



Eldest resident receives first Peninsula vaccination

The Peninsula's oldest resident Ms Biddy Abrahams, 104, was first to receive the Covid-19 vaccine last week.

After having been told they would receive the vaccination in the previous week, residents of Peninsula Village in Umina were the first on the Peninsula to have their injections last Tuesday and Wednesday, March 2 and 3, in the Phase 1 rollout to aged care residents.

Residents of Blue Wave Living aged care home in Woy Woy, who had also been expecting their vaccinations the previous week, are still waiting.

The Australian Government Health Department now says this should happen this week, but the home has not been given a date.

Peninsula Village chief executive Mr Shane Neave said: "The eldest of our residents, the 104-year-old dynamo Biddy, ensured she was the first one to sit in the nurse's chair."

"She walked away afterwards with a smile from ear-to-ear."

Mr Neaves said: "We are so proud of our staff who were patient, caring and reassuring during a period of disruption that had the potential to cause anxiety, confusion and distress for residents."

"Our biggest praise goes to our wonderful residents who were understanding, helpful and cooperative during the entire process."

SOURCE:

Social media, 2/3 Mar 2021
Shane Neaves, Peninsula Village



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Another bank abandons us

A second bank has announced it will close its Woy Woy branch.

Newcastle Permanent Building Society will close its Woy Woy branch on March 26.

It will no longer have a presence on the Peninsula, with its nearest branch being in Gosford.

The local bank branch closure is the second in four months, with the ANZ bank closing its Woy Woy branch in November.

Similar to the ANZ, the bank claimed it was responding to "customer preferences".

"In the past year customer

preferences have changed at an accelerated pace and we are now seeing more confidence and stronger reliance on digital banking services and reduced demand for cash and branch interactions from our customers," said the bank's customer retail head Ms Jackie Connors.

"As a result, we are adapting and realigning our services to better support the current and future banking needs of all our customers."

"We will be closing our branch at Woy Woy from 5pm Friday, March 26."

The bank claimed that branches were "still a critical part" of its future.

The closure of the Woy Woy branch would "support important investment" in the redevelopment of its Newcastle Mall and Gosford branches.

The customer-owned bank claims to have a "vision" which includes "contributing to the wellbeing and vibrancy of our local communities".

SOURCE:

Letter, 16 Feb 2021
Jackie Connors, Newcastle Permanent

Teenagers charged after police pursuit

Three teenagers have been charged with a variety of offences after a pursuit through Peninsula suburbs in the early hours of Sunday, March 7.

Officers attached to the Brisbane Water Proactive Crime team were patrolling the suburb of Tascott, when they attempted to stop a Toyota Corolla on Brisbane Water Dr for a random breath test.

The Toyota failed to stop and began accelerating away from police.

With police in pursuit, they travelled through Woy Woy, Ettalong and Umina.

Road spikes were used at the intersection of Bourke and Ocean Beach Rds, deflating the tyres before it came to a stop, crashing into a street sign on Dorothy Ave, Woy Woy.

A search of the vehicle and the

occupants revealed the passengers allegedly in possession of cash, and drugs. These items were seized for forensic examination.

The driver, a 16-year-old boy, and his two male passengers, aged 15 and 16, were arrested and taken to Gosford Police Station.

They were charged with a variety of driving and drug offences.

SOURCE:

Media release, 7 Mar 2021
NSW Police

Peninsula News – volunteers wanted

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.

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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.

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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.

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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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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.

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CWA holds media training

Seven people attended the first day of media training offered by the Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association.

"The first media training day done and dusted," said Ms McIntosh.

"We had seven people and three trainers.

"Lots of things were learnt and

we will be back next Friday at 10am.

"Please come along with all your questions and we will do what we can to help you."

Pictured are trainer Ms Margy Logan with Ms Eve Skulander and Ms Judy Betteridge.

SOURCE:

Social media, 26 Feb 2021
Rikki McIntosh, CWA Umina Beach

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 4 Mar 2021
Peter Mote, Rotary Brisbane Water

Church asks what happens after life?

The Peninsula's Grace Church is holding a series of Sunday sessions during March on the topic "So what happens after this life?"

The top four answers given in a survey of local people have been chosen as the title for each session.

The March 7 session was about reincarnation.

The March 14 session is about "Death is the end".

The March 21 session is titled "Something... I hope!"

The March 28 session is "Heaven for everyone"

The sessions will be held at 9:30am at the Peninsula Community Centre in McMahers Rd, Woy Woy.

The church plans to provide free barista coffee, good conversations, a question and answer time and a kids program "so you can sit back".

Evening sessions will be held for young adults, with "a chilled arvo picnic before the event kicks off at 6pm".

SOURCE:

Website, 3 Mar 2021
Grace Church



To be finished by April

The roundabout at the corner of Picnic Parade and Maitland Bay Dr, Ettalong, should be completed by April, according to Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch.

