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Remembrance Day ceremony

A Remembrance Day ceremony was held at 11am on November 11 at the Ettalong Beach Memorial, commemorating 102 years since the end of World War I.

The relaxation of coronavirus restrictions meant the National Service 1951-72 Re-enactment

Unit and a catafalque party could join officials for the ceremony.

The ceremony was organised by the Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association of Australia.

Central Coast sub-branch president Mr Alan Ball welcomed and thanked those in attendance.

Lieutenant Colonel (ret) Scott

Tatnell was guest speaker, providing an insight into attitudes of the day.

The Ettalong Diggers Club hosted veterans and their families afterwards, their first social function for the year.

SOURCE:

Media release, 12 Nov 2020
Alan Ball, VVPPAAC

Hazard reduction burns planned for The Bays

Fire hazard reduction burns are "a high priority" for The Bays area, the Bays Community Group has been told.

The group's committee invited Rural Fire Service brigade captain Mr Stephen O'Donoghue to provide an update.

He said that preparation work was almost complete, according to Community Group committee member Ms Marie Davies.

She said hazard reduction were planned for the bush surrounding Wattle Cres, Olive Ave, Woy Woy Rd and Gabagong Rd.

Hazard reduction would be done as soon as the weather permitted

and the resources were organised.

"This burn has been on the list for a while but weather and other considerations have prevented it from being done," she said the committee was told.

Residents would be informed when hazard reduction burning was planned.

She said during the burning residents should keep doors and windows closed to prevent smoke entering homes.

They should keep outdoor furniture under cover to prevent ember burns and retract pool covers to prevent ember damage.

They should remove washing from clotheslines and ensure pets had a protected area in which to

shelter.

Vehicles on the roads should slow down, keep windows up, turn headlights on.

Sightseers must keep away from burns for their own safety.

If you have asthma or a lung condition, reduce outdoor activities.

If smoke levels are high and if shortness of breath or coughing develops, take your reliever medicine or seek medical advice.

Living in The Bays means living with the potential threat of a bushfire.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 3 Nov 2020
Gwynneth Weir, The Bays Community Group

Rotary holds Christmas tree sale

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy will be holding its annual Christmas tree sale on the first two weekends in December.

The trees will be for sale from 7am on Saturdays and Sundays, December 5, 6, 12 and 13 at the

Woy Woy commuter carpark on Railway St.

The trees have been farm-grown as Christmas trees and will cost \$80 to \$100, said club president Ms Joan Redmond.

Funds raised through the sale of the trees would support

the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program and other Rotary projects, she said.

"There is plenty of parking space for you to drive straight in and pick up your tree."

SOURCE:

Social media, 4 Nov 2020
Joan Redmond, Rotary Woy Woy

Peninsula News is still here

What's happening with Peninsula News?

Peninsula News is still here and will continue into the future. We are not shutting down.

We have fewer pages at present due to a change in production arrangements, but – with the help of the Peninsula community – we expect to build the newspaper back up to its previous size over time.

A voluntary non-profit community group has owned and

operated Peninsula News over the past 21 years, and continues under the leadership of its founding editor Mark Snell.

It will continue with the same editorial policies that have seen it develop an extraordinary level of recognition, appreciation and support over the years: comprehensive and exclusive coverage of news relevant to the Peninsula, encouragement of well-informed discussion of issues affecting our future locally.

What are the changes?

As you may have read in the last issue of Peninsula News, the long-standing arrangement we had with Central Coast Newspapers to produce Peninsula News on our behalf has come to an end.

The new owner of Central Coast Newspapers told us he was not willing to continue the arrangement that we had with the previous owner Mr Cec Bucello.

What we did not know at the time was that Central Coast Newspapers was planning to bring out a newspaper in competition with Peninsula News – the Pelican Post.

Under the previous arrangement, Mr Bucello bore the costs of production but was able to retain all advertising revenue. This arrangement meant that we were able to concentrate on the quality of the news content of Peninsula News, without needing to attend to the commercial realities of the operation.

However, it also meant that, when we were faced with having to "go it alone", we were left without the advertising that businesses had previously placed with Peninsula News.

We are now having to re-establish these relationships directly with those concerned.

Help and support needed

Peninsula News is now being researched, written, designed, printed and distributed and advertising raised by volunteers from our not-for-profit community group, The Peninsula's Own News Service Inc, and its supporters.

Your help and support is needed, while we establish our own commercial operation, and get ourselves back on our feet.

We would welcome volunteers in all aspects of the newspaper's production, from news gathering and photography, in graphic design, advertising and administration, through to

distribution.

Any support local individuals or organisations are able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

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SOURCE:
Mark Snell, editor
13 Nov 2020

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Peninsula News is a fortnightly community newspaper for the Woy Woy Peninsula, owned by The Peninsula's Own News Service Inc, a local non-profit incorporated association. Its aims include providing a viable, non-partisan news medium and forum exclusively for the Peninsula and developing a strong sense of community on the Peninsula.

