

Intersection plans yet to be finalised

Plans to upgrade six intersections on Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, and Memorial Ave, Blackwall, at a cost of \$19 million, have yet to be finalised, according to NSW Roads and Maritime Services.

A Review of Environmental Factors and an updated design is expected to be displayed for comment this year, according to

Services' website.

Four intersections are on Blackwall Rd, with Victoria Rd, Farnell Rd, Allfield Rd and McMasters Rd.

Two are on Memorial Ave, the intersections with Gallipoli Ave and Maitland Bay Dr.

The proposals include traffic lights at Farnell Rd, no access out of Allfield Rd east onto Blackwall Rd, a new left turn bay from Blackwall Rd to Allfield Rd, a right

turn lane from Blackwall Rd onto McMasters Rd, no right turn from McMasters Rd onto Blackwall Rd, and pedestrian lights south of the intersection.

It is proposed to provide dual right turn lanes from Maitland Bay Dr onto Memorial Ave and to provide two lanes northbound from Barrenjoey Rd, with separate left and right turn lanes out of Gallipoli Ave. There would be a raised pedestrian crossing in Blackwall

Rd near Victoria Rd.

NSW Roads and Maritime Service reported that a community consultation in September received a total of 30 responses.

"The submissions received identified support for the intersection upgrade at Memorial Ave, Barrenjoey Rd and Maitland Bay Dr and the raised pedestrian crossing proposed on Blackwall Rd just south of Victoria Road

roundabout," the consultation report said.

"All responses will be considered as we move into the next stages of the design," it stated.

"The community will be given another chance to comment with the Review of Environmental Factors and updated design is displayed for comment in 2021."

SOURCE:
Website, 22 Jan 2020
NSW RMS

Comment sought but no detail provided

Central Coast Council currently has listed two planning matters on the Peninsula for public comment without publishing the proposal details.

A development application to demolish an existing dwelling and to construct three units at 25 Warrah St, Ettalong, has been submitted by Knight Mapleton Design Partners, with an estimated cost of \$600,000.

An advertising period from January 15 to February 15 is listed, but a week into the period no "Statement of Environmental Effects" was available on the council website to provide a basis for comments.

Similarly, a section 4.55 proposal to amend the development approval at 357 Ocean Beach Rd and 1 Pozieres Ave, Umina, the Umina Mall site, has an advertising period listed from January 27 to February 17.

Last week, no documents about the proposed amendment were available on the council website.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 22 Feb 2021
DA60350, DA37199,
Central Coast Council



Aged care residents watch eggs hatch and chicks grow

Local aged care residents have recently witnessed the first two weeks of life of some ducklings and chicks.

Residents of Don Leggett House and Pozieres House at Peninsula Village in Umina watched as a batch of fertilised eggs hatched.

"Residents and staff checked the eggs frequently after they arrived, and were excited to see the chicks hatch within the first couple of days at our home," said

Village chief executive Mr Shane Neaves.

"Names were given to each of the hatchlings, as were gentle cuddles - with some residents reminiscing about life living on a farm.

"At the end of their two-week stay, the chickens were rehomed at a staff member's property and the ducks at a local farm."

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Jan 2021
Shane Neaves, Peninsula Villages

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Peninsula News is researched, written, produced and distributed by the local community for the Peninsula community.

It is produced voluntarily by our non-profit community group, The Peninsula's Own News Service Inc, and its supporters.

A voluntary non-profit group has owned and operated Peninsula News over the past 21 years, and continues under the leadership of its founding editor Mark Snell.

Although many offers have been made, more help and support is needed, and community involvement is welcomed.

Volunteer opportunities are available in all aspects of the newspaper's production, from news gathering and photography, through to seeking advertising and administration.

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 and support for the Peninsula community.

Peninsula News is distributed through shops and other local public venues, including Deep Water Plaza, Peninsula Plaza and Peninsula Leisure Centre in Woy Woy, Woolworths and Aldi in Umina, as well as Ettalong IGA, Ettalong Diggers Club and Ettalong Bowling Club, and a variety of smaller outlets.

SOURCE:
Mark Snell, editor
21 Jan 2021

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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.

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

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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.

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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.

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

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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.

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Media Release - unsolicited contributions.

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Church donates \$3860 to Kenyan academy

The Ettalong Baptist Church Christmas Offering has raised \$3860.

The money will be used for desk lockers at the Mango Tree Academy in Kisii, Kenya.

The donations include in-person and online offerings for the 300-child academy.

SOURCE:
 Newsletter, 14 Jan 2021
 Ettalong Baptist Church



Tip traffic up by 60 per cent

The average number of vehicles using Woy Woy tip per day has increased by more than 60 per cent in the past year.

The average number of vehicles using Woy Woy tip per day in the past year was 328, compared to 204 per day in the previous year and 202 in the year before that.

The figures were included in a Council staff report about the closure of Kincumber Tip.