It was "fantastic to visit the new roundabout at Ettalong", he said.

"It is months ahead of schedule and will be completed by April."

SOURCE:

Social media, 25 Feb 2021
Adam Crouch, Member for Terrigal

Dementia cafe numbers double

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water's Forget Me Not cafe is going "from strength to strength", according to club president Mr Peter Mote.

"We had twice the number at the second meeting as the first," he said.

The cafe will be held from 10am to noon on every second and

fourth Monday of the month at the CWA Hall in Umina.

"Our community cafe is for people living with dementia and their carers," he said.

For further information, contact Heather on 0414 446 177 or Di on 0404 147 743.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 4 Mar 2021
Peter Mote, Rotary Brisbane Water

Driest January and February in 10 years

The Peninsula has had the driest first two months of the year in 10 years.

The cumulative total rainfall for January and February was 165.5mm, according to figures provided by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

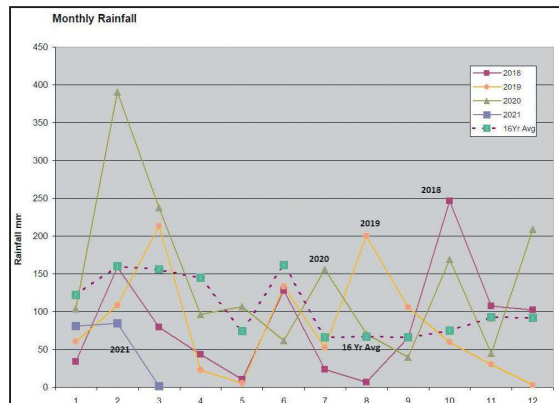
The average total for the two months is 282mm.

The February rainfall was 84.8mm, just over half the month's average of 160mm.

The least rain to fall on the Peninsula during January and February was in 2011, when the total was 104.9mm.

In 2019, the driest year in the last 16, the rainfall for the two months totalled 168.5mm, three millimetres more than this year.

In that year, rainfall for the year



was less than 80 per cent the average with a total for the year of 992.9mm.

SOURCE:

Spreadsheet, 5 Mar 2021
Jim Morrison, Umina

Escarpment land to be zoned E2, council staff propose

Council-owned land around the Peninsula's escarpment will be zoned E2 Environmental Conservation under a staff recommendation expected to be approved by Council administrator Mr Dick Persson tomorrow night.

The land includes properties around The Bays, Umina Heights and Pearl Beach.

The recommendation will see the land, which is part of the Coastal Open Space System, included in the new Central Coast Local Environmental Plan planning scheme, allowing the current Interim Development Order No.146 to be repealed.

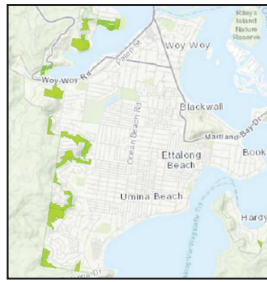
However, the new zoning

provisions will prohibit dwelling houses, secondary dwellings and bed and breakfast accommodation.

The move was approved in principle in December, subject to further evaluation of "deferred matters" land.

The staff report stated that all "deferred matters" lands had been evaluated and recommended that Council-owned Coastal Open Space System lands and a small number of other Council properties which are used for a variety of community purposes and be transferred to the initial version of the new planning scheme.

In response to public submissions saying that the E2 zoning was not appropriate, staff repeatedly commented: "An E5 or additional public conservation



zone is not provided for under the Standard (format) and as such is not available for application by Council.

"The E2 Environmental Conservation zone provides the highest level of environmental protection for areas with high ecological, scientific, cultural or

aesthetic values outside national parks and nature reserves.

"Council is currently developing an LGA-wide Biodiversity Strategy for public comment which will help guide the Comprehensive LEP Review."

The report stated: "Most notably, the proposed E2 zone prohibits dwelling houses, secondary dwellings and bed and breakfast accommodation."

"An exception has been provided for private land currently zoned E2 currently. This land will retain entitlements where they currently exist."

Among land identified in The Bays area included more than 15 allotments in Horsfield Bay, 36 in Phegans Bay and 12 allotments in Woy Woy Rd.

There were 10 lots in Woy Woy Bay Rd, Horsfield Bay; five in Athol St, Horsfield Bay; 16 lots in Crest Rd, Phegans Bay; 16 in Elaroo Rd, Phegans Bay, and four other properties in Phegans Bay.

There were 11 properties in Woy Woy Rd, Woy Woy, one in Nagari Rd, Woy Woy, and one in Woy Woy Bay Rd, Woy Woy Bay.