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Editorial policy and guidelines

At its heart, Peninsula News is a community effort.

It welcomes and relies on the contributions provided voluntarily and at no cost by local organisations, groups and residents.

The newspaper aims to be accessible to the community - both through making its columns accessible to community groups and by having copies available in accessible locations, including through its website.

The following policies and guidelines are designed to support the aims and standards of the newspaper.

Locality

The newspaper's editorial policy reflects a desire to reinforce the Peninsula's sense of community.

To qualify for publication, articles must have specific relevance to the Peninsula. For example, they must be about activities or events happening on the Peninsula or be organised by or involving Peninsula people.

The newspaper is not regional or national in nature, so regional or national issues will not be canvassed except as they affect the Peninsula.

Regional sports will only be covered from the perspective of Peninsula clubs. Regional plans will only be aired in the context of their ramifications for the Peninsula.

Peninsula News aims to be inclusive of as much of the Peninsula community as possible.

Readability

To ensure that the newspaper serves its purpose, it must be readable and represent the interests and activities of the community in its content.

Contributions to the paper are edited to consistent standards of readability. Guidelines are available for intending contributors.

All items will be dated. They must contain the name of the author to whom the contribution may be attributed, with their first name spelt out, along with their suburb or organisation. Anonymous contributions will not be accepted.

Forum letters

The Forum section provides the opportunity for readers to express their views on any aspect of Peninsula community life, with the aim of reflecting the community's diversity of opinion.

Nevertheless, letters may be edited for readability, including for length, spelling and grammar, and to avoid legal liability on the part of the newspaper, or they may be declined altogether.

Contributors are asked to keep their

contributions to the matter at hand, and to focus on the issues and not abuse or insult others.

Other than in the case of holding public figures to account, criticism of others (as opposed to criticism of particular opinions) is unlikely to be published in the interests of facilitating the expression of a diversity of views.

All letter writers need to supply name, address and contact details. Only name and suburb will be published.

Contributors who do not wish the wording of their letter to be changed at all should make a note to this effect when submitting their letter. In some cases, this may result in the letter not being published.

Corrections

We try to be as accurate as possible. However, mistakes can still slip through.

If you believe we have got something wrong, whether an error of fact or interpretation, we ask that you write to us by email with details for publication. These corrections may appear as Forum letters or as news items and should conform to our requirements for news and Forum contributions.

Source lines

Peninsula News includes "source lines" at the end of each article which aim to provide readers with information about where and how we came across the information, so that they might judge for themselves the veracity of what they are reading.

It should not be assumed that the article is a verbatim reproduction of the source. Similarly, it should not be assumed that any reporter listed is necessarily responsible for writing the whole news item. Source lines are not by-lines.

Often articles come from a number of sources. They are edited for readability and reader interest and given different headings, and consequently can be expressed quite differently from the source material.

Peninsula News usually receives its information in three ways: It is sent to us by someone wanting to promote their activities; it is sent to us in response to our inquiries; or it comes from a newsletter or other document to which we have access.

Sometimes we may interview a person or report what they said at a meeting.

The following descriptions are used:

Media Release - unsolicited contributions.

Media Statement - sent in response to our questions. **Website** or **Social Media** - information published online. **Newsletter** or **Report** - published in print or online.

Interview or **Meeting** - statements recorded by a reporter.

Forum contributions may be: **Email** if sent electronically and **Letter** if written on paper.

Men's Shed to hold garage sale

The Umina Beach Men's Shed will hold its annual garage sale in a former car yard in Woy Woy on Saturday, November 21.

The sale will be held at 17 Charlton St, Woy Woy, from 7:30am.

"Due to the Covid restrictions it was not practical this time to hold it at the lovely CWA Hall in Umina," said Men's Shed secretary Mr Vic Brown.

"Due to the virus restrictions our annual sale will be held outdoors in the fresh air providing adequate social distancing."

Mr Brown said the sale would be aimed at the handyperson and those interested in boating and fishing.

It would include tools for painting, welding, woodturning and a range of both hand tools and power tools.

"As in previous years, this sale



presents a really great opportunity for the Peninsula people to pick up a broad range of tools, equipment and gadgets," he said.

"Most of the equipment and items have been donated to our Shed and are surplus to our requirements."

"The equipment and tools are still good to go."

"All the funds raised on the day are returned to the Shed to assist with running expenses," Mr Brown said.

Pictured are Men's Shed members Jeff Savell, Bill Ide, Bill Graham and Bill Wood with a selection of the items for sale.

SOURCE:
Media release, 7 Nov 2020
Vic Brown, UBMSI

Blackwall Mountain 'severely damaged' says Trust

The top of Blackwall Mountain has been "severely damaged" by bike riders, according to the Killcare Wagstaffe Trust.

In its latest newsletter, it has also described damage by bike riders in Bouddi National Park.

"At present, bike riders are permitted to ride on fire trails in national parks," said Trust president Mr David Legge.

"They are not permitted to ride on walking tracks or through the bush."