SOURCE:
 Central Coast Council agenda 5.2, 22 Jan 2021

Lions car boot sale return delayed

The Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club has cancelled its car boot sale scheduled for this month due to "coronavirus health concerns".

The sale is normally held on the last Sunday of each month except December, but was suspended last year due to coronavirus restrictions.

It was due to resume on January 31, but this has been delayed until February 28.

Covid-safe practices will be in place, said organiser Mr Greg Head.

This year, there will be no car boot sale and barbecue in April, as Sunday, April 25, is Anzac Day.

SOURCE:
 Website, 19 Jan 2021
 Greg Head, Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club



Brooke steps down as newsletter editor

Ms Brooke Hemphill has stepped down as editor of The Bays Community Group newsletter, The Bays Bulletin.

Group president Ms Gwynneth Weir said: "Brooke has done a great job as editor including introducing professional standards to the layout and presentation of The Bulletin."

"However, Brooke has let the committee know that her 'real' job workload has increased, and she needs to relinquish her role as editor."

"This edition of The Bulletin will be Brooke's last."

Ms Weir said Ms Hemphill had



put many hours into the Bulletin and had set a high standard.

"We are fortunate in that others have already agreed to take on the role."

The Group's committee positions will also be vacated in coming weeks with its annual meeting scheduled for 7pm on Wednesday, February 17, at The Bays Community Hall, 19 Woy Woy Bay Rd, Woy Woy Bay.

"The current committee will stand down and all positions will be open for re-election," said Ms Weir.

"Joining the committee is a great way of being involved in your local community so why not consider standing?"

"New people are always welcome."

SOURCE:
 Newsletter, 14 Jan 2021
 Gwynneth Weir, The Bays Community Group

Dry January after wet December

After 209.1mm rainfall for the wettest December in 16 years, the new year has started with what is likely to be one of the driest Januaries.

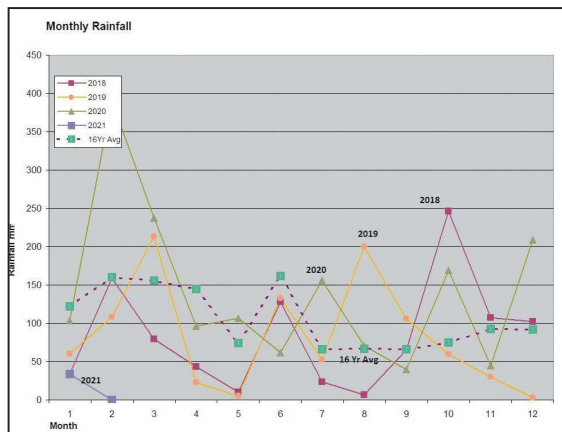
Only 33.9mm of rain had fallen on the Peninsula in the month to 9am on January 22, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

This is 27.8 per cent of the average January rainfall of 122mm.

The lowest rainfall for the month of January in the last 16 years was recorded in 2018 with the month's total of 33.8mm.

The highest January total was recorded in 2016: 343.4mm, which included a fall of 141.1mm over three days early in the month.

SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 22 Jan 2021
 Jim Morrison, Umina



Water patrols conduct compliance and breath tests

Patrols of the Ettalong Channel and Brisbane Water were conducted by NSW Maritime and Broken Bay water police over the weekend of January 16 and 17.

They were part of a wider operation that extended to Pittwater, Cowan Creek and up the Hawkesbury River to Wisemans Ferry and Windsor, named Operation Armada 2021.

Across the two days, over 500 random breath tests and 300 compliance inspections were conducted as well as a number of random drug tests.

The local water police were joined in the operation by Kuring



Gai Police Area Command, Brisbane Water Police District, Northern Beaches Police Area Command, Hawkesbury Police Area Command, and the Traffic and Highway Patrol Command.

Overall, police reported they were pleased with the behaviour and attitude displayed.

SOURCE:
Media release, 18 Jan 2021
Marine Area Command, NSW Police

Hart calls for rate rise comment

Central Coast Council is encouraging residents to have their say on options for a rate rise, according to its acting chief executive Mr Rik Hart.

The Council had notified the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of its intention to apply for a Special Variation of either a 10 percent rate rise remaining in the rate base for seven years or a 15 percent, remaining permanently in the rate base, he said.

Mr Hart said he understood community concern about paying more rates but this was needed for Council's long-term financial security and ongoing service delivery which would benefit everyone.

"We have been open with the community about our financial situation and are taking significant steps to help our bottom line.

"We are selling assets, reducing staff numbers and materials and

contracts, reducing the capital works program, looking at fees and charges and we have been able to secure further loans," Mr Hart said.

"The last thing we want to do is put more burden on our ratepayers.

"But if we do not have a substantial increase in our rate income as well, then even harder decisions will need to be made.

"For our community that would mean a significant reduction or even elimination of services that they need and rely on us to provide.

