



Fascinated with visit by turtles

Residents at a Woy Woy aged care home have been fascinated with the visit of four turtles recently.

The turtles were brought in to Blue Wave Living by a staff member, who has a licence to

keep them.

"It was amazing to hear how many of our residents had turtles as pets growing up," said marketing

manager Ms Kylie Scott.

"There was lots of reminiscing

this morning."

Pictured is resident Gwen with a seven-year-old turtle.

SOURCE:

Media release, 8 Feb 2021
Kylie Scott, BlueWave Living

Centre looks for new people for committee roles

The Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre will hold its annual general meeting at 2pm on Monday, March 8, and is looking new people to join the committee.

"It is the opportunity for having new people join the committee coming forward to bring some fresh ideas to the table," said president Mr Peter Mulholland.

"Community groups such as ours thrive on having new blood joining us to provide the

opportunity to widen our scope with suggestions that may enhance the role that we currently provide to the local community.

"We look forward to having plenty of members joining us for this very important meeting where we have some positions becoming vacant."

This year the centre is looking for a new treasurer.

"The new treasurer will have a ready assistant this year also for practical tasks, such as payment processing and banking," said Mr

Mulholland.

"Full training and guidance will be provided.

"Please help us to help you."

The centre was also wanting someone to take calls on its mobile phone.

"Let us know if you can assist.

"It requires a member to take our calls and refer matters to tutors and the committee.

"It is not onerous."

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 20 Feb 2021
Peter Mulholland, EBACC

Church offers alternatives to Sunday morning worship

The Umina Uniting Church is offering a number of ways to become involved with the church in addition to worship every Sunday morning at 9.30 am.

For those who like sleeping in, afternoon worship with Holy Communion is held at 2pm on the second Sunday of the month.

The church is also holding a new gathering, Sunday Space, at 5pm on the third Sunday of each

month.

For "something with little ones in mind", a Friday Family Fun Night is held at 4.45 pm every Friday.

Umina Uniting Church is at the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and Neptune St, with parking and entry via Neptune St.

Anyone wishing to attend should contact the church to register.

SOURCE:

Social media, 14 Feb 2021
Patty Lawrence, Umina Uniting Church

PCYC to hold open day

The Umina Beach Police Citizens Youth Club will be holding a Community Open Day on Friday, February 26.

The open day will celebrate the club's 20th anniversary.

The club will be open from 1:30pm to 4:30pm with the facilities available for inspection.

SOURCE:

Social media, 16 Feb 2021
PCYC

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Peninsula News – the EXTRA bit

Each issue of Peninsula News contains as many news items about the Peninsula as our competitors.

Despite that we always news items that we do not have space to publish. These appear, along with the printed articles, on our website www.peninsula.news.

We are currently considering producing a Peninsula News EXTRA, which would contain these extra items, as well as other interpretive and commentary pieces.

This would be available to advertisers, volunteers and those who are willing to become Patrons of Peninsula News. Patrons would undertake to make regular donations to support Peninsula News and the aims of its voluntary non-profit community group owner, The Peninsula's Own News Service Inc.

A voluntary non-profit group has owned and operated

Peninsula News over the past 21 years, and continues in its 513th edition under the leadership of its founding editor Mark Snell.

More help and support are always 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.

Peninsula continues with the same editorial policies that have seen it develop an extraordinary level of recognition, appreciation and support over the years:

SOURCE:

Mark Snell, editor
24 Feb 2021

Our next issue:

Monday,
March 8

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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.

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



Forget Me Not cafe at Umina today

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water will hold its next Forget Me Not cafe at Umina CWA hall on February 22.

"Our community cafe is for people living with dementia and their carers," said club president

Mr Peter Mote.

"The cafe creates opportunities for people to connect with others who understand what they are going through, and by attending feel much more socially supported.

"The cafe is designed to be a safe and welcoming social get-

together.

"We were greatly encouraged by the success of the first cafe."

For enquiries contact Heather 0414446177 or Di 0404147743.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 18 Feb 2021
 Peter Mote, Rotary Brisbane Water

Arts and craft classes resume with 50 students

Classes resumed at the Ettalong Arts and Crafts Centre early in February after a break of almost one year.

More than 50 students resumed in the first week, according to Centre president Mr Peter Mulholland.

"It has been a great cause of celebration for our tutors and students to return to near normal conditions in the wake of covid restrictions.

"Class numbers are carefully monitored following the guidelines but there are a great many happy members.

"While our aim is to provide

a welcoming space for local members of the community to pursue their favourite craft, it is no surprise to find that we have members from far and wide who have been travelling for several years to join the EBACC family."