"Unfortunately, some riders are ignoring these restrictions in Bouddi National Park."

"For example, a riding path has been carved out between the Hardy's Bay fire trail and the Hardy's Bay Club."

"This has involved cutting through tree roots, constructing ramps, laying down artificial turf - all things that are clearly not

compatible with the conservation aims of national parks.

"Off trail bike tracks have also been carved out along the Daley's Point trail towards the Aboriginal carvings."

"The Trust would like to hear from anyone who has contacts with the bike riding community so that we can build a dialogue with the riders and address these problems."

"We would also like to hear about any other unauthorised bike tracks in the area. (killcarewagstaffetrust@gmail.com)."

The committee will also be writing to National Parks to urge that they repair the damage and enforce the restrictions that are in place.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 5 Nov 2020
David Legge, Killcare
Wagstaffe Trust

Fire graduate allocated to Umina

Umina Fire Station in Trafalgar Ave, Woy Woy, has been allocated one of 264 new graduates of the Fire and Rescue NSW Emergency Services Academy at Orchard Hills

Mr Ethan Maberley has been appointed as an on-call "retained" firefighter.

The graduates came from a variety of backgrounds, including a former professional rally car co-driver, a martial arts instructor, a former dairy farm manager, a youth worker and a number of teachers.

Commissioner Paul Baxter congratulated the new recruits at the graduation ceremony.

"Becoming a firefighter is no easy feat."

"We attract 6000-8000 applications each year, yet of these thousands, only an elite few are chosen," he said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 30 Oct 2020
Paul Baxter, Fire and Rescue NSW

Almost 40mm rainfall in 13 days

The Peninsula has received 39.7mm of rain in the first 13 days of November.

Average for the month is 96mm.

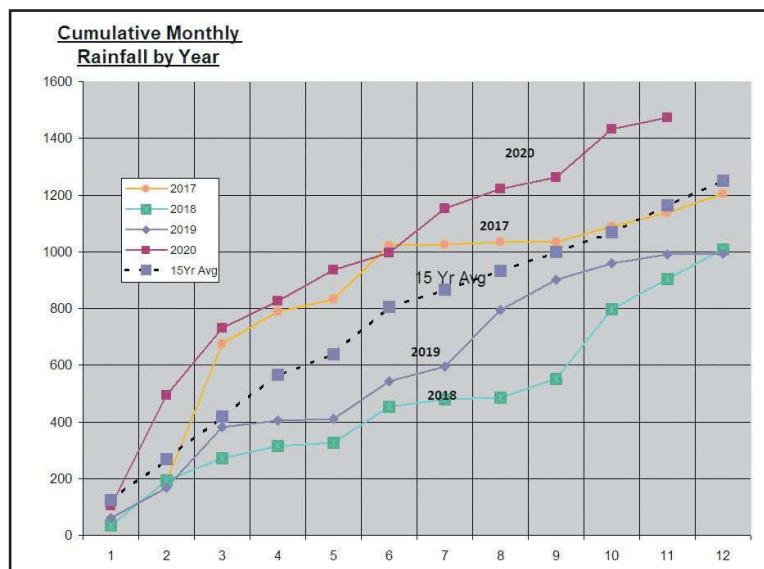
The rainfall brings the total for the year to 1471.5mm, 26.3 per cent above the average figure for the end of November of 1165mm.

The total is also 17.7 per cent above the average annual figure of 1250mm.

Rain in the last two weeks was spread over six days.

The highest daily rainfall was 24.0mm recorded on November 6.

SOURCE:
Email, 13 Nov 2020
Jim Morrison, Umina



Information centre receives level two accreditation

The visitor information centre at Ettalong Diggers has been awarded level two accreditation.

The new status is recognition of Ettalong and the Peninsula as major tourism destinations, said centre tourism administrator Ms Kim Cole.

"We are extremely proud of our new status that we have worked so hard to achieve over the last four years," she said.

"Many benefits come with being awarded level two status including direction road signs on

major intersections and motorways approaching Ettalong Beach."

The signs were expected to be installed next year.

The centre will also be able to display the official visitor information centre logo, a blue sign with a yellow italic *i*.

"Only fully Accredited Visitor Information Centres can display this logo, which is overseen by The Tourism Group and Destination NSW."

The Centre is funded by the Ettalong Diggers Club.

Ms Cole said it was the vision

of Diggers chief executive Mr Bill Jackson who believed that the tourism industry on the Peninsula needed a helping hand, with visitor information available at Ettalong.

She said part of the Visitor Information Centre role was helping promote small business at no cost.

Ms Cole said the centre encouraged all local businesses to make contact with her at the centre.

SOURCE:

Media release, 13 Nov 2020
Kim Cole, Ettalong Diggers



Mall demolition makes way for new centre

The demolition of the burnt-out Umina Mall was all but completed within the space of five days last week.

Only the frame of the bottle shop and store remained.