"Our first priority has to be the repayment of restricted funds, which were unlawfully used, so that does not become a burden for future generations.

"This is a conversation our community has to have, and we want to hear from as many residents and ratepayers as possible," he said.

A report will go to the Council meeting on February 8.

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 Jan 2021
Rik Hart, Central Coast Council

Gary reluctantly closes his jewellery business

At the age of 68, you might think that Gary Mellon is ready to retire.

He has decided to close his Woy Woy jewellery business, Gary's Jewellers, after a 51-year career.

But Gary says that the main reason he is closing the business is not his age but lack of skilled staff.

When a number of his staff gave their notice in the space of a few weeks, Gary said he was unable to find replacements.

He said it was not feasible to train new staff and keep the shop going.

For Gary, who is a diamond setter and diamond grader as well as a jeweller, jewellery is a love not a job and it is likely he will continue it as a hobby into his retirement.

"It's something I really love."

Gary said he started in jewellery at the age of 17 and worked for Henry Scholten in Gosford before coming to an arrangement to buy the business with wife Christine in 1996.

"He gave me my start."

Gary and Christine have worked together in the business ever since.

They operated in Gosford for 14



years before moving to his current shop in Deepwater Plaza.

Gary said he believed in making and selling jewellery that was value for money.

He said better quality jewellery was solidly-built and was going to last.

It was also more easily repaired or modified if necessary.

He said the market was increasingly price sensitive, with many jewellery franchises selling poorer quality products.

People often brought this jewellery to him for repair, but he said he was unable to because it was too light.

Gary said his craftsmanship has been appreciated and he possibly had six months of work ahead of him, if he wanted it.

He said he was sad he had been unable to pass his business on, with both his son and his daughter having other interests.

SOURCE:
Interview (Mark Snell), 22 Jan 2021
Gary Mellon, Gary's Jewellers

Reports to Council audit committee 'not for public'

Minutes of Central Coast Council's audit and risk improvement committee seem at odds with a media release made by Council's acting CEO Mr Rik Hart on January 11 that "we have been open with the community about our financial situation".

Two reports to the committee will not be made public, according to the agenda for the Council's January 27 meeting.

One was a "confidential late report" that was circulated to committee members at the beginning of the meeting about progress on Council's Business Recovery Plan, formerly known as 100-Day Plan.

The committee recommended the report and supporting papers not be made publicly available because they contained information about matters affecting the security of council, council officials and/or council property.

The meeting received a verbal

update on external audit activities and minutes that it had requested an extension with the NSW Audit Office for lodgement of 2019-20 financial statements "given the current situation".

Correspondence from the NSW Audit Office regarding a "Performance Audit – Governance and Internal Controls over Local Infrastructure Contributions" was also kept confidential.

"The Committee recommends that the report and the supporting papers not be made publicly available ... as they contain information about matters affecting the security of Council, Council Officials and/or Council property; and ..on balance it would not be in the public interest to make this information available as Council does not disclose to the public any information from the NSW Audit Office to ensure the efficacy of its investigating, auditing or reporting functions."

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council agenda 3.3, 27 Jan 2021



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Five seniors living units proposed for Rawson Rd

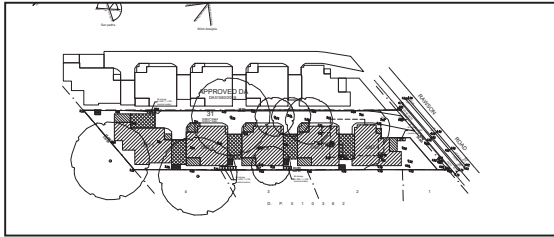
An application for five two-bedroom "seniors living" units has been received by Central Coast Council for 21 Rawson Rd, Woy Woy.

The site for the development, which was expected to cost \$650,000, has an area of 1223 square metres and is one block from Phegan St, which runs alongside the railway.

The application was made under the State planning policy for seniors housing, and was "permissible on the land due to its residential zoning", the application stated.

The proposed development was defined as "in-fill self-care housing" under the State planning policy", according to planning consultants Clarke Dowdle and Associates in a submission supporting the application.

"The proposal would entail the erection of five self-care seniors



housing units," the statement said.

"Each unit would include two bedrooms, bathroom, living room, dining and kitchen.

"Each unit would also include a single car space with a small garden or private open space area with timber fencing under the perimeter of the garden."

The development would require "the removal of the existing dwelling-house and ancillary structures, excavation for the implementation of building footings, driveways, services and stormwater systems,

the placement of temporary construction fencing and sediment and erosion control measures".

"The development is to be designed in a residential style with a range of finishes and materials including face brick walls, and colourbond roofs to match the existing residential development within the residential zone," the statement claimed.

The application does not comply with council development standards for setbacks, proposing a side setback of one metre and

rear setbacks also of as little as one metre.

The proposed number of parking spaces also falls short of the standard, which requires eight resident spaces and one visitor space.