Mr Mulholland said that, during the hiatus since March last year, the committee had met each month to deal with Covid 19 compliance issues to keep some activities operating, including plein air painting and stitchery for the social "boobs and bags" group.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 20 Feb 2021
 Peter Mulholland, EBACC

Club wins wedding venue award

Everglades Country Club has been named the winner of the Brides' Choice award for the best country club wedding venue on the Central Coast.

It was also listed in the top five in the wedding venue - planner section.

"We are so proud of our Events Team for winning the award for the third year in a row," said club general manager Mr Ross Seabrook.

"It has been a huge effort by our team to adapt to the Covid-19 restrictions and still be able to deliver incredible, dream weddings."

SOURCE:

Social media, 10 Feb 2021
 Ross Seabrook, Everglades Country Club

Dry start to year continues

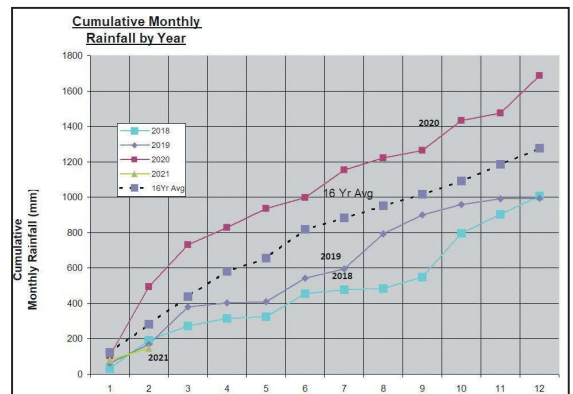
The Peninsula has had a total of 67mm rainfall so far this month, continuing a dry start to the year.

The total as at February 19 was 42 per cent of the February average total of 160mm, according to Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

The total rainfall for the year to date is 147.7mm about half the average figure for this time of year.

Another 134mm is needed to reach the cumulative end of February average of 282mm.

SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 19 Feb 2021
 Jim Morrison, Umina



CWA hall is available for hire again

The Woy Woy Branch of the Country Women's Association has resumed offering its hall for hire.

The branch is making the hall available as a "CovidSafe" space for hire on a casual or permanent basis.

Branch president Ms Jane Bowtell said the rates were competitive with parking on site.

The hall had kitchen space with a fridge and a stove, she said.

Tables and chairs were included.

"We do have strict CovidSafe procedures, as well as QR check in," said Ms Bowtell.

"If you'd like to know more, simply enquire when booking."

Anyone interested should call the branch hall hire officer on 0414 415 738 for further information.

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Feb 2021
Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy

Only two gates open in the mornings

Only two gates are now open at Umina Beach Public School for students to enter school in the mornings.

They are the Sydney Ave gate near the office and the Melbourne Ave gate near the library.

Kindergarten parents have been asked to drop their children off at the gate.

"As always, staff will be at the gates and student leaders will be there to assist with helping our kindergarten students to the playground and their classrooms," said relieving principal Mr Chad Tsakissiris.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Feb 2021
Chad Tsakissiris, Umina Beach Public School



Exercising with improvised drums

Exercise balls and dining chairs became improvised drums for a recent drumming exercise session at Blue Wave Living aged care home in Woy Woy last week.



Staff Service Awards

25 years, 20 years, 15 years, 10 years & 5 years

Aged care staff receive service awards

A Woy Woy aged care provider has presented service awards to staff who have served up to 25 years with the organisation.

BlueWave Living marketing manager Ms Kylie Scott said: "In 2020, we saw six staff reach five years of service."

"Another six have been with us for 10 years."

"We also had three staff members celebrating 15 years, 20 years and 25 years of working with us."

"Operations manager Ms Cathy Allen is our longest serving staff member at 25 years."

She is pictured receiving her award from chief executive Mr Matt Downie and chairman Mr Ross Pearse at a lunch at Ocean Beach Hotel.

Other staff members to receive awards were: Michelle Quirk, Kristy Priddes, Christine Turner, Brodie Guttridge, Kerry Murphy, Sharlene Hardy, Angela Simpson, Leah Stafford, Laura Baber, Nish Werrasinghe and Leesa Hancock.

SOURCE:
Media release, 9 Feb 2021
Kylie Scott, Blue Wave Living

Gardening club starts for the year

Ettalong Public School has started its gardening club for the year.

"Gardening club is one of the many extra curricular activities that run at our school at lunch times," said school principal Ms Lynn Balfour.

The club meets every Wednesday on the timber landing near the garden.

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Feb 21
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School



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Chinese New Year

Staff at Blue Wave Living aged care home in Woy Woy dressed in style to welcome in Chinese New Year.

