christmas and New Year period behind us it's good to reflect on what was a bumper holiday season at Copa. I've had many comments from locals that visitor numbers were well up this year and I must admit I can't recall ever seeing so many cars and people at the shops and around the surf club, particularly during the Christmas-New Year period. The warm, sunny weather obviously put people in the mood for a beach holiday this year, along with perhaps a little pre-election budget tightening...in any case, it was great to have locals holidaying 'at home' this year. And we're very lucky to have the wonderful Copa SLSC people working hard to keep everyone safe on the beach and our RFS brigade literally 'putting out fires' to protect our lovely village.



The crowds were good news for our local restaurants and cafés and the new business owners report being 'absolutely slammed' with customers for a few weeks there - in a good way! We encourage residents to continue to support those businesses now that the peak tourist season is over - we need them to thrive over the cooler months as well.

The Copa Christmas Carols went off without a hitch and this wonderful family event was enjoyed by large crowds, with key organiser Matt Francis reporting that not only were the crowds very well behaved, there was hardly any litter left behind for the clean-up crew to tackle. Thanks to all who helped. That's community spirit for you.

The CCA was pleased to host a Candidates Forum for the NSW State Election in February, which was well attended by interested locals, who also submitted questions for the candidates - see the report in the following pages. We will be discussing some of the issues raised in the context of the State election results at our next community meeting at the Fire Station on Thursday April 4 at 7.30pm. The CCA has also made a submission to the community consultation process around the Draft CCC Local Environment Plan and Development Control Plan. Please come along and join in the discussion.

And finally, a quick word of thanks to all of our advertisers. They continue to support the local community through Copa News, which allows us to stage events and activities that directly benefit all residents. We encourage you to 'think local' when purchasing or looking for services. The Anzac long weekend and the Easter holidays will be busy periods around town, and we hope you all enjoy some family time together.

Please feel free to drop me a line if you have queries or comments at:

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Steve Boucher



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Neighbourhood Watch Copacabana

*Be Aware
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Keep 'Neighbourhood Watching'*

Photo Credit: fotocam – Joe Larrarte

Hello Copa Friends and Neighbours

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Greetings to all - hope that 2019 will be a good year. Just catching up with Copa crime statistics for last year. None recorded for October, excellent news. In November there was only one incident, a Break & Enter.
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It will be interesting to see December and January results with the explosion of population in Copacabana over the Holiday season. Our little seaside village has obviously become a favourite place to holiday and enjoy. Police have changed the crime statistics reporting of raw data and will in future report any increase or spike in crime in a particular area to the NHW Area Coordinator.

Interesting to see more crime prevention ideas introduced and laws implemented for safer roads, further assisting police with their duties. High tech spy cameras have been introduced on highways to catch irresponsible drivers, misuse of mobile phones, speeding and other distractions. The road toll has been horrific with totally unacceptable numbers of road accidents, injuries and deaths.

Illicit Drugs:

Police and Customs officers are constantly seizing large quantities of imported and home produced drugs in illegal laboratories. It has been reported that Australia is now the most favoured country of destination for illegal drugs as the demand is highest, which is certainly very worrying. Police and all authorities are working at top level to eliminate this scourge from our communities.

Festival Drug Use:

It is welcome news that urgent attention has been paid to illicit drug taking and dealers at music and other entertainment festivals by police, security and all other relevant authorities. These functions are tremendously popular with our teen and twenties populations. Several young people have died due to overdose and many others hospitalised.

You can help by always reporting to Police any suspicious behaviour relating to illegal drug dealing and having an honest and open conversation about the risks with your kids. It could just save a life!

Cyber bullying on social media:

There is currently a 'Duty of Care' push to make social media companies responsible for harm caused by cyber bullying and offensive content on their networks. Surveys reveal that one in five teenagers are subject to cyber bullying and that figure is on the increase.

There is evidence that cyber bullying has a lasting and damaging effect on victims, including poor self-esteem, which can lead to depression and suicide. It is important to keep an open dialogue with our children and teens about the potential for them to be bullied online and to encourage them to discuss any such bullying with the family first, so that prevention strategies can be put in place at home and at school. A good resource for parents can be found at <https://esafety.gov.au/iparent>.