There were 22 properties around Umina Heights, at: Neera Rd, Kingsview Dr, The Rampart, Palmtree Grove, Greenhaven Dr, Turana Cl, Tulama Rd, Heritage Cl, Homan Cl, The Citadel, Sylvania Rd, Timbertop Dr and Ryans Rd.

There were also five lots listed in Green Point Rd, Pearl Beach.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council agenda 4.2, 9 Mar 2021

Water users seek 'harmonious co-existence'

Representatives of local surfers, paddlers and swimmers have come together with representatives of the local jetski community in a meeting with Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch to seek "harmonious co-existence".

A coalition of local waterways users wrote to Ms Tesch in December seeking a meeting, said one of the instigators, Mr Tony Trichter from the Umina Beach Malibu Club.

Mr Trichter said: "Peninsula

surfers, paddlers and swimmers are fed up with the reckless behaviour of some jet ski riders.

"In response to growing concerns for their safety, we sought a meeting to discuss a raft of strategies for addressing the problem."

"The meeting was also attended by representatives of the local jet ski community, who, it appears, are equally concerned about reining in unruly, illegal and anti-social behaviour by some jet ski riders."

"The group is in strong agreement that the way to improving safety in the water

is by promoting respectful and harmonious co-existence between all users of our waterways, be they swimmers, surfers or jet ski riders."

Announcing a weekend blitz on February 27, Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch said: "We've seen some really disruptive and dangerous behavior from jetski riders recently."

"It goes without saying, boating rules have been designed to keep everyone safe."

SOURCE:

Media statement, 22 Feb 2021
Tony Trichter, Umina Malibu Club
Media release, 27 Feb 2021
Adam Crouch, Member for Terrigal

Write to administrator about tree vandalism, GUST urges

The Peninsula's Grow Urban Shade Trees group has urged residents to report tree vandalism to council administrator Mr Dick Persson.

This comes after Central Coast Council announced it had adopted a policy to "ensure a consistent approach to the management of vandalism of trees and other vegetation on public land".

Mr Persson welcomed the policy, but sought further information.

"I am also interested to know just how widespread it is here on the Coast so am asking for more investigation into that and see if there are anything further we can do to make the Policy even stronger," he said.

Grow Urban Shade Tree group member Ms Melissa Chandler said: "We often get emails from the community expressing concerns about trees illegally removed, damaged by trades (including Ausgrid) or vandalised."

"This is a golden opportunity for our community to report these events - even if they seem like a long time ago - to Dick Persson."

"Your email will help build a picture of how private certification, lack of compliance checks and lack of replanting and tree

protection are slowly damaging our landscape."

"The email to write to is theadministrator@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au and include a picture if you can."

"Put 'Tree Vandalism' in the subject line."

Mr Persson said the policy had been updated with feedback from the community late last year.

"It was great to see positive community feedback on this policy," Mr Persson said.

"This policy will ensure we have a consistent approach to deterring vandalism in the first place and with stronger enforcement measures."

"It is a sensible approach considering how hard it is to catch people in the act of vandalism and we will continue to work with police and the community on the best solution."

In the issue 513 of Peninsula News, Ms Chandler was wrongly named as Michelle rather than Melissa and the tree group wrongly as the Grow Urban Street Tree group. We apologise for these errors.

SOURCE:

Media release, 23 Feb 2021
Dick Persson, Central Coast Council
Social media, 24 Feb 2021
Melissa Chandler, GUST

Support for those suffering hardship

Haircuts, hot meals, clothing, food hampers and much needed emotional support were all on offer at the CWA hall in Woy Woy on Thursday, February 25, for those suffering hardship.

"This was the first night of our service with Central Coast Disaster Relief," said Country Women's Association Woy Woy branch president Ms Jane Bowtell.

"We're very proud to be able to play a small part in bringing this wonderful outreach service to the Peninsula."

Ms Bowtell said the mission of Central Coast Disaster Relief was



"to enrich the lives of individuals who are experiencing hardships and alleviate human suffering by mobilising the power of volunteers and the generosity of community".

"And they're doing just that," she said.

"Many small acts of kindness

add up to widespread community kindness."

"This first evening is sure to be the start of many more wonderful services to come."

SOURCE:

Social media, 26 Feb 2021
Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy



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Three-storey block of flats proposed for Bowden Rd

Public comment will be received until March 19 on a proposal to build a three-storey block of eight flats with underground parking in Bowden Rd, Woy Woy, according to the Council's "ePlanning Portal".

The flats would be built at 16 Bowden Rd at a cost of \$3.83 million.

The development would contain two one-bedroom units, four two-bedroom units and two three-bedroom units.

The proposal is non-compliant with planning provisions in a number of respects.

Basement car parking would provide space for 11 cars, falling one space short of the requirement for 12 spaces.

With a floor space ratio of 0.77:1, the proposal exceeds the maximum ratio of 0.7:1 by 10 per cent.