The design allows for only five spaces.

The ground floor entry open space requirement of 50 square metres is not met in all cases, with three units having only 20 square metres.

Despite the non-compliance with the development control plan measures, the consultants argued that the proposed development was "consistent with the objectives, planning strategies and controls applicable to the site".

They argued that the proposed standard "was accepted for the adjoining SL development (No. 19 Rawson Rd)", where an apparently similar design was approved.

They claimed: "The design

allows the incorporation of sufficient building separation from the common boundaries.

"The proposed building setbacks would allow landscaping to include small to medium sized trees to provide a landscaping buffer around the built form and additional privacy screening.

"The site cover is consistent with neighbouring and surrounding multi-unit development and it is widely acknowledged the Peninsula soil provide is highly permeable allowing excellent infiltration of stormwater back into the water table."

According to the Council's DA tracker, the application has been advertised for public comment since December 18, with the exhibition period closing on February 8.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 21 Jan 2021
DA60155/2020, Central Coast Council

Proposal to subdivide Woy Woy Bay waterfront block

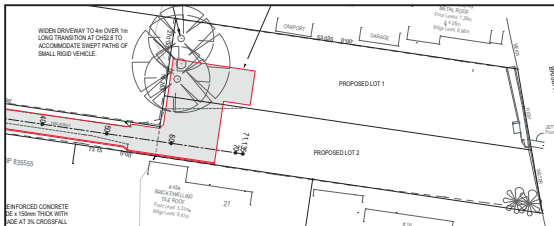
The public has until February 8 to comment on a proposal to subdivide a battle-axe waterfront block in Taylor St, Woy Woy Bay, in two.

One of the two resulting blocks would be less than the required minimum size of 550 square metres and both would be narrower than the required minimum of 15 metres.

Lot 2 would have an area of 496 square metres, a variance of 9.8 per cent and would be 9.325 metres wide.

Lot 1 would be 12 metres wide.

In a statement supporting the application, planning consultants Clarke Dowdle and Associates argued: "Given the unique location, it is considered that the lot area non-compliance will not be detrimental to the appearance



of the dwelling-houses (existing and proposed) when viewed from the adjoining properties or from the public domain.

"Furthermore, it is considered that lot areas provide for a sustainable, orderly use of the site given that a low density scale is maintained within the R2 - Low Density Residential Zone.

"Although relatively narrow when compared to a typical

suburban context, the lots are not when compared to the foreshore lots that have been established along the Woy Woy Bay stretch.

"The proposal would not be setting precedence in relation to the narrowness of lots established within the Woy Woy Bay foreshore lots," the statement said.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 22 Jan 2021
DA60243, Central Coast Council

New application for Farnell Rd

A controversial multi-dwelling housing development on the corner of Farnell and Blackwall Rds, Woy Woy, appears to have been resubmitted to Central Coast Council to become a "staged" development.

The previous application, which was approved in May 2019, was valued at over \$11 million and provided for 27 units and seven townhouses.

The new application, lodged on January 12, has a total value of \$5.6 million and relates to 170 to 174 Blackwall Rd and 8 Farnell Rd.

It does not relate to works from the approved application at 176 Blackwall Rd.

No Statement of Environmental

Effects or other documentation is published on the Council's DA Tracker, even though the application was lodged 12 days ago.

Despite this, three public submissions have already been lodged with Council.

One of the new "redacted" submissions said the development was "grossly inappropriate and out of keeping for the area and surrounds".

"It too densely over-populates the area, exceeds far too many building restrictions [and] will turn Farnell Rd and Burge Rd into rat-runs.

"[It] will cause traffic chaos in already failing Blackwall Rd.

"There is insufficient parking provided, breaches the privacy of surrounding properties.

"The potential for flooding in underground garages is a danger to surrounding roads and properties.

"It will impede off-street parking for nearby properties.

"It demonstrates how unsympathetic greedy developers have no regard for the Peninsula and its residents as a whole.

"They will simply walk away laughing that they have yet again hoodwinked another naive Council.

"This type of nightmare will turn very quickly into an eyesore in the area and devalue the nearby properties."

The second submission urged nearby neighbours to pay attention to a NSW Roads and Maritime Services update about proposed works in the area.

The third submission said: "Saddened to see this monstrosity has come up again ... disgusted we have to go all through it again."

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 12 Jan 2021
DA60666/2021, Central Coast Council

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Cafe for people with dementia and their carers

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water will start its cafe for people with dementia and their carers at 10am on February 8 at the Umina CWA hall.

Club president Mr Peter Mote said: "The cafe is designed to be a safe and welcoming social get-together where people with dementia can continue to be connected and engaged."

It would help "address the

common feelings of isolation that are too often experienced as a result of a diagnosis of dementia," he said.

