

'Initial strategic' intersection designs released

Transport for NSW has released "initial strategic designs" for intersection upgrades along Blackwall Rd for public comment.

The designs show changes for intersections of Blackwall Rd with McMasters, Allfield and Farnell Rds and the intersection at Memorial Ave and Maitland Bay Dr.

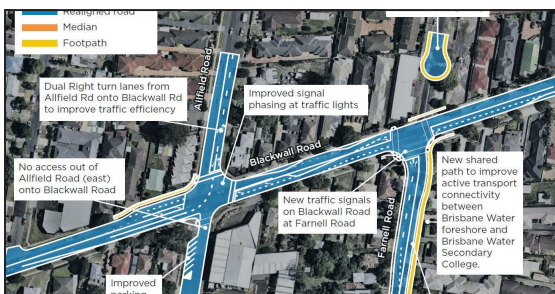
Changes to the pedestrian crossing on Blackwall Rd just south of the Victoria Rd roundabout have also been proposed.

Aims of the project include improving the travel time and reducing congestion along Blackwall Rd and Memorial Ave.

Other aims include improving motorists' safety, providing safer pedestrian and cyclist facilities near the intersections, as well as "supporting economic growth and productivity by providing road capacity for existing and projected traffic volumes".

Key features include new traffic lights at Farnell Rd and the cul-de-sac closure of Farnell Rd to the west of Blackwall Rd.

There will be no access out of



Allfield Rd (east) onto Blackwall Rd, but a new left turn bay will be created in Blackwall Rd northbound into Allfield Rd.

A dedicated right turn lane will be created from Blackwall Rd southbound into McMasters Rd.

Traffic will no longer be able to right turn from McMasters Rd onto Blackwall Rd.

Entry into McMasters Rd (east) will be closed to all but southbound traffic in Blackwall Rd.

Pedestrian-activated traffic lights will be installed on Blackwall Road, south of McMasters Rd.

Dual right turn lanes will be

provided from Maitland Bay Dr onto Memorial Ave.

Two northbound lanes will be provided from Barrenjoey Rd.

Separate left and right turn lanes will be created out of Gallipoli Ave.

"If you have any questions or would like more information on the Blackwall Road intersection upgrades please contact our project team on 4394 6298 or email central.coast.office@rms.nsw.gov.au," a Transport for NSW community update leaflet states.

SOURCE:

Leaflet, 6 Feb 2021

Transport for NSW

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High petrol prices return

Petrol prices on the Peninsula were back to 10 cents or more higher than the best prices at West Gosford and Tuggerah last week.

United remained the cheapest petrol on the Peninsula, but was 14.2 cents more expensive than the United station at North Wyong.

E10 fuel was 141.9 cents at Umina compared to 127.7 cents at United North Wyong, according to the NSW government Fuel Check website last Thursday.

Premium 95 was 156.9 cents at United Umina compared to 142.7 cents at United North Wyong.

Premium 98 prices were also 14.2 cents different.

At the same time, the E10 price was 131.9 cents at Metro West Gosford and both Metro and Woolworths at Tuggerah, still 10 cents cheaper than the best Peninsula price.

The United price of 141.9 cents for E10 locally was four cents cheaper than other petrol stations



on the Peninsula, with the price at both Coles and Woolworths locally being 145.9 cents.

The price difference for diesel was not as great.

United Umina was charging 131.9 cents, while the price was 125.9 cents at Metro West Gosford, 126.9 at Metro North Wyong and 129.7 cents at United North Wyong.

SOURCE:
Website, 18 Mar 2021
NSW Price Check

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Foreshore parking meter scheme to go to Council

Parking meters could be installed adjacent to all foreshore areas around the Peninsula if a staff recommendation to Central Coast Council proceeds on Tuesday night.

The proposal would see "Council resolve to go to the market and call for expressions of interest from external providers".

It would determine their "willingness to partner with Council to develop and deliver a visitor-based paid parking scheme at foreshore areas, at no cost to Council".

The "potential beach foreshore areas" listed in the report include all foreshores on the Peninsula proper, including Ocean Beach, Ettalong Beach and Brisbane Water foreshores.

It also includes Patonga, but Pearl Beach is not listed.

The report comments: "Additional investigations and studies are required to determine the most suitable areas to be included in a visitor-based paid parking scheme as well as the sequence of introducing the

scheme to these areas.

"Factors to be considered for the paid parking scheme include the existing parking infrastructure, line marking, suitability for installing parking sensors-CCTV cameras, parking meters, enforcement measures, and the management of the flow-on effect to neighbouring streets."

The report also states that only 6.85 per cent of occupied parking

in the region is used by a non-resident to the area.

"Further study and detail is required to determine who is excluded from paying parking fees, how many per household."

The payback period for implementation across the region was estimated at "just over eight years".