The proposed height of 11.32 metres exceeds the maximum height of 11 metres.

It does not meet the minimum requirement of 25 per cent communal open space, nor does it meet minimum side setback requirements, according to a statement prepared by planning consultants Clarke Dowdle and Associates for the applicant Howard Leslie and Associates.

At 41.6m in length, it exceeds the maximum of 25 metres by more than 60 per cent.

The deep soil area of 21 per cent of the site falls short of the requirement of 25 per cent.

As part of the argument for approval of the project, the planning consultants provided a catalogue of precedents on the Peninsula where the Council had failed to enforce the planning provisions in issuing development



approvals.

They gave 31 examples where approval was given for non-compliant multi-dwelling developments "with the same design scale, height, setbacks, site cover and parking".

Ten examples were given of developments that failed to meet setback requirements.

Four photos were provided showing approved gun-barrel driveways without landscaping.

The consultants claimed that this was evidence of an increasing "demand for superior housing stock within close proximity of the town centre and foreshore", which was supported "by Council's strategy and subsequent planning controls".

Developments of this type would lead to "a rekindling and patronage that the town centre attracted in it heyday", they stated.

"Historically the suburb of Woy Woy was developed and frequented as a coastal escape for visitors to stay and enjoy the natural assets the locale including the access to the Brisbane Water.

"Since the 1920s, the area has become a popular holiday retreat with several hotels and clubs being established near The Boulevard, and numerous restaurants have become a popular cultural addition to the coastal suburb."

Arguing in favour of the proposal, the consultants stated: "The residential development has been designed with reference to the Apartment Design Guide.

"Each apartment will have direct access to a private balcony or terrace with each having a floor

area between 55.5 and 114.3 square metres.

"Residents will also have access to a generous communal open space at ground level.

"All apartments will benefit from extensive views over the local area, including a number with views east towards the water.

"Appropriately sized storage will be provided for each apartment within the car parking levels.

"Pedestrian access from street level will be via a dedicated centrally located residential lobby, leading to a lift.

"A stairwell is also proposed to maximize permeability through the building."

The consultants stated: "The proposed medium density residential development would provide residential accommodation within a building that is commensurate with the desired scale, height and site coverage of mixed use development occurring along Blackwall Rd as well as within the Woy Woy town centre."

SOURCE:

DA Tracker, 3 Mar 2021
DA 60711/2021, Central Coast Council

Application lodged to build three units in West St, Umina

An application to build three units at a cost of \$600,000 on a 730.4 square metre block at 159 West St, Umina, has been lodged with Central Coast Council.

"Each dwelling would include three bedrooms, living areas with vehicular access is proposed via central driveway to separate garages provided for each dwelling," according to a statement lodged with the application by planning consultants Clarke Dowdle and Associates.

"The proposed dwellings provide ground floor private open space areas, internal storage and a space to locate waste collection bins away from the street and clothes drying areas that would be screened from other dwellings and the public domain.

"The lightweight appearance with a mixture of weatherboard cladding rather than the more extensive masonry is a prominent feature of the design, all elements identified within the Council's desired character elements for the Umina Beach - Medium Density precinct."

The proposal fails to comply with a number of planning provisions.

The lot size is less than the minimum permitted of 750 square metres.

The design does not comply with minimum side and rear setbacks.

The maximum depth of the building at 40.4 metres is greater than the 25 metre maximum.

Two of the units would not meet the requirement of 50 square metres of open space, with unit two having 25 square metres and unit three having 45 square metres.

The front fence does not have the required one-third open material such as pickets. Instead, a 1.8 metre brick fence with 300mm decorative slat infills is proposed.

"The scenic quality of the area would not be compromised with the erection of front fencing to the residential complex," the consultants stated.

"The proposal would be commensurate with building setbacks that have been recently approved, established and permitted in the Woy Woy Peninsula area.

"Council in its planning assessment have conceded that the prescriptive requirements outlined within the Multi-Unit Housing and Residential Flat Buildings chapter are unrealistic for medium density development to occur within the Peninsula area.

"The economic feasibility to consolidate allotments and provide such little yield due to the loss of land available in regards to the required setbacks is onerous."

SOURCE:

DA Tracker, 3 Mar 2021
DA 60743/2021, Central Coast Council

Character statements need updating - Council staff

Central Coast Council staff have admitted that neighbourhood "character statements" used in the assessment of development applications need to be updated to accommodate legal changes since they

were put in place.

However, they have claimed that the statements will not be abolished and that they will be retained as a "consideration" under a combined planning scheme.

The statement was made in response to comments submitted about the proposal to incorporate

Coastal Open Space System land in the E2 zone.

The staff did not make clear what form or status the revised statements would take.