"Through the D Cafe, we endeavour to empower people living with dementia to regain their autonomy, boost their self esteem and improve their well being, while providing support to those in the caring role."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 21 Jan 2021
Peter Mote, Rotary Brisbane Water

Garage fire contained in an hour

More than 20 firefighters battled a fire that broke out at a property on Fairview St, Woy Woy, on Monday, January 18.

Firefighters arrived on scene a just after 2.30pm and found a large volume of smoke issuing from a garage at the rear of the property.

Crews contained the blaze in just under an hour, while specialist Hazmat teams worked to contain chemicals and fuel that were found inside the premises.

NSW Ambulance attended but no injuries were reported.

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Jan 2021
Fire and Rescue NSW



Dunecare program starts for the year

Umina Community Group's dunecare program starts for the year on Wednesday, January 27.

The group's dunecare volunteers meet on Wednesdays from 8am to 10am.

They meet on the first Wednesday of the month at Ocean Beach Rd, on the second

Wednesday at Berith Street, and on the third and fourth Wednesdays at the South St beach entrance.

Anyone attending should bring a hat and water.

New volunteers are welcome.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Jan 2021
Peter Springett, Umina Community Group

Administration likely to be extended

Central Coast Council administrator Mr Dick Persson has formally requested a three-month extension to his term and it is likely to be granted, according to Central Coast Parliamentary Secretary Mr Adam Crouch.

He said that Minister for Local Government Ms Shelley Hancock had given her strongest indication yet that the term of the administrator would be extended.

Mr Crouch said that Ms Hancock

had told him: "I am committed to ensuring the Central Coast community has a Council that is serving its best interests."

"I have received a formal request from the interim administrator for a three-month extension which is currently under consideration."

"In light of the Administrator's 30-day report and the extent of the problems and recovery actions required to get the Council back on track, it is hard to see any other option than an extension."

Ms Hancock was due to receive Mr Persson's "final report" on

Saturday, January 16, two weeks before the end of the council's suspension period on January 30.

Mr Crouch said: "I am in constant contact with Minister Hancock to ensure our community's views are heard loud and clear."

With just one week of his term remaining, Ms Hancock had made no announcement about the future of the administrator or the reinstatement of the council.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Jan 2021
Adam Crouch, Central Coast Parliamentary Secretary

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Health

Woman airlifted from crash at Horsfield Bay

A 48-year-old woman was trapped in her vehicle and sustained chest and abdominal injuries as the result of a three-car crash on Woy Woy Rd at Horsfield Bay on Thursday, January 14.

CareFlight's rapid response helicopter was tasked by NSW Ambulance at 5:30pm and landed 15 minutes later in a clearing on Woy Woy Rd.

CareFlight's specialist doctor and NSW Ambulance critical care paramedic worked in with emergency services personnel from Fire and Rescue NSW to extricate the woman who was trapped in her vehicle for 45 minutes, while the road was closed in both directions.



The clinical team undertook spinal precautions while they performed a clinical assessment of the woman.

She was airlifted in a stable condition to Royal North Shore Hospital.

Website, 14 Jan 2021
Careflight

Rotary club hears about Cambodian project

Members of the Rotary Club of Woy Woy have heard about the Rotary-led project Sustainable Cambodia at the club's first dinner meeting for the year.

"This Rotary led project empowers rural families by helping them create a sustainable quality of life," said club president Ms Joan Redmond.

"Village families build schools, install wells, learn alternative agriculture, and how to manage community projects.

"They then pass on the knowledge to help neighbouring villages."

The presentation was given by Kincumber Rotarian Ms Christine Owen who visited the project last February "along with Rotary

volunteers from many different countries".

Ms Redmond said it was good "to hear about good things happening in the world - people working together to build better lives".

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 15 Jan 2021
Joan Redmond, Rotary Woy Woy



Titanic Dinner

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water is planning to hold its major fundraising Titanic Dinner Party at the Pearl Beach hall on Saturday, April 10.

Last year's dinner was cancelled after the outbreak of the coronavirus.

Club president Mr Peter Mote said everyone attending would receive their own personalised "boarding pass".

He said the event would include a display of an "amazing collection of Titanic memorabilia".

For further information, contact Cherie on 0425 222 778 or Jayne on 0405 714 289.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 21 Jan 2021
Peter Mote, Rotary Brisbane Water

Highly commended

The Patonga Rural Fire Service has received recognition from the Central Coast Council for Australia Day.

The brigade was awarded Highly Commended for Community Service and Activity.

The citation stated: "The Brigade provides a high level of community-based fire and emergency services to protect the community and the environment, as well as minimise the impact of fire through the highest standards of training, community education, prevention and operational capability.

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 Jan 2021
Dick Persson, Central Coast Council

New guidelines for aged care visits

New guidelines have been issued by NSW Health for visits to local aged care facilities.

All staff and visitors must wear a surgical mask within the facility. Residents can have a maximum of only two visitors each day.

The 60 minute limit to visits no longer applies, however they

should be kept as short as possible.