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Welcome to Kindergarten



Diary Dates

MARCH 2019

Monday 11th March

Young Leaders Day

Tuesday 19th March

School Photos

Thursday 21st March

Harmony Day

APRIL 2019

Friday 5th April

School Cross Country

The 2019 school year has begun with much enthusiasm from the students, their parents/carers and teachers alike. We have had a very busy time settling into school life and learning rules and routines. Not being able to do exactly what you want, when you want can take a bit of adjusting to... and that's just the teachers!!! When we really stop to think about all the things we cram into a school year and look back on how far we come from the beginning to the end, it's absolutely amazing.

Kindergarten is the year where so much growth is observed and those little vessels fill very quickly with so much information. It is a precious year too where a child's innocence is observably priceless and the simplest things in life are nurtured, cherished and appreciated. From then on, life becomes just that little bit harder and tainted.

We are looking forward to an amazing year with our 39 little chickens and are absolutely chuffed with the brood. Considering that this year's 2019 Kindergarten students will complete their HSC in 2031, it is timely for all of us to continue being innovative and maintain that forward thinking.



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	Bouddi NP Marine Extension		Picnic area
	Other NPWS reserve		Whale watching
	Major access road		Walking track
	Minor road		Toilets
	Fire Management Trail		Parking
	Walking track		Shipwreck
	Bouddi Coastal Walk		Locked gate
	Pushbikes permitted		

With the weather about to cool down a little and the flurry of holiday activities a dim memory, you might want to plan a bit of a trek to fully appreciate the wonderful coastline, bushland and birdlife on our doorstep. There are many beautiful walks to tackle around Copa, and if you're feeling up to it, here's one suggestion.

The Bouddi Coastal walk stretches south from Macmasters to Putty Beach. It's an 8.5k walk (one way) and you'll pass by Maitland Bay & Little Beach. It's signposted. There are a few short, steep hills and a few stairs, but overall it's rated a fairly easy walk, so good for families and kids. The views are sublime and it will take about 3.5 to 4.5 hours. You know the drill: hats, sunscreen, water and sensible shoes. Putty Beach is at the Northern end of Killcare. It's not

patrolled but the waters are very tranquil and its not crowded (except over Christmas/New Year and Easter, when the camping ground is full of holidaymakers). So take your swimmers and reward yourself with a dip at the end of your walk.

If you prefer your walks in shorter chunks:

- Putty Beach to Maitland Bay (3km)
- Maitland Bay to Little Beach (3.5km)
- Macmasters to Little Beach (1.7km)

P.S.

If you take a great photo on your walk, send it to us here at Copa News.

Go to our website at www.copanews.com.au for contact details. We're always looking for beautiful shots of our neighbourhood.

Corey Fletcher



Corey is an accomplished Surf Lifesaving champion who grew up right here, starting with Copa Nippers at the age of six. He won two State titles when he was in the Under 8s and many Branch and State medals for Copacabana SLSC in a wide variety of events before he moved to Terrigal SLSC at the age of 15. He attended Copa Public School and Terrigal High. Two years ago he moved up to the Gold Coast, where he now competes for Currumbin Vikings SLSC. His favourite events are Board and Ironman.

Now aged 21, Corey has an impressive array of titles under his belt, including fantastic results at the **World Surf Lifesaving titles in Adelaide at Glenelg in November 2018**. He came 2nd in the individual Board event and in the team events achieved Gold in Board Rescue; Gold in Tube Rescue and Silver in Taplin Relay for a total of 2 gold and 3 silver medals. Currumbin Vikings

were crowned the second best club in the world at this event from the 40+ countries represented.

Corey is currently sitting in 2nd place in the Board category in the Ocean Six Series and 15th place in the **Nutrigrain Iron Man series**. In the upcoming Queensland State Championships, Corey has been invited along by his sponsors, Engine, to participate in a clinic with some of the best Ironmen and Ironwomen in the world, where he will be signing posters and talking to fans.

Corey's next big goal is to make the Australian World Team for Italy 2020.