The comment was made in response to a public submission that the council should "enforce existing character statements and consider things as tree cover, site coverage, streetscape, setbacks, building lines, view sharing and the like in character statements."

Council staff commented: "Character statements remain a consideration and will be reviewed through upcoming stages of the Comprehensive LEP/DCP review.

"It should be noted that the character statements for the former Gosford LGA were developed prior to the introduction of State Environmental Planning Policy Exempt and Complying Development which in many areas are used to override any local controls.

"The character statements need to be updated to reflect the many changes in legislation that have occurred since their introduction to ensure they are as effective as possible."

"Current character considerations have been retained" in the new Central Coast DCP.

SOURCE:

Central Coast Council agenda 4.2, 9 Mar 2021

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Club appoints three new directors

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club has appointed three new directors, following the resignation of long-serving chairman Mr Robert Henderson in January.

The new directors are Mr Geoff O'Hara, Mr Peter Butt and Ms Tracey Burraston.

Mr Henderson decided it was time to retire from the board in January, after more than 20 years of service, and to focus on the future with his children and grandchildren, club chief executive

Mr Tim McGavin said.

"The directors and myself have greatly valued Robert's guidance over the time, and we are extremely grateful for Robert's invaluable service of more than 20 years," he said.

Upon his resignation, the board appointed vice-chairman Mr Gary Thomson as chairman and Mr Ken Dixon as vice-chairman until elections are held in October.

The board called for expressions of interest in filling the casual vacancy.

Mr McGavin said the board appointed the three new directors at a special meeting on February 10.

He said the board had the power to appoint up to two additional directors, as well to fill the casual vacancy.

Mr O'Hara was appointed to fill the casual vacancy and the other two to the additional positions.

SOURCE:

Website, 28 Feb 2021
Tim McGavin, Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club



Home delivery offered for bacon and egg rolls

The Bays Community Group has added home delivery to their "last Sunday" breakfast service.

"Residents of The Bays - Woy Woy Bay, Phegans Bay and Horsfield Bay - can pre-order hot rolls to be delivered to their homes," said Group president Ms Gwynneth Weir.

The home delivery service is by bicycle "in line with our aim to become more environmentally-friendly".

With the introduction of coronavirus restrictions, the Bays committee had to stop serving breakfasts in the hall.

It replaced these with takeaway bacon and egg rolls, on sale from outside the hall on the last Sunday of the month.

"These have been well received by residents and others from further afield," said Ms Weir.

Now, with restrictions beginning to ease, the Group has also been able to open the doors to the hall again.

"People are able to buy a bacon and egg roll and go on their way or mingle and chat inside the hall."

"A mobile coffee van provides excellent coffee and other hot drinks," Ms Weir said.

"In February, there was also a plant stall selling native plants."

"This, too, was very popular and the committee is now hoping to offer a variety of stalls throughout the year."

SOURCE:

Media release, 4 Mar 2021
Gwynneth Weir, The Bays Community Group

Work comes together for Mardi Gras

Coastal Twist Festival volunteers have been active over the past few months creating their float for the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade last Saturday, March 6.

It all came together with a dress and dance rehearsal in Ettalong over the weekend of February 27 and 28.

For the first time in the history of the Mardi Gras, it was staged at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Co-head float designer Mr Shane Milsom said the plan was to come into the SCG and "do a big



lap, waving cheering and clapping, obviously with social distancing".

They would then go across to the centre of the field "where we will have our 45 seconds of glory

as we show our Coastal Twist float to the world".

SOURCE:

Media release, 2 Mar 2021
Glitta Supernova, Coastal Twist



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Health

Robot to provide dementia therapy

An aged care facility in Umina has bought robot, based on the appearance of a baby fur seal, as therapy for its dementia patients.

The furry "Paro" robot, which produces sounds similar to a baby seal, is designed to have a calming effect and to elicit emotional responses from dementia patients.

It is said to have dual 32-bit processors, a number of microphones, tactile sensors covering its fur, and to be able to move its limbs and body.

The robot is designed respond to petting, to actively seek eye contact, to learn and respond to words and sounds, and to remember faces and actions that generate a favorable reaction.

As well as the robot, the Village is setting up a sensory room in Don Leggett House.

It also has a red buggy for "scenic rides leaving from Pozieres House".

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Feb 2021
Shane Neaves, Peninsula Village

'Kids' Safari' introduced at hospital

A local hospital has introduced a "Kid Safari" to help children overcome their fears of hospital procedures.

Brisbane Waters Private Hospital chief executive Ms Debora Ritter said: "Children undergoing ear, nose and throat procedures get to embark on a safari to day surgery."

"They can engage in wildlife spotting in a safari jeep complete with binoculars and adventure hat," she said.

"Each year we have up to 300 children aged 14 and under walk through our doors for surgical

procedures.