Among reasons visitors may be excluded are: if they have Covid-19 symptoms, have been to any of the currently listed locations or are a close contact of a person with the coronavirus within their self-isolation period.

Peninsula Village chief executive Mr Shane Neaves said the village

would "support our residents' personal welfare by facilitating regular communication with family and friends via telephone calls, video conferencing or window visits and continuing our activity programs".

SOURCE:
Website, 22 Jan 2021
Shane Neaves, Peninsula Villages

Forum

Rate rises are being rushed through

Ratepayers have received a letter from Rik Hart, Acting CEO of Central Coast Council, outlining the case for either a temporary (seven years) 10 per cent one-off rate increase or a permanent one-off 15 per cent rate rise, with a push for the 15 per cent permanent increase.

Two Council online surveys have been posted on yourvoiceourcoast.com in succession by the interim administration claiming to give ratepayers the opportunity to have their say.

The first survey was basically a choice between the 10 per cent temporary option or the 15 per cent permanent option.

The second one was posted in response to community feedback that many residents and ratepayers felt restricted in their opportunity to express their views about the option of "no rate rise - rate peg only".

In fact, neither survey was

structured to allow a general expression of views on the financial mess.

This rate rise proposal, in conjunction with Council selling off assets, reducing the workforce and expenditure on infrastructure, materials and contracts, is placing a considerable burden on ratepayers who provide 29 per cent of council revenue.

Rik Hark's letter provides no explanation as to what restricted funds are normally used for and why they have to be paid off as soon as possible, apart from incurring a burden for future generations.

Are there other options of revenue-raising that could be explored with the state government that could reduce the need for these considerable rate rises, without incurring long term debt?

It seems these rate rises are being rushed through without proper public consultation.

SOURCE:
Email, 22 Jan 2021
Suraya Coorey, Woy Woy

Ignoring a larger problem

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce's media release of December 22 about the council's downfall unsurprisingly follows the well-worn path to councillors, when paths to state and federal politicians are the right ones to travel.

Funding is made available with attached conditions with strict time limits, based on the interests of both governments, and personal political gain.

An example is the Performing Arts Centre proposed for Gosford

City Centre.

Instead of politicians accepting they are responsible for handing over problems that have made it impossible to select a site that ticks all the boxes without cheating, they use the situation to advance their political ambitions.

All indicators of a larger problem are ignored.

Even without the existing and proposed developments in Gosford's city centre, selecting a site to accommodate the burgeoning needs and demands of residents was going to be impossible.

Did anyone in state or federal government recognise the indicators as a bigger problem to be addressed?

All comment from government and politicians targeted the strict time limit applying to funding and its immediate cancellation.

These problems will still exist after the departure of Mr Persson as Administrator.

Similarly, the Chamber has used this situation to advance its interests into the future.

SOURCE:
Letter, 15 Jan 2021
Norman Harris, Umina

Public Notices

The Peninsula Day Branch of the N.S.W. Labor Party

meets the
2nd Monday of each month
from February to December

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Kindergarten assessments held on two days

Ettalong Public School will hold assessments of new kindergarten students either on Friday, January 29, or on Monday, February 1.

Parents should have received a letter with an appointment time, according to school principal Ms Lynn Balfour.

Parents who had not received a letter should call the school office on Wednesday or Thursday, she said.

"Assessments will run for

approximately 30 minutes and one parent will be able to wait in an allocated area for its duration.

"Students do not need to wear their school uniform for their assessment- keep their uniform clean for their first day," she said.

Kindergarten students have their first full school day on Tuesday, February 2, with staggered starting times for the first day only.

They will finish at 2.30pm for the first two weeks.

"The school operates from

8.55am to 2.55pm each day with supervision provided from 8.30am," said Ms Balfour.

Students in Years 1-6 have been asked to assemble in their 2020 class lines on Friday morning.

"We hope to form 2021 classes as quickly as possible but are required to confirm accurate enrolments before this can take place."

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Jan 2021
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School



Folk club plans 'grand opening'

The Peninsula's Troubadour Folk Club has scheduled a grand opening for its 2021 concert season for Saturday, February 27, at the Everglades Club in Woy Woy.

The night will feature traditional-electric folk band Traditional Graffiti, formerly known as the Wheeze and Suck Band.

With British roots, Traditional Graffiti presents a lively folk harmony in the style many find reminiscent of the great Steeleye Span, according to Troubadour president Mr Michael Fine.

Mr Fine said the club was geared up for a great year despite the uncertainties resulting from the coronavirus.

The club planned concerts for March and April, as well as February, and was also hoping to hold garden concerts, he said.

The March concert would be held on Saturday, March 27, and

would feature the WeMavericks duo, with fiddler and mandolin player Lindsay Martin and songstress Victoria Vigenser.

Mr Fine said three-time Golden Guitar winner Michael Fix will join with award-winner songwriter Mark Cytle for the club's April 21 concert.