Inquiry needed to avoid it happening again

We don't need an inquiry into the Central Coast amalgamation ("Tesch calls for public inquiry into 'failed amalgamation'", PN 512).

Of course, Ms Tesch has to engage in some political grandstanding whenever she can, but councils have been amalgamated since the year dot, invariably with heated complaints about the unsuitability of the move, and the system survives, as long as we can depend on the people

managing it, and this is the crux of the matter.

Adam Crouch is absolutely right that we need an inquiry into the management of the Council and the behaviour of the councillors ("Crouch moots inquiry into Council", PN 512) who are the ones who have got us into this mess.

There is a petition on line, requesting that an inquiry be set up, and this requires a minimum number of signatories, before it

can be tabled in parliament.

The petition needs to be publicized as widely as possible, and people should be encouraged to add their names to it.

I hope that Peninsula News will support this move and endorse the setting-up of an impartial body to get to the bottom of the problem and make recommendations on how to avoid anything like this happening again.

SOURCE
Email, 21 Feb 2021
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

It's time for a strategy that will be taken seriously

Peninsula Urban Direction Strategy was adopted with great fanfare by Gosford Council in 2005 as the document defining the future development of the Peninsula.

The Strategy has never been rescinded and remains the only council document providing such "direction".

Unfortunately, the Strategy never was and, it seems, never will be unless there are changes.

It was treated as a masterplan when, in fact, it has not been good enough even to be a guide for the besieged resident or the public generally.

It overwhelmingly focuses on development, avoiding essential matters such as climate change, social issues, environmental issues and health issues.

The study acknowledges the Peninsula's "finite" limits, but regards those impediments as simply matters of roads and transport only.

The study is limited to bricks and mortar.

In 2005, public belief in the "character statements" belonged only to the new resident, yet retention of and compliance with this "character" was to be required of the Peninsula's future development.

The finite limits were exceeded with development approvals this year in Ettalong, yet reports on this historic event have not been recognised by the Administrator or planners from any authority.

The Strategy did not advise what action was to be taken when this milestone was reached. The standards were meant to be permanent, despite countless population growth plans having been adopted since 2005.

Finite parameters have been exceeded.

This is reflected in the development and use of the Peninsula Leisure Centre, recreational and sports fields being subject to increasing demand and use, and the increasing public objection to proposed developments.

This has been assisted by a secret development assessment process and has resulted in the constant downgrade to residents' lifestyle.

The council has had an on-again off-again attitude to climate change.

There was international concern about climate change in 2005, yet the Peninsula Urban Direction Strategy downplayed this increasingly urgent matter.

It supported more Peninsula development on a coastal sandplain subjected to flooding.

A strategy is only as good as its implementation and enforcement.

There are now many examples of this not occurring on the Peninsula.

A planning strategy for the Peninsula is needed now more than ever, 16 years after the adoption of the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy.

It's time for the Strategy to be reviewed, to be updated and taken seriously, or be replaced with a genuine new strategy that will be.

SOURCE:
Letter, 3 Feb 2021
Norman Harris, Umina

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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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CWA branch offers media training

Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association will hold media training in the Umina CWA hall from 10 to noon over four Fridays from February 26.

"Anyone is welcome to come," said club president Ms Rikki McIntosh.

"We can teach you the basics of how to use Facebook, how to check in using your QR code and

check out and how to navigate YouTube.

"We will be guided by what you'd like to learn or brush up on.

"Each week will be different and we can hopefully accommodate all requests."

Those attending may use their own laptop, tablet or phone.

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Feb 2021
Rikki McIntosh, CWA Umina Beach



Suspended from parliament

The Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has been kicked out of the State Parliament for disruptive behaviour.

She was suspended for 24 hours after pressing the Premier on why the Central Coast missed out on much-needed bushfire relief funding.

She said she was demanding answers to "the bushfire grant rorting saga" during the first Question Time of the year.

Ms Tesch said she was simply doing her job as the local Member by calling out the inequity.

"The Central Coast region

did not receive a cent from the Government, despite suffering \$163 million of economic damage in the wake of the Black Summer bushfires.

"This Government should be ashamed for failing to put politics aside when making decisions about helping NSW recover from the bushfire disaster.

"We received nothing just because we're in the wrong postcode." Ms Tesch said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 9 Feb 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Security camera images released

Police have released security camera images of a man they wish to speak to in relation to an alleged theft of alcohol from an Ettalong store at about 6pm on Australia Day.

"He was wearing blue board shorts and sandals and had tattoos

on his arms and chest," police said.

He was described as "being of caucasian appearance, about old, about 185cm tall, average build, sunburnt complexion, brown short hair, brown facial hair and moustache".