The demolition makes way for the construction of a new shopping centre on a square site four times the area of Umina Mall, extending from Lone Pine Ave to Pozieres Ave and back to include vacant land at the rear of the Mall.

Council approval for the development was given 10 years ago, but progress stalled over the sale by Council of a public laneway to Mall owners, Laundry Exhibition.

The matter was brought to a head when a fire destroyed the Mall in January last year, and the Council was pressured to facilitate a clean-up and the redevelopment.

SOURCE:

DA Tracker, 12 Nov 2020
DA37199/2009, Central Coast Council



Survey of arboretum users

The committee of the Crommelin Native Arboretum at Pearl Beach is currently conducting a survey to understand how people enjoy the arboretum.

The Crommelin Native Arboretum at Pearl Beach (the Arboretum) is situated on 5.5 acres of land owned by Central Coast Council in the south-west corner of the village of Pearl Beach adjacent to the Brisbane Water National Park.

It is managed by a small community management

committee.

"Our constitution tasks us with protecting, enhancing, maintaining and managing the Crommelin Native Arboretum; and to promote and encourage nature conservation at Pearl Beach and elsewhere," said Arboretum member Ms Mary Knaggs.

"We want to know what you think about the arboretum and how we can improve it for those who visit.

"We have a few questions and would be very grateful if you would answer them for us."

The questions include: How

often do you visit the arboretum? Where do you live?

What did you like most about the arboretum? And, is there anything else you would like to see or experience in the arboretum?

The arboretum will hold an open day on Saturday, November 21, with committee members available in The Cottage from 9am until 11am.

The survey will close on November 30.

SOURCE:

Social media, 2 Nov 2020
Mary Knaggs, Crommelin Native Arboretum

Ettalong Bowls Club weathers pandemic

The Ettalong Memorial Bowls Club appears to have weathered the coronavirus pandemic relatively well according to the club's 2019-20 financial statement.

The Club suffered a drop in profits from \$256,319 for the 2019 financial year to \$116,931 for 2020, while revenues dropped by more than \$1.5 million from \$11.99 million to \$10.48 million.

The club cut its costs from \$10.05 million in 2019 to \$8.67 for 2020.

Board chairman Mr Robert Henderson said: "There have been a range of measures introduced by the government to support businesses and the club is eligible as a result of the impact of the shutdowns announced due to the Covid pandemic.

"The club anticipates continued challenging trading conditions until such time that a return to normal operations is possible.

"The extent of the loss incurred may impact cash reserves, with the financial position of the club being

monitored on an ongoing basis by the Board."

Mr Henderson reported net clearances from poker machines for the year totalled \$5.12 million, a decrease of \$1.10 million (17.7 per cent) on the previous year.

Direct expenses for the 2020 year totalled \$2.86 million which compared with 2019 year of \$3.12 million, a decrease of \$259,000 (8.1 per cent).

Net profit totalled \$2.48 million which compared with the 2019 year of \$3.39 million, a decrease of

\$912,000 (26.8 per cent).

Turnover from bar trading for the year totalled \$3.60 million compared with turnover for the previous year of \$4.42 million, a decrease of \$822,000 or 18.6 per cent.

The bar trading gross profit of \$1.98 million (55.5 per cent of sales) is a decrease of \$384,000 (16.2 per cent) on the previous year.

Net profit totalled \$239,796 which compares with the 2019 year of \$540,438, a decrease of

\$300,642 (55.6 per cent).

Income from bowls operations decreased by \$10,098 (8.6 per cent) to \$106,780 from \$116,877 in 2019.

Expenses totalled \$388,213 (\$459,087 in 2019), a decrease of \$70,874 (15.4 per cent). The net loss from bowls operations was \$281,434 for the year compared to \$342,210 in 2019, a decrease of \$60,776 (17.7 per cent).

SOURCE:

Annual report, 10 Nov 2020
Ettalong Memorial Bowls Club



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Council relents on street tree planting

Central Coast Council staff appear to have relented in their opposition to street tree planting on the Peninsula.

They have now issued guidelines for planting trees in nature strips.

Previously, council staff had stood in the way of efforts by the Grow Urban Shade Trees group in Umina to encourage street tree planting, claiming the street trees were a threat to underground infrastructure.

According to a social media post by the group, the council has issued the following guidelines.

Trees should be planted three metres from the property boundary, three metres from a power pole and three metres from the approach side of a driveway.

They should be planted at least 12 metres from a major intersection.

Trees under power lines should grow to no more than five metres.

Branches should not interfere with water hydrants.

The change in council attitude comes after years of campaigning by the Grow Urban Shade Trees group, and studies which showed

the Peninsula to be the hottest area on the Coast, suffering from "urban heat island effect".

The group has also welcomed a new page on the council website "giving advice about trees and how, where and when residents and developers need to get approval for tree pruning or removal".

"Previously the council website was fairly devoid of concrete advice about trees unless you are one of those people who is great at wading through long policy documents."

The group noted that there was "still no action on Significant Trees".