He said plans for two garden concerts featuring local performers in January were put on hold, due to coronavirus restrictions.

"When it becomes possible to have 30 or more people together in our homes, we hope to implement the plans at relatively short notice."

"Fortunately, current guidelines do enable us to hold our sessions and jams at Kariong Community Centre on the first and third Sunday afternoons of each month."

Further information is also available by phoning 4342 6716.

SOURCE:
Media release, 22 Jan 2021
Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club

Application to increase numbers at child care centre

An application to make alterations and additions to a Umina childcare centre, which would increase child numbers from 88 to 122, has been placed on exhibition by Central Coast Council.

No submissions had been received by Friday, January 22, with a closing date of February 1.

A statement prepared in support of the application for Explore and Develop Umina by Doug Sneddon Planning said the existing childcare centre was located in a three-storey mixed-use building at 204 West St, Umina.

"The proposed development involves alterations and additions to the second floor of the existing building to facilitate conversion from existing residential apartments to additional childcare centre space," the statement said.

The value of proposed works is \$255,000.

"The proposal will replace four two-bed existing second floor residential apartments with an expanded child care centre, increasing child numbers from 88 to 122 and staff levels present at any one particular time from 12 to 15.

"Explore and Develop - Umina

currently provides early childhood education and care to 176 families on the Woy Woy Peninsula, offering a total of 440 childcare places per week.

The increase to children numbers would enable provision of care to 12 zero to one year olds and 20 one to two year olds at the centre for the first time, the council was told.

The proposal does not meet the minimum requirements for car parking.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 22 Jan 2021
DA60238/2020, Central Coast Council



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Sport



Umina women take Senior Fours championship

Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club has won the Central Coast district Senior Fours championship.

The Umina team of Pat Neal, Yvonne Austin, Lyn Kennedy and Leila Gilmour (pictured) won the final against Joan Scollay, Lorraine Pyle, Michelle Treadwell and Lucy Young from Halekulani.

After 18 ends, the score was level at 13, so an extra end had to

be played to determine a winner. It came down to the last bowl with Leila Gilmour drawing the absolute shot giving them the win by one shot.

In the semi-final, they beat the Everglades team also by one shot.

The next step will be the Region 6 playoffs against Lake Macquarie in July.

Website, 22 Jan 2021
UBWBC

Ettalong pair are junior zone champions

Two bowlers from Ettalong Bowling Club have been winners in the Bowls Central Coast Zone 15 Junior Pairs and Junior Fours championships.

Ettalong players Brendan Stokes and Bailey Meti have won the zone Junior Pairs Championship back to back, said Bowls Central Coast publicity officer Mr Peter Springett.

The Ettalong duo claimed the pairs title again this year by defeating Munmorah's Olivia Crane and Canton Beach's Reegan Peterson in the final at Ettalong last Tuesday, January 19.

"The greens were especially tricky with the wind throughout the day but it didn't stop the Ettalong



duo from claiming the title 20-4 after 15 ends," Mr Springett said.

Brendan and Bailey will go into the State Finals played later in the year at Warilla.

The pair joined Mingara's Billy Waite and Blayne Cook to also win the 2021 Zone Junior Fours Championship defeating the combined team of Sam Griffiths (Terrigal), Olivia Crane and Josh Smith (Munmorah) and Brandon Willmette (Gosford) 22-4.

"The score does not reflect of the bowls that were played in this game but Meti's team was just too good on the day," Mr Springett said.

"All players played exceptionally well throughout the game.

"Meti's team will be off to the State Championships at Warilla in the July school holidays."

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jan 2021
Peter Springett, Central Coast Bowls

Riding 'somewhere around the Peninsula'

The Central Coast Bicycle User Group will take a 20km ride "somewhere around the Peninsula" on Sunday, February 21.

Starting at Woy Woy Fisherman's Wharf at 8am and finishing at 10am, it has been advertised as "a short, relaxed ride along some quieter roads with a coffee and socialising during or at the end of the ride".

It was "designed to get more people cycling to more places, places where our shared paths just don't go yet".

For further information, contact ride leader Christina on 0414 868 185.

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Jan 2021
Central Coast Bicycle Users Group



Southern Spirit under-21s make it to final

Southern Spirit Cricket Club has made it to the finals of Central Coast Cricket Association under-21s Glenn Rowlands Shield competition.

The side scored 5/122(cc)

to defeat defending Premiers Kincumber-Avoca 7/116(cc) in the semi-final at Erina Oval yesterday.

The final will be played tomorrow, Australia Day, at Tuggerah.

Pictured is the under-21s team: (back row) T Clarke, M Wright, L

Bull, J Sibley, E Jones, H Jaenke and L Bayliss and (in front) L McIntyre, A Dickson, T Pymble, L Cork and J Wilson. Photo: S Cork.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jan 2021
Southern Spirit Cricket Club

Christine is individual bridge champion

Christine Hadaway is Brisbane Water Bridge Club's Individual Champion for 2021.