SOURCE:

Central Coast Council
agenda 3.10, 23 Mar 2021

Rotary club to offer community grants

Five grants each of \$1000 are being offered by the Rotary Club of Woy Woy to local non-profit organisations.

The club will offer five community grants this financial year to eligible organisations to aid in reinstating or continuing their programs or projects to benefit the community.

Club president Ms Joan Redmond said the grants were "in keeping with Rotary's theme this year that 'Rotary opens

opportunities' and to celebrate 70 years of service to the community".

"The grants will be available for not-for-profit (non-sporting) community organisations whose local community programs or projects experienced financial hardship or were unable to continue, due to the pandemic.

"Online applications will open shortly," she said.

SOURCE:

Newsletter,

Joan Redmond, Rotary Woy Woy

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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Tuesday,
April 6

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Peninsula News

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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.

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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.

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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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Contributors are asked to keep their

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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.

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

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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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Book fair at Pearl Beach on Easter Saturday

The Pearl Beach Progress Association will hold its Easter Saturday Monster Book Fair from 9am to 5pm on Saturday, April 3, in the Memorial Hall in Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach.

"Now in its 44th year, the event is the largest single fundraising activity with proceeds going toward the memorial hall repairs and upkeep," said association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

"As a significant event on the Pearl Beach yearly calendar, this

year's annual book fair promises to be no exception."

She said the variety of books would include novels, biographies, art, cooking, sports, special interest and children's books.

Prices will start from \$2.50, with proceeds from the book fair going towards the Pearl Beach Hall upkeep and maintenance.

"We are extremely grateful for these wonderful book donations and believe that the fair is an additional attraction for the locals and visitors to Pearl Beach," Ms Lillico said.

"The buzz of the crowd adds to the festive atmosphere, providing the perfect environment to search out those special book bargains."

"Note we will follow all Covid requirements, including QR code check in, social distancing and limiting numbers accordingly."

With inquiries, phone 0487 444 537 or visit the association website at www.pearlbeachprogress.org.au for more information.

SOURCE:
Media release, 15 Mar 2021
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association



Church changes its name

Hope Church Central Coast in Sydney Ave, Umina, has changed its name to Connect Church Umina Beach.

Pastor Dom Psaila said the church was "connecting people to God, people to purpose and people to people".

The name change occurred on

February 21, and started with its first child dedication under the new name and communion.

"It was a fantastic morning. We are so blessed."

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Feb 2021
Dominic Psaila, Connect Church Umina

Volunteers wanted for Catholic parish

St John the Baptist Catholic Church is seeking volunteers who would like to be involved in the Woy Woy Peninsula parish.

Anyone interested should contact the relevant co-ordinator: for Eucharist Ministers in the Community, Ms Phoebe Glacken; Servers, Mr Bernie French; Bus drivers, Mr Vince Wiegold; Catechists, Mr Michael Tebbutt; Church cleaners, Ms Christine French; Readers, Ms Dorothy Fulton.

For further information, contact the Parish Office on 4341 1073.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 14 Mar 2021
St John the Baptist Catholic Church

Woy Woy parking limits change

Parking time limits in George St, Woy Woy, and surrounding car parks came into effect from Monday last week, March 15.

Deepwater Plaza centre manager Ms Marcelle Proper said the shopping centre had made some changes to parking times

conditions in some of its car parks "to provide more convenience to shoppers and the community".

The Coles car park off Charlton St now has a two-hour parking limit.

The rear-to-kerb spaces along George St will have a 15-minute "quick shop" parking limit.

Ms Proper said four-hour parking was available in the multi-deck car park.

"All car parks at Deepwater Plaza are subject to regular patrols by council rangers and fines may apply," she said.

SOURCE:
Website, 15 Mar 2021
Deepwater Plaza

Rainfall totals 300mm in eight days

Almost 300mm of rain has fallen on the Peninsula in the last eight days, according to figures from Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

A total of 299.2mm fell in the eight days to 9am yesterday (Sunday, March 21).

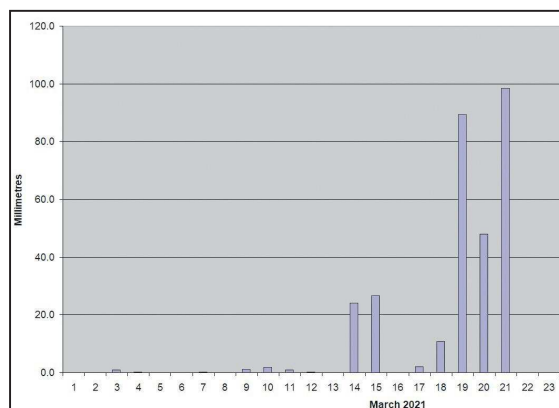
Of this, 235.8mm fell in the last 72 hours, the second highest total for a three-day period in the last 16 years.

The highest figure for a 72-hour period was on June 6, 2016, when 281.3mm was recorded.

The third highest was on April 23, 2015, when 234mm was recorded in three days.