Anyone with information was

asked to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page at <https://www1.police.nsw.gov.au/>.

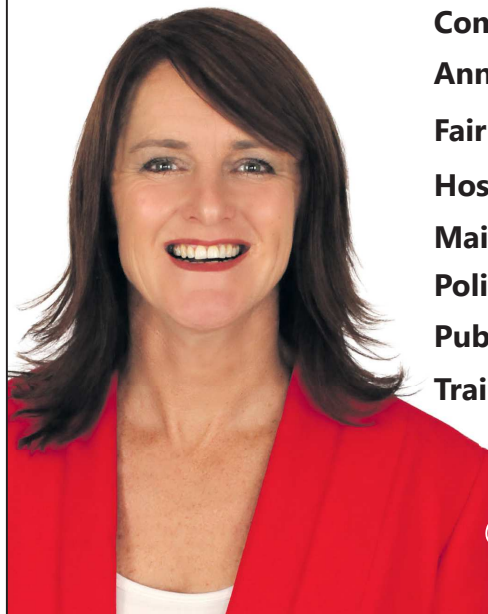
SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Feb 2021
Brisbane Water Police District, NSW Police



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Sport



MPs welcome female change rooms

Our local members of parliament – State Labor Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch (pictured above left) and Federal Liberal Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks (above right) – have both welcomed the opening of new female change rooms at James Brown Oval to be used by soccer players with the Southern and Ettalong United Football Club.

Eagles hold junior grading sessions

Umina United Soccer Club will hold junior grading sessions on Wednesday, February 24, and Saturday, February 27, at Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus.

Session times on Wednesday will be:
 Under-13: 4.45pm - 5.45pm.
 Under-14 Mixed, Under-14 Women and Under-15 Men: 6pm - 7pm.
 Session times on Saturday will be:
 Under-8: 8am - 9am. Under-9: 9.15am - 10.15am. Under-10:

10.30am - 11.30am. Under-11: 11.45am - 12.30pm. Under-12: Mixed and Under-12 Women: 12.45pm - 1.45pm.
 Team allocations and trial games will be held on Wednesday, March 3, for Under-6 at 5pm - 5.45pm and for Under-7 at 6pm - 6.45pm.
 Team allocations will be held at Umina Tennis Courts on Thursday, March 4, for Under-5 at 4.30pm - 5.30pm.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 19 Feb 2021
 Umina United Soccer Club



Junior touch scores

Scores from Peninsula Junior Touch for games played so far in Session Two reported on Friday, February 19 were:

U10 Girls: 0-0 draw with Singleton, 3-2 win over Port Makos.
 U12 Girls: 3-0 loss to Wallsend, 7-1 loss to Singleton, 4-3 loss to Carlingford.

U16 Boys: 5-1 win over Forster, 6-2 win over Berkeley Vale, 9-3 win over Singleton.
 U18 Girls: 2-1 win over Hornsby.
 U18 Boys: 4-0 loss to Nelson Bay, 3-3 draw with Ryde, 4-1 loss to Macksville.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 19 Feb 2021
 Peninsula Junior Touch

Riding a loop around the Peninsula

Central Coast Bicycle User Group will hold a ride a loop around the Peninsula from Fishermen's Wharf in Woy Woy on Sunday, March 14, from 8am to 10am.

Leader Mr Alan Corven said it would be "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".
 Those attending should pre-

register online at bicyclensw.buncheur.com/central-coast-bug-cbug-social-sunday-cycle-peninsula-west-1-1, he said.
 For further information, call Alan on 0414 538 977.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 13 Feb 2021
 Alan Corven, CCBUG



Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College has elected its sport house captains for 2021.

For Booker, they are Kya Byrnes and Rachel Celea.
 For Crommelin, they are Jacob

Falconer and Jayde Findlay.
 For Davis, they are Euan Murray and Liam Orlowski.
 For Webb, they are Lahna Rhind and Mitchell Stocken.
SOURCE:
 Social media, 15 Feb 2021
 BWSC Umina

Netball association runs umpiring workshops

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association is running umpiring workshops for two hours on each of three nights in March.

The workshops will be held at 6:30pm on March 3 at Ettalong Diggers, on March 11 and on March 18 at the Lemon Grove

Courts clubhouse.
 There will be no cost but numbers are limited to 20.
 The course is for trained umpires who have not umpired before, umpires who may have only started last year and for umpires wanting to have a better understanding of the rules and a refresher.

All participants must have a current theory pass.
 Anyone interested in attending the workshops should express their interest by email to wwpna@bigpond.com.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 19 Feb 2021
 WWPNA