His weekly training session schedule will no doubt help him achieve that goal and is something all our young Copa competitors could aspire to.

Monday to Friday – Swim

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - Run

Monday & Friday – Ski

Tuesday & Thursday – Board

Wednesday & Saturday – Ironman

His favourite training session is **'Any session with sick runners or pumping waves!'** and his favourite quote **"Be grateful with everything you have and you will be successful in everything you do"** (Conor McGregor). Sounds like Corey is a humble and very grounded champion and we wish him all the very best in his chosen sport. His achievements have done Copa proud.

Corey lists his Coach, Michael King and his parents, Copa locals Paul Fletcher and Laney Bell as his mentors. Dad Paul supplied much of the information for this story and we are very happy to name Corey our **inaugural Copa News 'Local Hero'**.

His Instagram handle is **@coreyfletcher** if you'd like to check it out or go to:

<https://engineswim.com/athletes/>

Surfing the dream

Bye bye tourists, hello surfers!

With cooler weather, fewer tourists and generally better waves, Autumn/Winter is a favourite time for locals and others in the know to get a decent surf in and around Copa.



Stormrider Surf Guide gives Copa 5/5 stars and says:

“Copacabana attracts a crew to the shallow rock ledge that forms the northern point of the bay. Sucky lefts unload on the outside section before peeling through to the fun inside sandbars on higher tides... The banks facing the lagoon entrance are inconsistent but can get good.”

World Surf League at Avoca Beach

And if you want to see world-class surfers right here on the Coast, it's not too late to head to the **Vissla Central Coast Pro at Avoca Beach**, running until March 4.

This year the event has been upgraded to a World Surf League (WSL) Qualifying Series (QS) 3,000 rated event, the first ever QS3,000 event on Australian shores and a huge opportunity for competitors to improve their seeding early in the year. **Jordan Lawler**, Vissla team rider said 'These events are vital for surfers who are wishing to gain points to qualify for higher rated QS events and can even help surfers earn a spot on the Championship Tour. This event upgrade will really benefit competitors in this region and globally'.

There will be 176 seeded competitors from all over the world in the Mens' event, including 6 Aussies in the Top Ten, with circuit favourite **Owen Wright** at #1. Famous Avocans **Wade Carmichael** (#3) and **Adrian Buchan** (#4) will give the crowds their local heroes to cheer on, together with the other Top Ten seeds including surfers from the USA, France, South Africa and Brazil.



In the Women's event there are 112 seeds, with four Aussies in the Top Ten: **Bronte Macaulay** (#2); **Phillippa Anderson** (#5); **Holly Wawn** (#7) and **Dimity Stoye** (#8). No 1 seed is **Paige Hareb** from New Zealand, and local surfer and 3 times National champion **Kirra-belle Olsson** is seeded #33. Surfers from Costa Rica, USA and Japan round out the Top Ten.

Avoca is sure to be packed with competitors, spectators and event staff, so get along early for a good spot to see this world-class surfing event. We hope all the competitors have a great event, and the waves co-operate to make the comp an exciting and successful one.

For more information go to: Worldsurfleague.com or Surfingaustralia.com/events

Copa Surf Life Saving Club

Stay safe - Swim between the red and yellow flags

Joanne Fraser – President



What a great start to the year at Copacabana Beach with our volunteers having already spent over 1000 hours patrolling the beach. This summer holiday season we saw record crowds on the beach with no major incidents. On Christmas Day we asked our patrol members to assist in patrolling the beach front. Thank you to the amazing crew of people that were able to give up some of their day with family and friends to patrol on Christmas Day. Whilst our patrol members have been busy watching our beachfront, some of our members also offered up their Sunday on February 3rd to patrol The Entrance Beach. Thank you to those members who were able to offer their time, it was greatly appreciated.

The Nipper season is coming to an end with our last week being a twilight session before the kids head to State Carnival in Swansea/Belmont on the 1/2/3 March. We wish all the kids the best of luck and lots of fun. On February 3rd our Nippers attended Branch Carnival. We had a great day and were able to bring home the bronze medal for the All Age Relay - well done team. Not only are the Nippers busy competing at carnival, we also had Doug compete at Branch Carnival coming away with a couple of medals in his events. Well done Doug, amazing effort.