She took first place by one match point over second-placed Karen Ody in championship games played over Mondays, January 11 and 18.

Congratulations to Christine Hadaway who took first place by the very narrow margin of 1 matchpoint over second placed Karen Ody.

The top 16 players won green points.

They were: Christine Hadaway 490.9 (56.6 per cent), 0.76 green points. Karen Ody 489.9 (56.4), 0.53 pts. Robin Vaughan 475.6 (54.8), 0.38. Jenny Buckley 470.1 (54.2), 0.25. David Howells 467.1 (53.8), 0.19. Lorraine Lindsay 466.1 (53.7), 0.15. Felicity Fane 465.1 (53.6), 0.13. Chris Hasemore 462.9 (53.3), 0.11. Martin Johnson

460.9 (53.1), 0.10. David Snow 454.9 (52.4) 0.08. John Aldersley 451.9 (52.1), 0.08. Matt Raj Mal 451.1 (52.0), 0.07. Joan Walsh 445.1 (51.3), 0.06. Hilary Owen 444.3 (51.2), 0.06. Marcelle Goslin 443.9 (51.1), 0.05. Fay Cole 438.9 (50.6), 0.05.

Scores of other players in the championship were: Sue Eastman 438.1 (50.5). Carolynne Mucharsky 436.9 (50.3). Ron Meaney 433.9 (50.0). Hope Tomlinson 424.1 (48.9). Alison Mackey 422.1 (48.6). John Jensen 416.4 (48.0). John Drew 415.9 (47.9). Edith Marshall 415.1 (47.8). Peter Hume 410.9 (47.3). Jorgen Boettiger 409.1 (47.1). Elaine Hume 407.1 (46.9). Helen White 399.1 (46.0). Graham Woof 382.9 (44.1). Heather Brown 372.1 (42.9). Chris Spikesman 365.9 (42.2). Ann Snow 360.9 (41.6).

SOURCE:
Website, 18 Jan 2021
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Cricket results

Results of games played last weekend, January 23 and 24, by Southern Spirit were:

First Grade: Terrigal 7/255 (LE Cork 3/30, HS Jaenke 2/41) def Southern Spirit8/250cc (LM O'Farrell 85, D Friend 53).

Second Grade: Southern Spirit 81 (S Higgins 33) and 6/116 (S Higgins 46) def by Terrigal9/227cc (KJ Handley 2/35).

Under 21 - Glenn Rowlands Shield: Kincumber 7/116cc (LA Bull 3/20, JA Wilson 2/11) def by Southern Spirit 5/122cc (LJ Bayliss 49, LA Bull 48).

Third Grade: Kincumber 8/149cc (LA Brusich 2/29 BK Buchanan 2/33) def Southern Spirit 9/144 (M Bursle 45).

Male Youth League: Southern Spirit 9/85cc drew Terrigal 3/39 (T Fry 2/3).

Masters - Over 40s: Southern Spirit 191 (M Cattley 68) v The Entrance 8/193cc (SA Mahony 3/21).

Fifth Grade: Southern Spirit 96 (D Hancock 34) def by Brisbane

Water 5/184cc (N Willoughby 2/37).

Under 16: Lisarow 8/140cc (JD Johnston 3/12) def by Southern Spirit 5/177cc (JS Sibley 55).

Under 12:a Southern Spirit 74 def by Kincumber Red 6/98cc (A Dunn 2/22).

Under 14:c Southern Spirit 5/103cc (D Jennings 36*, B Duggan 26*) def by Wyong 2/140cc.

Under 11 - South: Southern Spirit 10/78cc def by Kincumber Renegades 7/100cc (D Silverstone 3/12).

Eighth Grade: Southern Spirit White 4/110 (AR Witten 51*, RL Sullivan 29*) def Narara 9/109cc (W Rose 5/10). Lisarow 9/106cc (S Markham 4/19, A Zadravic 2/7) def by Southern Spirit Purple 4/109 (SJ Collins 44*).

Womens T20 - A Grade: Wyong 1/108 def Southern Spirit 5/103cc.

Womens T20 - B Grade: The Entrance 3/109cc def Southern Spirit 6/60cc.

SOURCE:
Website, 24 Jan 2021
Southern Spirit Cricket Club

Ocean Beach chosen for surf boat comp

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club's Hooligans boat crew have been selected for the Central Coast team for the NSW Interbranch Surf Boat Championships.

The championships will be held at the Queenscliff surf club at Manly on February 7.

Events will include Open Female, Open Male, Female Reserve Grade, Male Reserve Grade, Under-19 Female, Under-19 Male, Under-23 Female, Under-23 Male and Surf Boat Relay.

A number of precautions will be put in place to create a "Covid Safe" environment.

All event attendees will be required to fill out a Covid Safe declaration including submit contact details.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jan 2021
Ocean Beach SLSC