"Many come to see us to have grommets put in, or for adenoid or tonsil removal.

"Regardless of the procedure, it can be a daunting experience.

"This is especially true if it is the first time they've stepped inside a hospital or undergone any sort of procedure."

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Feb 2021
Debora Ritter, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital



Survey to find out how people seek aged care

A survey is being conducted locally in an attempt to find out how people look for an aged care facility.

The survey is being conducted by Woy Woy aged care provider Blue Wave Living in with an aim "to evaluate and improve" its procedures.

Questions ask participants how they heard of Blue Wave Living, which platforms they would use to find an aged care facility, and whether they would recommend

Blue Wave Living to family and friends.

"We are currently undertaking some changes to the way we market BlueWave Living," said marketing manager Ms Kylie Scott.

"If you have a moment to spare we would love you to complete a short survey.

"Your feedback is very much appreciated and will help us moving forward."

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Feb 2021
Kylie Scott, BlueWave Living

Health district seeks board members

Central Coast Local Health District is seeking expressions of interest for positions on its board.

"Board members play a pivotal role in setting the strategic direction and accountability for managing our public health service," said board chair Mr Paul Tonkin, a Woy Woy lawyer.

The Central Coast board

consists of six to 13 members, appointed by the Minister for Health.

"The selection criteria seek to ensure board members have an appropriate mix of skills, experience and expertise to oversee and provide guidance to large and complex organisations," Mr Tonkin said.

"Individuals should demonstrate the capacity to represent the

interest of consumers of health services and the local community, and indicate any affiliations with universities, clinical schools or research centres, as well as skills and experience."

Further information is available on the NSW Health website.

SOURCE:
Media release, 18 Feb 2021
Paul Tonkin, Central Coast Local Health District

Rotary club awards life membership

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has awarded its first ever life membership.

The award was made to Mr Kevin Williams in recognition of more than 30 years of outstanding service to the community as a member of the club, said club publicity officer Mr Pat Lewis.

He was presented with the award at a special ceremony at his home in Empire Bay which was attended by his daughters Tracey and Melissa and his son Brad.

The presentation was made by club president Mr Bruce Croft, who was supported by past presidents Mr Tom O'Connor, Mr Wayne Dowdle and Mr Mike Curley.

"Kevin has been an active member of Rotary International and the club for almost 40 years," said Mr Lewis.

"He was club president in 1989-1990 and has been recognised by



the awards of a Paul Harris Fellow and a Sapphire Pin.

"Kevin was club treasurer for 11 years, had been the attendance officer for many years, and served on the board for over 15 years.

"Kevin was always one of the first to volunteer for each local project of Umina Rotary."

Mr Lewis said Mr Williams was also actively involved in Probud and was the inaugural secretary of the Probud Club of Umina

Everglades when it was formed by Umina Rotary in 2002.

"He was the second president of that Probud Club and served on its management committee for many years."

Pictured are Mr Mike Curley, Mr Bruce Croft, Mr Kevin Williams, Mr Tom O'Connor and Mr Wayne Dowdle.

SOURCE:
Media release, 24 Feb 2021
Pat Lewis, Rotary Umina Beach

Local Members welcome filming at Umina Beach

Both State and Federal Local Members have welcomed the filming of a new television series at Umina on February 27.

"Netflix is coming with star actress Toni Collette and hundreds of others filming 'Pieces of Her', an eight-part American thriller drama, at Umina," said State Labor Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

"Let's welcome the stars and film crew to our home.

"Hopefully this will be the first of many Netflix series filmed on our beaches."

Federal Liberal Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks said the Netflix series was supported by the Federal Government's Location Incentive Program.

"The series has been supported under the Australian Government's \$400 million boost to the Location Incentive Program to create a



pipeline of international projects during the recovery from Covid-19.

"Australia's world-class production sector is renowned for being hardworking and these productions will support hundreds of jobs - from carpenters, lighting technicians and set designers to actors, crews and special effects teams," she said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Feb 2021
Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson
Social media, 27 Feb 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

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School project to regenerate native bushland

Umina Beach Public School has received funding for a Landcare bush regeneration project for the bushland at the south end of the school.

"Two of our Year 5 classes will be taking part in the project focussed on cleaning and regenerating the natural bushland on the south end of our school," said relieving principal Mr Chad Tsakissiris.

The students will also look at local ecological issues around the area.

"Students will participate in the four-week program with our local bushcare supervisor Ms Suzie German," he said.

The Parents and Citizens Association was responsible for securing the funding and coordinating the project.

The association planned to remove rubbish from the area yesterday, Sunday, March 7, as part of Clean Up Australia Day.

"We're removing rubbish ahead of the school's bush regeneration project," said association project co-ordinator Ms Penny Joje.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 2 Mar 2021
Chad Tsakissiris, Umina Beach Public School



New Woy Woy house captains

House captains have been appointed at Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College.