The council website states: "Council is currently developing a process and criteria for nominating and assessing trees considered to be Significant. Information will be provided on Councils website once this is complete."

The advice about pruning and removal can be found at <https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/residents/property/trees-and-vegetation>.

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Nov 2020
Grow Urban Shade Trees

Brigade holds 'relay training'

The Patonga Fire Brigade held "relay training" recently at one of its evening meetings.

The members involved in the training were: senior deputy captain Matt Hauser, deputy captain Justin Zwan, Anita MacArthur, James Brien, Josh Davis, Brady Baker, Sarah Osbourn, Jake Zwan, Brad Sharp and Nicole Bergan.

"We were relaying water from the large Cat 1 tanker to the small Cat 9 4x4 tanker," said Ms Bergan.

"This is often required due to the size difference in the trucks and the access difficulties that can be faced with the large tanker."



"The relay can be a juggling act of making sure the tankers are running the right pressure so as not to damage the pumps or other equipment."

The brigade meets on a Tuesday night from about 6pm.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Oct 2020
Nicole Bergan, Patonga RFS

Well-wishers wanted

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy is asking for people to write anonymous letters for the club to pass on elderly people to "let them know they are not forgotten".

"This project is in association with Pacific Link Housing who provide housing solutions and tenant support programs for those in the community who are in the greatest need," said Rotarian Ms Julie Allen.

"They have about 200 mainly elderly clients who they feel would benefit from receiving a cheerful letter."

"The project invites you to write an anonymous, handwritten note.

The letters should not contain personal information and should not be dated.

"Be kind and thoughtful and keep sentiments generic.

"Don't assume the person you are writing to is lonely or sick," Ms Allen said.

The letters should be posted to: From Me to You, Rotary Club of Woy Woy Inc, PO Box 175, Woy Woy NSW 2256, so they may be received Tuesday, November 24.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 10 Nov 2020
Joan Redmond, Rotary Woy Woy



Planting vegies

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Seeking old newsletters

The Bays Community Group is seeking historic copies of its newsletter, The Bays Bulletin.

"To create an historical record, we are looking to compile a complete set of The Bulletins since it was first issued," said group president Ms Gwynneth Weir.

"We have copies of all the issues since The Bulletin went electronic in 2012.

"Prior to that, paper copies of The Bulletin were delivered to letter boxes.

"We have most of the paper copies but are missing the following paper issues: 1-8, 11 and 25."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 3 Nov 2020
Gwynneth Weir, The Bays Community Group

Bridge Warriors renew letter-writing campaign

The St Hubert's Island Bridge Warriors group has renewed a letter-writing campaign, following meetings group members have held with Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks and Central Coast Council staff.

The group, which is seeking a new design for a proposed pedestrian barrier on the bridge, has called on supporters to write to the council.

Committee member Ms Vicki Johnson said the proposed design was the same style as erected on the Brian McGowan Bridge in Gosford.

She said: "The community is continuing to object strongly to the design which is more suited to a highway overpass than a suburban

bridge overlooking the picturesque Brisbane Water."

Group member Ms Lindy Wilson said that, at a recent meeting, council staff were focussed on defending their design.

She said that the group had produced a number of alternatives designs that came from a quick internet search.

"We found a number of designs in five minutes."

These included a barrier on Anzac Pde in Moore Park.

She said the group did not have a preferred design, but "there must be other alternatives ... to expedient ugly things that lack design".

Ms Wilson said that, internationally, a number of different approaches had been taken.

"This wouldn't happen in Italy. They would put some design to it."

She said the council staff had undertaken to "look at" different designs.

Ms Johnson said Gosford Council had objected strongly to the same design of barrier for the Brian McGowan Bridge in 2007.

"They considered that the barriers would impact on the aesthetics of the bridge, increase blockage of views and detract from its gracefulness."

Ms Johnson said: "They were ugly then and they are ugly now."

Ms Wilson said the Brian McGowan Bridge had no residential area overlooking it.

The St Hubert's Island bridge was in a residential area, with high numbers of tourists.

She said photographers came to the area to take scenic sunset pictures.

Residents did not want a barrier on the bridge that made the area "look like a penitentiary", she said.

She said the group was now calling on supporters to write to the council reiterating their request for a new design and to ask council staff "to show that they are listening".

Pictured are group members Pat Jessop, Lindy Wilson, Carol Khouri, Jane Love, Stephen Ghent and Louise Williams in front of the scenic view that would be spoiled by the proposed pedestrian barrier.

SOURCE:
Media release, 9 Nov 2020
Lindy Wilson, Bridge Warriors 2257



Bus outings resume

A Woy Woy aged care home has resumed bus outings for its residents.

One of the first trips for Blue Wave Living residents was to Patonga last week.

"NSW Health has finally allowed this to occur, as long as it is an outing to an outdoor venue and there is minimised contact with other people," said BlueWave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

"This has been one of the many frustrating aspects of managing the risk of Covid for our residents, and it has been many months now since we have been able to take residents on an outing.