The last week's rain brought the total in March to date to 304.7mm, almost twice the March average of 156mm.

This year's rainfall total now



stands at 470.2mm, just above the average for this time of year of 438mm.

At the end of February, it was

43.1 per cent below the average.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 21 Mar 2021
Jim Morrison, Umina



Enjoying Vernon Park

New playground equipment suitable for little ones has been installed at Vernon Park on the corner of Ryan's Rd and Haynes Ave, Umina.

Pictured is Ms Amanda Bickley with her grandson Axton Pilson, enjoying a rocking chair.

The new play area is completely fenced with child proof gates.

There is seating for all, with swings, slides and even a play

shop are under the equipment.

Also in the park was Ms Rachel Penboss with her son Van Donahue on the swing.

Living nearby, she said she previously took her son to Ettalong.

Now she can come here with her preschooler.

"He loves it here," she said.

SOURCE:

**Pictures, 19 Mar 2021
Robwyn English, Umina**

Residents take their own traffic counts

The Save Our Woy Woy residents group has undertaken its own traffic count on Blackwall Rd to gain its own understanding of traffic on the Peninsula.

Pictured are group members Mr Frank Wiffen, Mr Harvey McDougall and Mr Norm Harris, counting traffic at the corner of Blackwall and Allfield Rds.

Group president Mr McDougall said: "Our decision to undertake traffic counting at certain intersections with Blackwall Rd is in reaction to an application for a multi-dwelling development at the intersection of Blackwall and Farnell Rds, and also to planned changes to both the Farnell-Blackwall and Allfield-Blackwall intersections by Transport for NSW."

"The application and the proposed intersection changes combined have the potential to turn Farnell Road East into a traffic nightmare."

He said the intersection changes included closing west bound lanes on Allfield Rd East, the complete closure of Farnell Rd West where it currently intersects with Blackwall Rd and the placing of traffic lights at the intersection of Farnell Rd East and Blackwall Rd.

"Transport for NSW admits



that these changes will cause increased traffic on Farnell Rd."

Mr McDougall said the development application DA060666 proposed 18 units containing 57 bedrooms.

"With a potential population of 75 but only providing 29 on site parking spaces for residents and two spaces for visitors, we are deeply concerned that this kind of 'Low Rise Maximum Density' design will become a blueprint for future developments."

"This will hugely increase population density and traffic congestion on Blackwall Rd and the Peninsula."

Mr McDougall said the group was seeking volunteers to help it with traffic counts.

He was also wanting to hear from residents who shared the group's concerns.

The group can be contacted by email at saveourwoywoy@gmail.com.

"We urge concerned residents to lodge a submission with the Central Coast Council before the deadline of March 26 to force this application to be decided by the Local Planning Panel."

Documents about the proposal can be viewed on the Council's eplanning portal and submissions can be made online or by email to ask@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au.

SOURCE:

**Media release, 19 Mar 2021
Harvey McDougall, Save
Our Woy Woy**

Check fire alarms

Firefighters at the Fire and Rescue NSW Umina station are asking residents to check their smoke alarms.

Last week, they reported they had attended two house fires and three kitchen fires in seven days.

In one case, a smoke alarm alerted neighbours after food was left unattended on a hot stove.

"A quick response and entry to this unattended home in Woy Woy by Umina Fire and Rescue crews stopped this fire from spreading to the rest of the kitchen," they said.

The fire fighters described it as "a lucky escape" and "a reminder to never leave cooking unattended and always have a working smoke alarm".

The station has a new telephone number, 4337 9740, but "please call 000 for emergencies."

SOURCE:

**Social media, 14 Mar 2021
Fire and Rescue NSW Umina**



Tesch joins residents in call for road upgrade

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has joined with residents to call for an upgrade of Haynes Ave, Umina.

"The residents of Haynes Ave are fed up with speeding, dangerous driving and poor road conditions," she said.

"The residents and I are calling on Central Coast Council and the State Liberal Government to fund a much-needed upgrade to address these matters along this important commuter route."

SOURCE:

**Social media, 12 Mar 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford**

All Anzac services to be at Ettalong Diggers this year

All three Anzac Day services on the Peninsula will be hosted in the Ettalong Diggers Club this year.

There will not be any marches, nor will there be services at the Woy Woy or Ettalong Beach cenotaphs.

The services will be a 5.30am dawn service, the 8am Vietnam Vets Service and the 10.30am Mid-Morning Service, and all three will be streamed live via Facebook.

Ettalong Diggers general manager Mr Bill Jackson said the arrangements had been made in consultation with local services organisations.

He said the events at Ettalong Diggers would comply with the club's Covid-19 Safety Plan and all three services will be by invitation only.

"Invitations are being restricted to current and former Australian Defence Force personnel, partners and family along with current or former service personnel from other countries and partners and limited invited dignitaries."

"We regret that public invitations will not be possible."