This year we introduced the Rockpool Rockstars Inclusive program, which allowed 6 kids to participate as Nippers. They have all had a great season and built some comfort around the beach and water. We would like to thank all the age managers of the Nippers and members of the community who partnered up with our Rockstars. It would not be possible without all these volunteers offering up their time every Sunday morning. A special thank you to Upstairs Wines, Flooring Xtra and Avoca Butcher for their donations to make this program possible.

We have been very fortunate to have received funding from the state government to continue with improvements to our club. In February we were presented with a cheque for \$34,000, which will allow us to upgrade the Del Monte Drive roller door, refurbish the gym for our members, complete painting the interior and many other improvements. We are truly thankful for this funding and to Adam Crouch who continues to provide support to get these much needed funds to our club and community.

On February 4th our Nippers went to Branch Carnival at Soldiers Beach. It was a great turnout to support Copacabana Junior Lifesaver, Zane Hartwell, along with the rest of the branch representatives. Well done Zane and thank you for representing our club.



In January the club hosted the 3rd and final round of Newcastle Permanent Iron Person. It was a great day with beautiful conditions to start the day, turning very cold with a southerly that blew in at 11am, making conditions challenging for the older age groups. This was a very successful day for competitors and our club. Thank you again to all the volunteers in the club who assisted in making the running of the day seamless, it was greatly appreciated.

We have some exciting activities coming up for the community:

- Community CPR course on the 2nd March 2pm -5pm – Come and learn (or just be refreshed) on how to act in an emergency and provide life-saving CPR on an unconscious person who has stopped breathing.
- Weekenders every Friday night 4-8pm upstairs. Come along with family and friends, enjoy a refreshing drink whilst enjoying some dinner which is prepared by our volunteers. There is a different menu each week.
- AGM will be held on the 30th June at the Surf Club. All welcome.



Copa RFS Brigade by Matt Francis

November to January

TYPE	No.
False Alarms and False Calls	1
Fire and Explosions	7
Good Intent Call	2
Hazardous Condition	4
MVA, Rescue, EMS Calls	3
Service Calls	6
Type of incident undetermined	1
Total	24



Firstly, ever wanted to be a Fire Fighter? We are looking for new members!!

Volunteering offers the opportunity to learn new and valuable skills that will not only assist you in your RFS role but in day to day life and even in your workplace. It's also an opportunity to meet local people you wouldn't normally meet. If you are interested in a rewarding volunteer role with the NSW RFS call 4382 2400 or visit us at the station any Wednesday from 7pm

Things have been fairly quiet from a response perspective, but we've been busy training our newer members and refreshing the veterans' skills while maintaining our appliances and equipment. One training session the team used a buoywall, which is a portable swimming pool-like bladder that is used to store water for pumping. We also have a full schedule of training planned to advance our members' skills, with first aid, chainsaw operation and Village & Advanced fire fighting courses among others.

A season highlight was Santa again being able to fit us into his busy schedule, a real coup. The brigade turned out a convoy of appliances to escort Santa around all of Copacabana and this year Kincumber too! The kids really enjoyed the spectacle of the convoy, but all eyes were on the guest of honour of course (and all tummies driving the diving for lollies). A great chance for the Brigade to thank the community for all their support.



We have also been actively fundraising over the Christmas season with two bucket shakes at Erina, along with some generous donations from local individuals and businesses. The Brigade is most grateful for this assistance as it will all go toward better enabling us to help in any emergency.

As a direct result of donations and a government grant, new lockers will be installed to replace a wall of coat hooks, making storing gear and responding quickly much easier for members.

The season is still very much an active one, with fires in many areas across Australia. Don't forget to make sure you have a plan, we are in a very bushy area and could easily face a substantial fire at any time.

Follow the Brigade on Facebook and Instagram to keep up to date on local conditions for fire risk, and information on other local emergencies and warnings, as well as reports about incidents we've attended. Stay safe and be fire aware over the Autumn months.