Aiden Bycroft and Cherry Crawley are Booker House captains.

Jessica Harrison and Kiara Jack are Crommelin captains.

Aliesha Petersen and Jade Nemsi are Davis captains.

Lorilee Reeding and Yuki Rodden are Webb House captains.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Feb 2021
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

Swimmers break school records

Eight swimmers broke school records at the Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus swimming carnival held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

All records were set in Division A freestyle. In 200 metres, records were set by Lachlan Muldrock (Davis House) with 2:45.76 in Boys 12 competition; Lucy Marshall (Davis) 2:35.43 in Girls 13; Caleb De Vivo (Booker) 3:00.24 in Boys

13; William Slater (Webb) 2:16.58 in Boys 14; Riley Mowbray (Davis) 3:09.42 in Boys 16; and Kiara Jack (Crommelin) 2:50.94 in Girls 17+.

Jacob Falconer (Crommelin) broke records in the Boys 14 100 metres and 50 metres with times of 1:01.66 and 27.79 respectively.

Webb House came first overall in the carnival, Crommelin second, Davis third and Booker fourth.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Feb 2021
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina

Students collect 380kg of rubbish from Brisbane Water

Brisbane Waters Secondary College students collected 380kg of rubbish from Brisbane Water as part of the Clean4Shore project on Friday.

Project co-ordinator Mr Graham Johnson reported many of the sites visited were relatively free of rubbish.

He said the corner at Tascott in front of the railway station "picks up plenty of rubbish".

"However, local intervention has greatly reduced the volume present today," he said.

"Brisbane Waters Dr was also fairly free of litter.

"Under the Woy Woy Bridge in the corner the mangroves were also in good condition."

Mr Johnson said the team departed from Lions Park, Woy Woy, and found three bags of small litter and four small oyster baskets.

On Brisbane Water Dr, "one site close to an open drain had soft plastics, food wrapping and small hard plastics and again those oyster baskets".

At Woy Woy bridge, "dumping has occurred adjacent to the road with four car tyres and steel truck side trays cleaned up".

"Wreckage around a sunken cruiser in Woy Woy Channel was removed.

"This vessel is too large for Clean4shore and will require a commercial operator to lift the vessel and dispose."

Mr Johnson said the efforts of the students and their supervising staff were rewarded with fish and chips.

The rubbish was taken to Woy Woy tip.

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 Mar 2021
Graham Johnson, Clean4Shore



Artwork selected for regional exhibition

Brisbane Water Secondary College Year 12 student Shelby Jeff has been selected to have her artwork exhibited at Gosford Regional Art Gallery during March.

It will be part of the Central Vision exhibition, billed as a partnership between the Department of Education and Gosford Regional Gallery that showcases the best public secondary school student artwork from across the Central Coast.

The exhibition will be on from 9:30am to 4pm daily from March 6 to 28.

Entry is free.

"We were so proud to see the work of Shelby exhibited," said Woy Woy campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 Mar 2021
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



Code club starts for primary students

Umina Beach Public School is starting a lunchtime "code club" to "equip students with the skills they need for future employment ... and help them to problem solve and become logical thinkers".

"Young people should not just become consumers of the web, but become critical analysers of the digital world around them," said teacher Ms Jan Estens.

"Code is the language used to instruct computers.

"Social media, smart phone apps and websites are all made with code.

"It's simply computer programming.

"There are a range of different programming languages you can use."

Code Club will meet on Tuesday lunchtimes.

The club can only have 20 students from Stage 2 and Stage 3 and they must bring their own computer.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 2 Mar 2021
Chad Tsakissiris, Umina Beach Public School

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Sport

Spirit holds social eight-a-side competition



The Hawaii 5-0 team

Southern Spirit Cricket Club held its social eight-a-side cricket competition on February 28.

Teams took the opportunity to dress up for the occasion.

Winners were Higgs's Team.

Other teams included Hawaii 5-0, Reggies, Rack Wilsons and Globex Corporation, Offies and Frothies, Kiss My Chavinda Vass, and Bash Brothers.

Volunteer helpers on the day included Scott Jones, Bill Gregg, Peter Hibberd, Jamie Doran and Paul Wright.

SOURCE:

Social media, 3 Mar 2021
Southern Spirit Cricket Club



Three generations at Malibu Club

A founding member of the association in 1962 that became the Ocean Beach Malibu Club has seen three generations of his family surf with the club.

John Young, 79, was a founding member of the Ocean Beach Surfing Association in 1962. Now his son Pete and grandsons Jarvis, Jye and Koa all enjoy the friendly competition between mates, as well as the social side of being members of Umina Boardriders and Grommet Umina Boardriders (GRUBS), said Pete's wife Samantha.