He said the club would continue to meet regularly with representatives of the Woy Woy, Ettalong, Hardy's Bay RSL Sub-Branch and the Vietnam Veterans' Peacekeepers' Peacemakers' Association of Australia Gosford City Sub-Branch Inc to ensure that the plans are updated to reflect the NSW Governments Covid-19 Safety regulations.

SOURCE:

**Social media, 10 Mar 2021
Bill Jackson, Ettalong Diggers**



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Intersection designs



Allfield Rd intersection



Farnell Rd intersection

Changes sought for Centrelink site

An application has been made to amend the approved five-storey mixed-use development at 237-245 Ocean View Rd, Ettalong Beach, the site of the former Centrelink building.

The development consists of six commercial premises at ground level, 52 residential units on Levels 1 to 4, and basement car parking with 78 spaces, as well as a swimming pool.

The changes include an increase to the floor-to-floor height of residential levels and modification of the roof profile, enlargement of the basement level and removal of a private passenger lift, amendment of services rooms, and alteration of the layout of some units.

They also include refinement of the design of the awning along Ocean View Rd and amendments to the approved landscaping concept, including relocation of electrical substation and removal of planters from communal open space at the podium level.

The floor-to-floor height has been increased in the plans for the residential levels to comply with State apartment design

requirements for ceiling heights in habitable rooms.

Each level has been increased by 150 mm, giving a total increase of 450 mm.

Changes to the roof design mean an increase at the highest point of the eastern section of the roof by 55mm, and to the western wing which will exceed the height limit at its highest point by 270mm.

However, a change of pitch of the roof over the southern wing of the development will result in lowering its main ridge by 470mm.

It is proposed to "delete" the passenger lift to unit 409 on the south west corner to allow for an additional stacked parking bay.

The number of car parking spaces would increase by two to 80 - 62 residential and 18 retail.

It is proposed to expand the basement from 1863 square metres to 2470 square metres, and resident storage would be provided with 44 allocated areas totalling 315 square metres.

The main passenger lift would be increased in depth by 150mm.

The electrical substation has been relocated from the front of the building to the north-eastern side setback area resulting in "one tree being deleted".

A wing wall has been added at the entry that includes the mailboxes.

A dedicated seat for the bus stop has been positioned where the electrical substation was located.

According to a statement submitted by consultants Planning Lab on behalf of Abrotat Pty Ltd, the modifications are being proposed as a result of ongoing design development as well as in response to some of the pre-Construction Certificate conditions.

The statement said: "The small increase in the floor-to-floor height of the residential levels of the development provides greater amenity for the occupants of the building without any negative environmental impacts;

"The small, localised height increase of the building (55 mm over the eastern wing and 270 mm over the western wing) does not result in unreasonable and/or non-compliant overshadowing or any visual impact on the local streetscape).

The comment period ends on April 26.

SOURCE:

DA Tracker, 19 Mar 2021
DA49986.003, Central Coast Council

Comment period opens without full details

A one-month comment period has opened on a proposed amendment to plans for a two-storey "boutique" boarding house at 454 Ocean Beach Rd, Umina, without full details being available.

The amendment seeks to delete several conditions from the original approval issued on August 31 last year.

The conditions which applicant Mr CD Raneri seeks to delete include a requirement to have "arrangements for an alternate manager to be on-site during

periods the manager is on leave".

A condition requiring the payment of \$11,991.37 into a Regional Section 7.12 Development Contribution Plan 2019 would be deleted.

Another condition preventing the property from being used for functions or parties would also be removed.

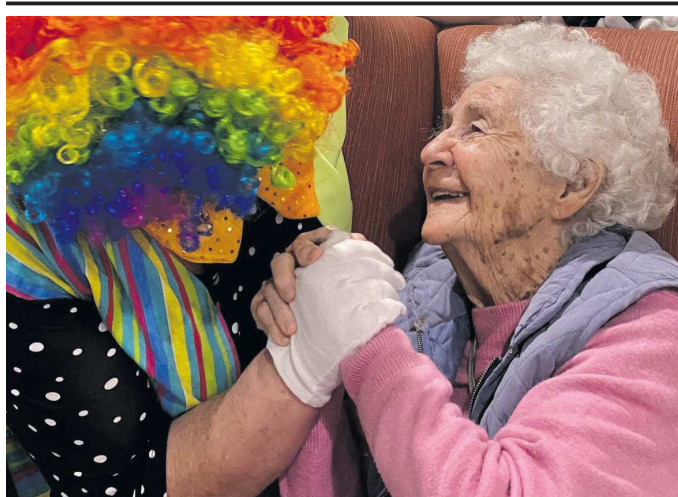
However, no further details of the proposed amendment are available on Central Coast Council's planning website.

The comment period opened on Friday, March 19, and will close on Monday, April 19.