COPA UPGRADES

Susan Fahey Park

Major upgrade funding win
for Copa locals

By Adam Richards



Pictured L to R: Member for Terrigal, Adam Crouch; Vashti McNamara; John Seisun; Adam Richards; Marlies Seisun; NSW Planning Minister Anthony Roberts and Ray Seisun.

On moving to Copa twenty years ago, a common phrase I heard was 'Copa is the forgotten suburb' and 'poor cousins' of every other place. No one likes to hear that.

At the time I was a landscape designer/contractor and watched on as Susan Fahey Park sat largely unattended over the years except for the occasional mow, while the surrounding bush became further infested with weeds and the whole space remained under-utilised. I first approached the then Gosford Council in 2011 to see what improvements could be made. Since the space is the only park in our suburb, it seemed obvious to seek that it be upgraded to make it accessible and useful to all residents.

Over eight years we attended many meetings, made a ton of phone calls and engaged in much lobbying. However, despite a generally positive response there was no real progress made. Fast forward to 2018 - new Council, new Mayor, a couple of false starts and finally I was advised in January that Central Coast Council had allocated \$300,000 to upgrading the park in their draft budget for next year. That was exciting news but wasn't official enough to celebrate. Several Councillors have since expressed support for the draft budget allocation.

Finally we were advised that the State Government have committed \$200,000 to the project. NSW Planning Minister Anthony Roberts and Adam Crouch, Member for Terrigal, visited Copa on February 14 to make the announcement. So it can now be said we have close to a fully funded project. We are unclear at this stage whether the \$200,000 is in addition to the funding pledged by Council, or a contribution to it but we are making the optimistic assumption that we now have a budget of \$500,000. Stay tuned!

Community involvement and input will add much local value to the project. For some it will be regenerating the bushland, for others it could include a community garden or an exercise area. A natural bushland playground has been suggested while a space for ball games would certainly benefit many. Either way, it has always been the agreed position in any conversation that the Copa community will be consulted during the process of designing a space that is as ideal and inclusive as possible.

This project has so much potential benefit to a wide cross-section of the community - the kids who can enjoy a flat space to play and explore, the families who can have a picnic, the grandparents who can bring their grandkids somewhere other than the beach. We really hope everyone will be involved and contribute to make this valuable community space the best it can be.

Next steps will be guided by CC Council who will announce and direct the community consultation process. I hear they are pretty good at it these days. Meanwhile you can stay informed or add some ideas at the project's Facebook page - Copacabana Parklands Project. Lastly, thanks to those who have helped progress this work to this point - Copacabana Community Association, Central Coast Council staff and the locals we've met with and their input to date.



COPA SNIPPETS Bush Care

Come and join our
Bushcare Group

Bitou Bush

Copacabana Bushcare was established in 1993. Our aims are to improve and restore habitat for native birds and to stabilise the sand dunes. Over the years we have won several grants, enabling us to build the viewing platform and information signs that you see on our foreshores. Our major achievement has been to preserve and improve the coastal vegetation in the dune area. Without the hard work of our volunteers over the years, the native plants would be overrun with weeds, including the dreaded Bitou Bush (pictured above), which we are ultimately trying to eradicate.

If you'd like to help improve our environment but don't have a lot of time, come along to the Copacabana Bushcare afternoons where you can make a difference (and some new friends). We'll help you to understand the importance of the dune plants while you are helping to restore, enhance and protect our fragile coastal environment. You'll help with seed collection and propagation, learn bush regeneration techniques, flora identification and how to tell the good native plants from the weeds.

We meet on the first Saturday of the month: 2-4pm. Join us at the viewing platform opposite the shops. We'll always need new volunteers and you'll be made very welcome.

For more information:

Contact our Bushcare Convenor, Bernadine Mitchell, 0418 420 737 or our Bushcare Supervisor, Nicole Hetta, 0404 135 597.

See you at the beach!



Bitou Bush is a major threat to NSW Coastal ecosystems and biodiversity.

Bitou bush is native to South Africa and was planted along the NSW coast between 1946 and 1968 to stabilize the dunes. However, it spread rapidly and is now found along 46% of the NSW coastline. In some cases, the weed has spread 10 kilometres inland.