"All three generations who call Umina home and all share a passion for surfing."

"Mostly they just enjoy being out in the ocean, which is where you'll find them most afternoons and weekends."

Pete no longer competes but still enjoys the occasional surf.

"Dad is an inspiration to us and many other surfers in the area."

"I hope to still be surfing when I'm 79 and can take a photo with my grandkids," said Pete.

SOURCE:

Media release, 26 Feb 2021
Samantha Young, Umina Beach

Park Run celebrates its 100th event

The weekly Woy Woy Park Run held from Lions Park in Brickwharf Rd has celebrated its 100th run on February 20.

"We had 152 people who ran, jogged and walked the course, of whom 21 were first timers and 34 recorded new personal bests," said event directors Mr Scott Wedesweiler and Ms Karen Duncan.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch who joined the event congratulated the organisers.

"Started in 2018, Woy Woy parkrun has had 3229 participants who have covered a huge 66,115 kilometres."

On average, there have been 134 runners in each Saturday morning event and each runner has completed four events.

The average time for the five



kilometre return run from Lions Park to Blackwall Point at Orange Grove is 34:03 minutes.

The event is run voluntarily and volunteers are always wanted.

Roles include run directors, first timers briefing, results processor, pre-event setup, event day course check, timekeeper, finish tokens, barcode scanning, marshal, tail

walker, photographer and post-event close down.

Volunteers last weekend included Karen Duncan, Natalie Duncan, Rachel Spooner, Robynne Scott, Amber O'Donohue and Steve Russell.

SOURCE:

Social media, 1 Mar 2021
Karen Duncan, Woy Woy Park Run

Handicap Pairs bowls championship played

John Hall and Terry Murphy have won the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club's first championship for 2021, the Handicap Pairs.

They defeated Darrin Fleming and Tony Potter, 25-16, on Tuesday, March 2, in a game that was played into the evening.

"This was a very good final, played in front of a good crowd," said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"Darrin and Tony had an early lead of 8-2, but John and Terry picked up six shots to make it 8-8."

"This end seemed to give John and Terry some momentum and they moved into the lead and stayed there."

SOURCE:

Social media, 3 Mar 2021
Peter Springett, UBMBC



Zone 15 President Reserve Triples champions

Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club beat Ettalong 26-19 at Ettalong in the semi-final of the Zone 15 President Reserve Triples Championship yesterday morning, March 7.

The team of team of Lee Cribbs, Colin Mew and Shane Waddell went on to win against Mingara 32-8 after 22 ends in the final in the afternoon.

SOURCE:

Social media, 7 Mar 2021
Peter Springett, UBMBC

Major Minor Night Pair winners

Finals were played in the Ettalong Eagles bowling club's Major Minor Night Pairs competition on February 26.

Winners were Mitch Douglas and Michael Braham.

Runners-up were Gary Jannese and Lee Trethowan.

Equal third were Jeff Kime and Shane Starkey, and Chris Letherbarrow and Nathan Malloy.

SOURCE:

Social media, 26 Feb 2021
Ettalong Eagles



Southern Spirit cricket results

Results of games played by Southern Spirit Cricket Club over the weekend, March 6 and 7, were:

First Grade: Narara 237 (HS Jaenke 4/38) and 1/60 def Southern Spirit 82 (LM O'Farrell 34).

Second Grade: Southern Spirit 195 (J Gerrie 92) and 4/60 def Narara 87 (SA Mahony 5/25) and 166 (DA McInnes 3/19, R Watson 3/47).

Third Grade: Wyong 4/273cc (PR Wright 2/41) def Southern Spirit 89.

Male Youth League: Lisarow 136 (J

Robertson 3/17) def Southern Spirit 69 (AP Cutting 27).

Fourth Grade: Southern Spirit 238 (BN Weir 142) def Narara 194 (JF Taylor 4/33).

Fifth Grade: Southern Spirit 9/82 (D Hancock 31) def Lisarow White 10/80 (T Fry 5/8).

Under 16: Southern Spirit 5/201cc (A Dickson 58) def Warnervale 14 (FJ Tebbutt 3/6).

Under 12a: The Entrance 19 (L Papps 2/1) def by Southern Spirit 1/100cc.

Under 11 South: Southern Spirit

14/84cc def by Terrigal White 6/159cc

Eighth Grade: Northern Power 3/109cc def Southern Spirit White 105 (M Lane 27). Southern Spirit Purple 9/109cc (AP Byrnes 45) def by Narara 4/112 (AP Byrnes 2/21).

Womens T20 A Grade: Lisarow White 2/58 def Southern Spirit 57 (S Oman 41).

Womens T20 B Grade: Northern Power Orange 6/97cc def Southern Spirit 7/75cc.

SOURCE:

Website, 7 Mar 2021
Southern Spirit Cricket Club