"This will be a wonderful opportunity for many of our residents, especially those who don't have immediate family nearby, also very opportune as we move through spring towards warmer weather."

Mr Downie said: "We are all looking forward to further relaxation of restrictions, which can only occur with all within the community participating and doing the right thing.

"We appreciate everyone's efforts in assisting with this process over many

months.

"The success of a coordinated approach is clear in Victoria, where there has been resounding success at suppressing the spread of the virus, and there are now only a handful of active cases across the aged care network in Victoria.

"With Covid now seemingly well managed within Australia, it is easy to become complacent.

"However the risk remains real, and until there is a viable vaccine widely implemented, the virus could still be circulating largely undetected and pose a potential risk to our elders.

"While we are relaxing many restrictions as community cases diminish, there will have to remain some measures in place for the foreseeable future.

"Most of these restrictions are legislated and we are obligated to have them in place.

"Some of the restrictions we may impose we do so as part of our on-going risk assessment."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 10 Nov 2020
Matt Downie, BlueWave Living

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Residents buy ECG

Residents in "independent living units" at a Umina aged care facility have donated an electro-cardiogram (ECG) machine to the village.

The 63 residents of the units at Peninsula Village decided to combine a refund they were each entitled to at the end of the financial year to make the purchase.

Village chief executive Mr Shane Neaves said the suggestion was made under the leadership of the residents' elected representatives, Mr John Adams and Ms Marion

Anderson.

"The residents agreed that an ECG Machine would be useful for our nursing staff and visiting doctors to quickly and accurately diagnose the heart condition of residents," he said.

"Now our staff, and especially our nurse practitioner, have welcomed the brand new electrocardiogram machine.

"It has already been used many times."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 10 Nov 2020
Shane Neaves, Peninsula Village



Rotary sweep raises \$6000

More than \$6000 has been raised in a Melbourne Cup Sweep run by the Rotary Club of Woy Woy.

"We were completely sold out at 10.30am on race day," said sweep organiser Rotarian Mr Charles Brock.

"Out of a possible ticket sale of 6072, the club has raised over \$6000.

"This can only be said to be an outstanding effort by all members who took up the task of selling tickets at Deepwater Plaza."

He said a number of local businesses acted as ticket outlets.

"This local support has contributed greatly to our annual effort."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 10 Nov 2020
Joan Redmond, Rotary Woy Woy

Forum

Fit for future?

While it was unavoidable for the State Government to appoint an interim administrator to manage the Central Coast Council for the next three months, given Council's debt of \$89 million, for me a major concern is that the State Government may try to extend its tentacles further into local government.

The Sydney Morning Herald reported on October 31 that 19 of the 20 super, merged councils have lost money since the merger and chronically underperformed compared to the remaining 108

NSW councils that weren't forced to merge.

Consulting firm LSI Consulting which reviewed the performance of councils for three decades concluded that: "Mismanagement, a lack of transparency and inefficiencies ... sums up what's going wrong with councils".

Perhaps the merger impositions were more a case of political extension by State Government over local government and local communities to further their state agendas, rather than a well-researched exercise into making councils more fit for the future.

SOURCE:
Email, 13 Nov 2020
Suraya Coorey, Woy Woy

Christmas decorations include a 60-year-old drummer bear

A resident of a Woy Woy aged care home has filled her room with Christmas decorations, including a 60-year-old Christmas drummer bear.

Ms Vera Hoxha, who has recently moved into Blue Wave Living, set up a table and chairs with decorations in front of her room at Blue Wave Living, as well as inside the room.

Other residents can view the decorations from the courtyard onto which her room opens.

"It is certainly bringing the spirit of Christmas to BlueWave," said Blue Wave Living marketing manager Ms Kylie Scott.

Ms Scott said that Ms Hoxha brought many more decorations with her than would fit in her room and was making them available for use throughout the building.

She said the drummer bear was of special significance to Ms Hoxha as it was a present for her daughter's first Christmas 60 years ago.

Ms Scott said the centre planned its usual Christmas light bus trips this year.

"We take the residents out on the bus and drive around to look at the Christmas Lights on display.

"This is really popular each year."

A Christmas lunch was planned and numerous Christmas concerts and performances, among them "Carols by Sunlight".

SOURCE:
Media Release, 10 Nov 2020
Kylie Scott, BlueWave Living

Hoping mural will be the first of many



Naomi Vietch and June Killington

The organiser of a "community wall mural project" is hoping the first wall at the rear of 18 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, will be the first of many.

"My motto is: Making Woy Woy beautiful one wall at a time," said Woy Woy resident Ms June Killington.

Ms Killington is currently seeking donations for the project.

She said that two professional artists would be involved with the project, which had the support of

the Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

"We intend to beautify an ugly graffiti wall that's in a busy thoroughfare and seen by tourists and pedestrians."

The wall is in a laneway that runs beside Ms Tesch's electorate office through to Chambers Place.

Ms Killington said the artists were local residents Angie O'Sullivan and Naomi Vietch who were donating their time.