Bitou invades native coastal heathlands, grasslands and woodlands. It grows quickly and forms dense stands, replacing native plants and destroying the habitat of native animals. Infestations can smother sand dune, headland and coastal vegetation communities. Many threatened species and plant communities have been affected.

The NSW Scientific Committee has listed the Invasion of native plant communities by Bitou bush and boneseed as a key threatening process impacting both native plants and animals.

A Threat Abatement Plan (TAP) has been prepared to reduce the threat posed by bitou bush and boneseed to threatened species, populations and ecological communities and species, which may become threatened as a result of invasion. **If you have bitou bush in your garden, PLEASE remove it and cut and paint any roots with herbicide. Our Council no longer removes it.**

COPA RESIDENTS TURN OUT FOR Meet the Candidates Forum



BOB DOYLE

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STEVE BOUCHER

ADAM CROUCH

On February 7, the Copacabana Community Association (CCA) hosted a public **'Meet the Candidates' forum** for the NSW State election at Copa Surf Club.

The three major parties were represented.

Attending were **Adam Crouch** (sitting Liberal member for Terrigal), **Jeff Sundstrom** (Labor) and Greens candidate **Bob Doyle**. All had been given prior notice and content of five key questions the CCA Management Committee had composed, and were told that there would also be a further eight questions asked, comprising questions submitted by general members of the CCA.

Local residents turned out to hear the candidates' responses as they related to the seat of Terrigal, with particular focus on issues of interest to the Copa community. A brief summary follows here:

Winney Bay - next steps in overcoming the funding impasse - the need for revised/lower impact plans to be submitted is being discussed at Council, in the hope that the funding will be restored.

The Copa Masterplan - which has languished without progress for years – Mr Crouch urged Council to apply for regional NSW grant funding for this project

Coal seam gas exploration and seismic testing off the Coast - The three candidates were in lockstep on this issue, opposing any such testing and all saying they would not support any undersea gas exploration or mining proposals.

FUTURE PLANS FOR COPACABANA

And of course, the perennial issue for Copa residents – **roads repairs and funding** – was the subject of three separate questions, focusing on the dangerous and disgraceful state of Cullens Road (the site of many accidents) and the much needed upgrade to Del Monte Place which represents a danger to both pedestrians and motorists because of its narrowness, ditch, lack of footpath and poor surface. Meeting Chair, Steve Boucher, reminded the Candidates that over 1500 residents had signed a petition requesting upgrades over 4 years ago.



Mr Crouch encouraged Council to apply for funding for the Cullens Road improvements as a matter of urgency, and said that funding should now be available for this priority project through the NSW government's Safer Roads program. (We have since learned that Council has already applied for funding from the State government and are waiting on a response). Mr Crouch also reiterated the NSW government's commitment to the Del Monte upgrade, saying that it was a \$10m project and would be done 'in the longer term'.

The other major issue canvassed was the **Draft Consolidated LEP and DCP** plans, currently under consideration. The CCA and local residents want to ensure that the seaside 'village' qualities of Copa (and similar small hamlets) are not destroyed by inappropriate or over development made possible by (proposed) new zoning regulations and permissible developments.

All 3 candidates agreed that the character of Copa should be preserved and residents were urged to make submissions during the consultation period.

The Copacabana Community Association has made a submission to the LEP/DCP planning consultation process, strongly advocating for the beautiful, peaceful village atmosphere and environment at Copa to be retained for the benefit of all who live here.

Other questions from the members covered diverse issues such as Water quality / sewerage outfall at Winney Bay; Bus services; the proposed Copa Men's Shed; faster rail between Sydney - Gosford - Newcastle and palliative care on the Coast.



The evening was well attended, time limits for questions were strictly adhered to and the candidates all acquitted themselves well to the questions.

CCA President, Steve Boucher said 'We appreciated the attendance of the three candidates and were glad to give the Copa community the opportunity to hear their policies and opinions regarding issues of crucial local importance'.

Residents interested in more information about these issues can check our website:

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and click on the link to contact the CCA with your questions.

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