SOURCE:

DA Tracker, 19 Mar 2021
DA57231, Central Coast Council

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Council receives 33 swimming pool applications

The Planning Alerts website has recorded 33 applications to Central Coast Council for swimming pool on the Peninsula over the past six months.

Umina had the most with 17 applications.

Six were in Woy Woy and eight were in the Ettalong area.

Two were at Pearl Beach.

SOURCE:

Website, 19 Mar 2021
Planningalerts.com.au

House numbers for Patonga Creek

Properties in Patonga with water access only will be given house numbers if a staff recommendation is adopted by administrator Mr Dick Persson at Tuesday's Central Coast Council meeting.

The resolution would "re-address these properties in accordance with Section 6.6 Principles for Water-Based Numbering of the NSW Address

Policy and User Manual".

Houses in Patonga Creek would be numbered based on their distance from a point of origin, with a number for every 10 metres.

A 28-day consultation period with affected property owners and government departments would follow the adoption of the recommendation.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council
agenda 3.7, 23 Mar 2021

Dune works funded at Umina and Pearl Beach

Central Coast Council is expected to undertake dune stabilisation and restoration works at Pearl Beach and Umina Beach after a successful application for funding.

Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Mr Adam Crouch said the funding boost would enable Council to carry out regeneration and dune stabilisation activities, as well as targeted weed management along the coastline.

"Revegetating dunes is a simple but effective way of retaining sand on our beaches and reducing the impacts of coastal erosion," he said.

"Council submitted a compliant application through the Coastal and Estuary Grant Program, and the NSW Government is pleased to provide this funding."

SOURCE:
Media release, 3 Mar 2021
Adam Crouch, PS Central Coast



Workmanship award to plant nursery worker

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has presented a Pride of Workmanship Award to Narara Valley Nursery employee Ms Claudine Glencross.

Club president Ms Joan Redmond said that her employer described her as a rose expert.

"But we found when she took us on a tour of the nursery that she

had extensive knowledge of every species of plant on display, and could quote their botanical names.

"Claudine would easily rival any presenter on Gardening Australia with her sheer enthusiasm and obvious passion and knowledge of plants."

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Mar 2021
Joan Redmond, Rotary Woy Woy

Three medical centres chosen for vaccine rollout

Three medical centres on the Peninsula have been chosen for Phase 1b of the coronavirus vaccine rollout.

They are Ettalong Medical Centre, Peninsula Medical Centre in Umina, and Woy Woy General Practice.

Bookings were to start from last Friday, March 19.

Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks said: "Phase 1B includes vulnerable groups, such as people aged over 70, healthcare workers not included in 1A of the rollout, aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults over 55, people with certain underlying medical conditions and critical and high-risk workers including in defence, police, fire, emergency services and meat processing."

Ms Wicks said: "We all know the invaluable work our local GPs do for our community and now we will see them play a vital role in the Covid-19 vaccine rollout."

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Mar 2021
Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson



Liesl Tesch MP
Member for Gosford

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Health



Woy Woy aged care residents receive vaccinations

Residents at a Woy Woy aged care centre finally received their Covid-19 vaccination on Monday, March 8.

The vaccinations at Blue Wave

Living took place two weeks later than originally announced.

This was followed on Tuesday, March 9, with the staff vaccination program.

Chief executive Mr Matt Downie was the first of the staff to take the shot.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Mar 2021
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living

Busiest time for Lions in a year

Woy Woy Lions Club has had its busiest month since Covid restrictions started 12 months ago, according to club treasurer Mr Greg Head.

"We held our first car boot sale since February last year and had a fantastic response with 46 stallholders and over 500 people checking in."

Mr Head said the Lions Club had been busy with its barbecue trailer.

"We also held a social barbecue with staff at the newly-opened Able Futures in Blackwall Rd, in appreciation of the close relationship we have forged with this organisation."

"They are currently storing our barbecue trailer."

Mr Head said the club had also catered for the National Scooters Rally held at the NRMA Caravan Park, Umina, on the weekend of March 6 and 7.

"We cooked and served breakfast to the members who attended."

Mr Head said the club held an Easter Egg Raffle on Tuesday, March 16.

"The two prizes have been claimed by first prize ticket number R63 and second prize number R74."

Pictured are Lions Club members Mr Ken Austin, Mr Ian Taylor, Mr Greg Head and Ms Jeanette Head at Able Futures.

SOURCE:
Media release, 18 Mar 2021
Greg Head, Woy Woy Lions

Folk club concert likely to be a sell-out

The March concert of the Troubadour Folk Club is likely to be a sell-out, according to club president Mr Michael Fine.

He said a limited number of tickets were still available for the concert with We Mavericks at

the Everglades Country Club on Saturday, March 27.

Mr Fine said We Mavericks were a folk duo of fiddle and mandolin player Lindsay Martin and Kiwi songstress Victoria Vigenser.

He said the Troubadour also had a Super Session planned for

1pm to 9pm on Sunday, April 4, at the Karing EcoGarden, Arts Barn and Community Hall.