"We're asking for donations towards the paint, paint brushes, anti-graffiti sealant and scaffolding, as we have no council funding.

"It's a massive job and many locals have offered to help with the painting.

"We want to start the work as soon as possible.

"I had just been looking at this wall for so long and realising that it's probably the ugliest thing in Woy Woy - so I took action.

"It's so close to the ferry, that's about to have a \$5.4 million upgrade, with tourists walking past it constantly and our locals on the way to the shops and the train station."

Ms Killington said she had contacted the owner of the wall and had been given permission to beautify it.

She said, in discussing a design with the artists, her only specification I had was: "No pelicans".

"I want a wall that's going to look so fabulous that people will come from miles around to have their photo taken next to it."

SOURCE:
Media release, 4 Nov 2020
June Killington, Woy Woy



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Charli to be on Minister's committee

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus vice-captain Charli Grant has been selected as a member of the Education Minister's Student Council steering committee.

The steering committee will shape the way the Minister's advisory Student Council will work, when it is launched next year.

Minister for Education Ms Sarah Mitchell said: "The Student Council will be the peak forum for myself, department senior officers and students to engage in authentic discussions that will help shape education and school policies that affect students."

In a letter to Charli, Ms Mitchell said: "I need you to co-design a

system that will ensure student voices are heard.

"This is a big task - but I know you are up to the challenge.

"You have taken on an important role, and I thank you in advance for your commitment to help make this important initiative a reality.

"The impact of recent events including natural disasters and Covid-19 on the wellbeing and learning of students has emphasised for me how important this Student Council will be.

"Thank you for taking on this important task and I look forward to meeting you, and seeing the results of your work on this committee."

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Nov 2020
Kerry O'Heir, BWSC Umina



Voluntary referees

Year 10 and 11 students from Brisbane Water Secondary Collage have been volunteering their time to referee at local primary school gala days in Term 4.

Pictured above are netball referees Keira Murphy, Maddison May, Katie Newman, Jordan Curran and Yuki Rodden.

Pictured below are soccer referees Aleah Soames, Anna Lewin, Elyse Charles, Amber Mangan, Levi Smith, Emma Sullivan, Michael Weathers, Teakayla Davies, Courtney Gatt, Jeremiah Mullard and Reece Carlyle.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 29 Oct 2020
Simon Warren, BWSC Woy Woy

New building planned for Ettalong school

A new building is being planned for Ettalong Public School for use for before and after school care, as well as the school itself.

"It will be located on the Karingi St side, parallel to K-block, the newest building on our site," said school principal Ms Lynn Balfour.

"The plans for this look terrific so we are excited about this new addition.

"Hopefully, it will be available

around term two next year."

Ms Balfour said new laptops have been purchased for use in the kindergarten and support classrooms.

"It is a huge commitment and investment, keeping our school up to date with technology.

"But we are in a great position, with all classrooms having the most up-to-date smartboards and new computers on order for our technology room.

"We also make full use of the department's borrowing system for expensive equipment such as green screens."

Ms Balfour said she had also applied for a grant towards a rigid cover for the K-2 playground equipment.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 10 Nov 2020
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School



Liesl Tesch MP
Member for Gosford

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Sport



Umina United women win soccer grand final

Umina United women's first grade soccer team defeated Gosford on November 7 to win the Central Coast grand final.

The score was 2-all at full time and remained unchanged after 30 minutes extra time.

Umina won in a penalty shoot-out.

The game was played at an exhausting pace, going from one end to the other, with missed chances and great saves from both keepers, according to Umina coach Steven Donaldson.

Umina scored its first goal, and led at half time.

Umina scored its second goal "after continuous pressure" in the second half.

Gosford then scored two quick goals which had the teams locked 2-all at full time.

"Both sides were out on their feet but had to endure 30 minutes extra time," said Mr Donaldson.

"The teams were still giving it their all and it got down to who would make that crucial mistake.

"The teams battled though a hard-fought 30 minutes to have the

match go to a penalty shoot-out."

This saw Umina win 4-2.

Mr Donaldson said: "Umina's keeper Samantha Fulwood gave the Eagles their chance of a premiership with a nail-biting display in goals.

"It was her 16-year-old sister Hayley who kicked the winning goal."

The season finished with coach Steven Donaldson being awarded Central Coast Women's coach of the year and team member Gemma Crowson named Player of the Year.

Pictured is the winning team. In the back row are coach Steven Donaldson, Gemma Crowson, Freyja Murray, Jo Baxter, Amanda Dingle, Riley Lewin, Ashlee Dean, Danielle Harris, Lara Reineker, Tori Sheriff, Sabrina Zappavigna, manager Matt Harris and Emma Losurdo.

In the front row: Kate Styles, Hannah Batten, Hayley Fulwood, Samantha Fulwood, Sarah Jones, Chelsea Campbell, Shana Jones and Alison Howell.