For details, phone 4342 6716.

SOURCE:
Media release, 16 Mar 2021
Michael Fine, Troubadour
Central Coast



Forum

Bowden Rd application 'rejected', not 'refused'

I visited 16 Bowden Rd, Woy Woy, to familiarise myself with the site.

A resident of the street advised me the DA60711/2021 did not exist due to Council's intervention.

I phoned the council on March 11 to be informed that the application had been "rejected".

I was told this does not mean the application has been "refused".

It meant further details are required and a new application will be submitted in the future.

I have sent a submission commenting on the issues as published in Peninsula News (March 8)

Issues were saturated road network, heat island effect, no views to the east, increased use and damage to the estuary foreshore zone, character change

and very importantly future development in the precinct.

According to information supplied by Gosford staff, the application failed to supply essential details.

This should also be of concern for all those connected to Woy Woy Public School, regarding safety and traffic management in a school zone.

The precinct is to be converted into a three-storey zone, increasing issues with traffic management, parking and safety.

For this reason, any development of 16 Bowden Rd requires rigorous assessment.

SOURCE:
Letter, 11 Mar 2021
Norm Harris, Umina

Editor's note: The council website now shows a status of "application invalid".

Making character statements as ineffective as possible?

Re "Character statements need updating" (Peninsula News, March 8), while on first glance this seems like a good move from the council, on reading further I find yet more of the same old, sad disingenuousness and bastardry from our council.

When the original character statements were created, I was often engaged in council processes.

The community involvement in the original character statements was outstanding with over 1000 people lured into the process and attending public meetings in the belief that we could be involved in a sustainable, people

friendly development of the city and Peninsula and have some meaningful input.

And so the character statements were adopted with much fanfare, and immediately ignored by Gosford Council planning staff who seemed to think their job was to support all developer proposals.

Their mantra was "all development was good development" and represented "progress".

The council of the day and all subsequent councils allowed so many "variations" and "exceptions" as to render the character statements useless.

Now Central Coast Council wants to update this redundant document "to accommodate legal changes".

Why would you want to "accommodate ... legal changes" that are designed (by the state government) to render the character statements more useless, if that is possible?

The council tells us that "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".

Effective as possible? This wording is a new low. It is laughable.

I think what they actually mean is, as ineffective as possible.

I would like to know what the Council Administrator thinks of his staff using such obvious weasel words?

I would also like to know his interpretation of the weasel word "consideration"?

One definition of "consideration" is nothing more than a simple thought - so easily dismissed by management or at law.

Or is my interpretation that council is so weak, ineffective and developer-driven that it could be bought for "a small consideration", closer to the real meaning in this context?

There seem to be plenty of examples in the media of this interpretation, across many NSW councils.

SOURCE:
Email, 18 Mar 2021
Bryan Ellis, Umina Beach

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School issues pen licences

Ettalong Public School has issued pen licences to mark a student's transition from pencil to ink.

The licences included the school's logo, the NSW waratah floral emblem and the students'

names.

Licences were issued to students in 4K on Friday, March 19.

The students wore orange to school on the day to acknowledge Harmony Day.

It was also National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence.

SOURCE:

Social media, 19 Mar 2021
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School

New parents' committee

The Parents and Citizens Association of Ettalong Public School has elected a new committee.

Its annual general meeting was held on March 10 and five executive appointments were made.

They were president Ms Kerry McMorrow, vice-presidents Ms Jennifer Luke and Ms Mary Pooley, secretary Ms Bonnie Wilcock and treasurer Ms Rachel Neville.

Ms Rebecca Hutchison was appointed to the non-executive position of uniform shop coordinator.

Ms McMorrow said helpers

were needed in the canteen every week day.

She thanked outgoing treasurer Ms Cathie Kelly for her many years of service.

School principal Ms Lynn Balfour said: "I am thrilled to say that we filled every committee position on the night."

"Many of these people also worked tirelessly in the canteen, preparing meals for the disco in the afternoon."

"It was a huge but rewarding day for us all."

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 16 Mar 2021
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School P-C

Joining in Clean-Up Day

Children at a local preschool have taken part in Clean-Up Australia Day.

"The wombats and koalas walked down to our local beach to participate in Clean Up Australia Day," said Booker Bay Preschool owner Ms Rhonda Waters.

"The children are showing respect for our environments and becoming socially responsible in taking care of them."

"The possums participated in cleaning up our preschool and caring for our learning space."

"The children showed enthusiasm to participate and can't wait to do it again."

The children received



certificates to recognise their participation.

SOURCE:

Social media, 16 Mar 2021
Rhonda Waters, Booker Bay Preschool

Woy Woy seeks excellence rating for preschool

Woy Woy Public School has made an application for an "excellence" rating for its Guliyali Preschool.

"Over the last few years, Guliyali Preschool has been transformed into a preschool that is exceeding in every national standard," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"Not only the physical layout has changed but the way the preschool learning program is delivered has had a major change as well."