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 Nov 2020
Mark Donaldson, Umina United

Netball players selected for rep teams

A number of Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association players have been selected for the 2021 17-years representative team.

They are: Hunter Barry, Piper Emmanuel, Bronte Fardell, Alicia Harle, Caitlin Jurzak, Katie Newman, Aria Pakai, Taleia Rawlings and Alexis Sounness.

Coach will be Narelle Wilson. A number of other association players have been selected for the Under-13s Representative team.

They are Isabella Benedetto, Abby Burns, Jumoke Dedeigbo, Ella Mills, Alison O'Brien, Lara Sgaravizzi, Jessica Skehan, AlexBobbi Smith, Olivia Stevens and Sophie Webster.

Training will commence Wednesday 11th November 2020 5pm-7pm

SOURCE:
Social Media, 10 Nov 2020
Lisa Coakley, WWPNA



Presentations on 61st birthday

Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club has celebrated its 61st birthday on Tuesday, November 10, with a presentation day and a birthday cake.

President Ms Joan Murphy welcomed those present and championship winners and runners-up awards were made after lunch.

Major Singles champion was Carol Boyd, runner-up Bev Collins. Presenter was president Joan Murphy.

Major Pairs champions were Pat Neal and Lesley Swales, runners-up Merryl Burgmann and Pam Fishenden. Presenter was vice-president Carol Boyd.

Triples champions were Pat Neal, Lyn Kennedy and Dawn Burrows. Runners-up were Aileen Robertson, Jan Ellery and Barbara Hope. Presenter was vice-president Jeanette Gaul.

Minor Singles champion was Terry Causby, runner-up Aileen Robertson. Presenter was treasurer Hazel Lambert.

Minor Pairs champions were Joan Murphy and Judith Moroney, runners-up Barbara Schultz and Jan Ellery. Presenter was Chair of Match Pat Neal

The Encouragement Award, decided by the selectors, was won by Sandra O'Malley.

Pictured from left are Terry Causby, Joan Murphy, Judith Moroney, Carol Boyd, Dawn Burrows, Lyn Kennedy, Pat Neal and Lesley Swales.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Nov 2020
Joan Murphy, UBWBC

Daniel plays his 100th game

Daniel Friend has celebrated his 100th first grade game, the first player at the Southern Spirit Cricket Club to reach the milestone since the club's formation in 2014.

The first grade skipper is also a leading run-scorer and wicket-taker.

He is the club's overall leading first grade run-scorer on 1888 runs and is the club's second highest wicket-taker with 82 wickets "so far".

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Nov 2020
Southern Spirit Cricket Club



Cricket results

Results of games played by Southern Spirit Cricket Club on Saturday, November 14, were:

First Grade: Northern Power 8/178cc (MR Wright 2/29) def Southern Spirit 105.

Second Grade: Southern Spirit 3/105 (JG Doran 37) def Northern Power 103 (DA McInnes 3/31).

Third Grade: Wyong 118 (LA Brusich 5/20) def by Southern Spirit 5/124 (G Kenney 47*).

Fourth Grade: Southern Spirit 63 def by Narara 8/215cc (AA Witten 3/32).

Fifth Grade: Southern Spirit 9/107cc (JD Johnston 31, C Handley 31*) v Lisarow White 4/72 (I Tomlinson 3/16).

Under-16: Kincumber Green 105 (H Beaton 3/15) def Southern Spirit 73 (B Willoughby 31*).

Under-12a: Southern Spirit 132 def Lisarow 91 (L Taylor 2/4, J Heggen 2/4).

Under-14c: Wyong 5/102cc (H Morse 2/15) def Southern Spirit 6/86 (JA Clarke 25*).

Under-11 South: Kincumber Renegades 3/123cc def Southern Spirit 7/61.

Eighth Grade: Southern Spirit White 37 def by Warnervale Blue 2/216 (W Rose 3/55). Southern Spirit Purple - Bye.

Womens T20 - A Grade: Lisarow White 1/100 v Southern Spirit 3/98cc (E Leggett 26*).

Womens T20 - B Grade: Northern Power Orange 0/99cc def Southern Spirit 6/98cc (L Gooley 53*).

Sunday's First Grade: Wyong 3/141 (LC McIntyre 2/9) def Southern Spirit 124 (O Martyn 38).

SOURCE:
Website, 15 Nov 2020
Results, Southern Spirit Cricket Club

Students learn bowls

Students from Grade 4 at St John the Baptist school in Woy Woy are being tutored in lawn bowls.

Everglades Country Club is hosting 60 students from the school, with tutoring arranged by the Everglades Bowling Club.

The first 20 pupils have just completed a three-week course with one-hour lessons each Monday.

The other 40 students are expected to have their bowling

lessons between now and the end of the school term.

School teacher Mr Christopher Perry said he wanted to give the students a different and challenging sporting experience.

He met with bowls president Mr Warwick Forrest in early October to discuss a format.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Nov 2020
Peter Springett, Central Coast Bowls



Instructor Graham Durnford with four of the students.