"Guliyali Preschool is well known

and respected in its community as a leading Early Learning centre.

"The excellence rating process takes 60 days from the time the application is submitted."

"It entails a conference with the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority team with our preschool leadership team, further discussions, questions or evidence made available or maybe a site visit."

"To be able to do this the school has been through an extensive reflection process on our current

practices in our preschool to gather substantial evidence to move us forward from exceeding to excelling."

"We are very excited about being part of this process and know that whatever the outcome a thorough reflection, analysis and assessment will be done which will enhance future practices in Guliyali Preschool."

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 5 Mar 2021
Ona Buckley/Dan Betts, Woy Woy Public School

Easter Art Trail at Pearl Beach

An Easter Art Trail will be held in Pearl Beach from 10am to 4pm on Easter Saturday, April 3.

The Trail will have 16 venues with 28 exhibitors and will include paintings, handcrafts, sculptures, jewellery, photography, ceramics, pottery and cards.

Each venue will be set up to be Covid-19 safe.

"This will be the fourth Art Trail to be held in Pearl Beach," said Pearl Beach Progress Association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

"It is running in conjunction with the Pearl Beach Book Fair, which is being held in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall from 9am to 5pm."

"There's plenty of time to take in all the venues."

An Art Trail road map will be available at the Memorial Hall.

"Pearl Beach provides a unique location for people to stroll the streets and take in the sights," said Ms Lillico.

"Some venues will have refreshments available to keep visitors from becoming too



hungry or thirsty.

"We welcome all visitors."

For more information is available on the association's website www.pearlbeachprogress.org.au and at #pearlbechartists on Instagram.

Pictured are Susie Colless and Cecile Ferguson welcoming visitors to their studio.

SOURCE:

Media release, 15 Mar 2021
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association
Photo: Duncan Bridel

Movable flowers

A quilt with movable flowers and butterflies has been made at the Monday Patchwork Group at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre recently.

"Student Gwynneth Weir has been working on the quilt for a lucky grand daughter," said tutor Ms

Penny Howard.

"The flowers and butterflies are all buttoned on and can be moved around."

"It's so bright and beautiful and will be so much fun in a child's room."

SOURCE:

Social media, 10 Mar 2021
Peter Mulholland, EBACC



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Sport



Bowls group gives last donation to hospital auxiliary

The Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary has accepted a donation of \$1538.05 from the Central Coast branch of Women's Past Presidents bowls group.

The donation is the last from the bowls group before it ceases.

"It was a difficult decision to close but unfortunately we no longer had enough volunteers to continue," said Past Presidents group president Ms Lesley Swales.

"The branch was started back in 1973.

"The Foundation president was Freda Somerville from Gosford.

"The meetings were held at Gosford over the years and events were held at various venues.

"We had the Ruth Shoebridge Shield held at Gosford each year, Charity Day at various venues and our Christmas get-together.

"At each of these events, money

was raised and, at the Christmas get together, a cheque was given to the Central Coast Hospital Auxiliaries on a rotation basis: Gosford, Woy Woy and Wyong.

"We are very proud of the fact that since 1982 (as far back as our financial records go), we have donated a total of \$59,335.69.

"The hospital auxiliaries have put this money to good use buying much needed equipment.

"Our final presentation was to Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary on Monday, March 8."

Pictured are the presidents and treasurers of the two organisations.

From left, they are auxiliary treasurer Ms Tracey Peterson and Past Presidents' group treasurer Ms Narelle Richardson, with auxiliary president Ms Debbie Hogan and Ms Swales.

SOURCE:
Website 8 Mar 2021
Women's Bowls Central Coast

Past presidents' group plays Woy Woy Bowling Club

The Central Coast Past Presidents Association bowls group had its first day back on the greens for the year in February at the Woy Woy Bowling Club.

Woy Woy club president Ms Jeanette Pickering and bowls co-ordinator Mr James Cook welcomed the group to their club.

Association president Mr Ian Jarratt said that, following morning tea, 36 bowlers took to the green, some experiencing playing on synthetic for the first time.

"After bowls, the group enjoyed lunch and a quiet drink before heading home."

Mr Jarratt said the CCPA group had been active for over 30 years.

"There are two levels of membership: full members who are entitled to vote at the annual meeting and be on the committee and social bowlers."

"Full membership is open to all members.

"The group these days is purely a social group.

"Our activities consist of visiting bowling clubs on the Central Coast where we enjoy a social game of bowls against their members.

Mr Jarratt said that, after the closure of the Sporties registered club, the Woy Woy Bowling Club were keen to let others know that they were still going.

"The club has loyal members who play bowls, have a pennant side and maintain a section of the club building and the bowling green.

"The rest of the building is closed."

Bowlers who are interested in joining the CCPA group can leave a message at Club Umina reception for group secretary Ms Laraine Cooper or Mr Jarratt.

"Our next outing is to Terrigal Bowling Club on Sunday, April 18."

SOURCE:
Media release, 18 Mar 2021
Ian Jarratt, CCPA

Netball clubhouse sub-committee wanted

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association is seeking expressions of interest from people to join a new clubhouse building sub-committee.

The sub-committee will be made up of three association office bearers and three association

members to assist in organising tasks to enable the construction to commence.

The sub-committee will source quotes for storage containers, for removalists and for dismantling cupboards and cabinetry for re-use in the new clubhouse.

It will organise and schedule the

pack-up of the clubhouse.

The sub-committee will present status reports to association Council meetings.

Expressions of interest will close on March 31.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Mar 2021
Sharon Bailey, WWPNA



Judy King and Karen Croker



Penny McLeod and Margaret Smith

Ettalong women contest Zone Open Pairs finals

Teams from Ettalong Bowling Club have come first and second in the Open Pairs championships of the Women's Bowls Central Coast competition.

The final was played at the Everglades Country Club on Wednesday, February 24, with

Judy King and Karen Croker defeating Penny McLeod and Margaret Smith.

Preliminary rounds were contested between 29 teams at Halekulani and Munmorah United Bowling Clubs.

The Ettalong teams defeated Wyong and Gosford City teams in

the semi-finals.

Judy King and Karen Croker now proceed to the Region 6 Championship playoffs on July 18 to be played in the Lake Macquarie District.

SOURCE:
Website, 24 Feb 2021
Women's Bowls Central Coast

Margaret wins back-to-back singles titles

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club's Margaret Smith won back-to-back singles titles in the Central Coast district competition, making a total of five singles titles since 2013.

She defeated fellow Ettalong player Anastasia (Tess) Koutsellis in the final played at Bateau Bay on March 10.

Another player from Ettalong, Karen Croker, was defeated in the quarter finals.

The all-Ettalong final was a

closely fought match.

The lead changed several times and the score was level numerous times.

Tess and Margaret were level at 24 coming into the final end.

It came down to the last two bowls to decide the eventual winner: Margaret 25 - Tess 24.

Margaret will now proceed to the Region 6 Championship playoffs to be held in the Lake Macquarie District on July 18.

SOURCE:
Website, 10 Mar 2021
Women's Bowls Central Coast



Runner-up Tess Koutsellis

Bridge results

Results after five of five matches in the Brisbane Waters Bridge Club's Club Open Teams (Country Teams Qualifying) competition on Monday, March 15, were:

1. Jan Clarke, Alan Bustany, Sally Clarke, Garry Clarke 82 IMPs, 70.18 VPs, 4-0-1 (wins-draws-losses), 1.76 red points.

2. Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman, Gwen White, Alfie Nation 60, 62.82, 3-0-2, 1.32.

3. Judy Wulff, Robyn Scahill, Susan McCall, Pamela Joseph 48, 61.99, 3-1-1, 1.54.

4. Jenny Buckley, Joan Walsh, Chris Hasemore, Jorgen Boettiger 14, 56.26, 4-0-1, 1.76.

5. Jan Davis, Lorraine Lindsay, Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa 10, 52.80, 3-0-2, 1.32.

6. Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, Karen Ody, Martin Johnson -23, 44.93,

2-0-3, 0.88.

7. Heather Brown, Felicity Fane, Elaine Hume, Peter Hume 28, 42.17, 2-0-3, 0.88.

8. Barbara Grant, Louis Koolen, Anne Grayden, Julie Sadler -52, 38.61, 1-1-3, 0.66.

9. Alma Van Der Walt, Kathryn Ivits, Marcelle Goslin, Ron Meaney -41, 37.40, 0-2-3, 0.44.

10. Trish Byrnes, Jurate Laive, Cathy Russell, Pauline Caust -70, 32.84, 1-0-4, 0.44.

Results of the Novice Teams session played on March 17 (north-south) were:

1. Suzanne Harrison team 93 IMPs. 2. Jo Ampherlaw team 55. 3. Graham Woolf team 22. 4. Wendy Byrne team 12. 5. Tony Langmead team 10. 6. Vicki Halliday team 6. 7. Sandy Shapley team -75. 8. Jan Mower team -123.

SOURCE:
Website, 21 Mar 2021
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Bingo resumes at Ettalong

Woy Woy Bingo has resumed at 7:30pm on Wednesday nights at Ettalong Diggers.

Woy Woy Bingo operated from Ettalong Diggers Club last year after restrictions applying to the Peninsula Community Centre caused it to be suspended.

"Ettalong Diggers has asked us back on Wednesday nights due to last year being so popular," said organiser Mr Rob Graham.

"We have come up with a nice format to play at the club.

Proceeds of the bingo go to Woy Woy Catholic Parish and support its community programs, including Mary Mac's Place.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Mar 2021
Rob Graham, Woy Woy Bingo