



Storm debris clean-up continues in Broken Bay

The clean-up of storm debris in waters around the Peninsula continues more than a month after March's flooding storm.

Volunteers from the Peninsula joined a Clean4Shore team to clean the northern shores of Broken Bay.

Co-ordinator Mr Graham Johnston said: "Reports of bulk polystyrene on the rocky foreshores from Wagstaff Point to Lobster Beach were indeed correct as the small team filled 12 very large bags with polystyrene and aluminium cladding which has drifted on the rocks and broken apart.

"Our first task was Lobster Beach.

"After viewing the polystyrene on the foreshore prior to Lobster, expectations of bulk rubbish was expected.

"However, local intervention had removed all small litter from this beach with only treated pine logs removed by the team.

"Further towards Little Box, bulk pallets were sited in the small cove.

"These required floating out to the barge to be lifted on board, due to the tidal surge.

"Eight pallets were removed here.

"A large roll of plastic wrapped around a log was the next target.

"With a short swim, a sharp

knife and bagging, floating out to the barge again completed the task.

"The polystyrene had our team leaving the barge in the calmer waters inside the Ettalong Channel, with a hike around the rocks to the broken polystyrene.

"Hundred pieces existed, all in the process of further breakdown.

"This was bagged, and carried back to the barge with the twisted aluminium cladding to give us a good returning load.

"A fridge was sited close to the Booker Bay boat ramp, and loaded on board."

SOURCE:

Social media, 27 Apr 2021
Graham Johnston, Clean4Shore

NSW Opposition calls for 'broad inquiry' into council

The NSW Labor Opposition has called for the government to "establish a broad inquiry to investigate the Central Coast Council's dire financial woes".

Shadow Minister for the Central Coast, Mr David Harris, said: "Only an inquiry which examines the Fit for the Future process, as well as issues related to transition under the first administrator, the role of current staff and councillors and the failure of the internal and external audit process, will offer the transparency our community needs."

He said Central Coast residents had suffered greatly and the Government owed them full transparency on this issue.

Mr Harris said the community

has also raised concerns about the terms of reference for the public inquiry being too narrow.

"The Premier is abandoning Central Coast ratepayers, who are now subject to higher rates, reduced services, asset sales and staff cuts without a full inquiry to identify all of the reasons behind the financial collapse.

"The Premier can't hide on this issue.

"She was at the Cabinet table when mergers were forced onto communities."

Mr Harris said that more than 21,000 people had signed a petition calling for a judicial inquiry, not just a public inquiry.

SOURCE:

Media release, 1 May 2021
David Harris, Shadow Minister for the Central Coast

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For each issue of Peninsula News, we have more news items about the Peninsula than we have space to print.

This issue, we have 67 articles, of which we were able to fit 37 into the printed edition.

Those articles not in the print edition are always included on our website.

Peninsula News EXTRA is an electronic supplement to printed edition, which contains these extra items.

As you see, this is produced with the same layout as the print edition, but is in PDF form only, published on the Thursday following the print edition.

As advertising support allows, these pages will be included in the print edition.

We expect Peninsula News

EXTRA will normally have eight pages.

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

Offers of assistance in the production of Peninsula News EXTRA would be welcome:

SOURCE:

Mark Snell, editor
19 Apr 2021

Our next issue:

Monday,
May 17

NEWS email: contributions@peninsula.news

... and another 30 articles in this supplement



Sea of poppies

Students at Woy Woy South Public School were like a sea of poppies at their Anzac ceremony held at the school ahead of Anzac Day. More Anzac photos P4.

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At its heart, Peninsula News is a community effort.

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

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

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

Locality

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

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

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

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

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

Readability

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

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

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

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

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

Contributors are asked to keep their

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

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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.

The following descriptions are used:

Media Release - unsolicited contributions.

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Interview or Meeting - statements recorded by a reporter.

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

Council sets strategic planning priorities

Central Coast Council has set strategic planning priorities "to support the provision of the consolidated and comprehensive Central Coast Local Environment Plan and Development Control Plan".

The priorities took into account deadlines set by external agencies such as NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and Audit NSW, a staff report said.

Agreed priorities included work on a housing strategy, consolidating

developer contribution plans and reviewing the consolidated plan, the environmental lands review, an employment land audit and strategy, a review of character statements and a Greater Warriville Area Structure Plan.

Administrator Mr Dick Persson said it was important for both Council and the community that planning for their future continues.

"While the number of strategic planning projects being delivered over the next two years has ultimately reduced as we continue to move towards financial stability,

Council has prioritised those most important while also continuing to assess and determine Planning Proposals and Planning Agreements," Mr Persson said.

"Council's key plans and strategies outline how we'll identify and plan funding priorities, manage regional challenges and plan for a sustainable future.

"It is a priority that this planning continues to move forward for the future of the Central Coast."

SOURCE:
Media release, 27 Apr 2021
Dick Persson, Central Coast Council

Local Member at Anzac ceremonies

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch attended three local Anzac ceremonies.

She joined the Woy Woy Ettalong Hardy's Bay RSL and the Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association Central Coast at Ettalong Diggers club.

She attended the Pearl Beach community dawn service.

She also took part in the Ocean Beach Surf Club service.

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Apr 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



CWA branch makes bereavement bags

Umina Beach Branch of the Country Women's Association has been making bereavement bags for Gosford Hospital.

Members made the bags from

an existing stock of material but also brought their own from home.

Those who did not sew were able to help with cutting out.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Apr 2021
Rikki McIntosh, CWA Umina Beach

Second driest April in 16 years

April rainfall on the Peninsula totalled just 13.5mm, the second driest April in 16 years.

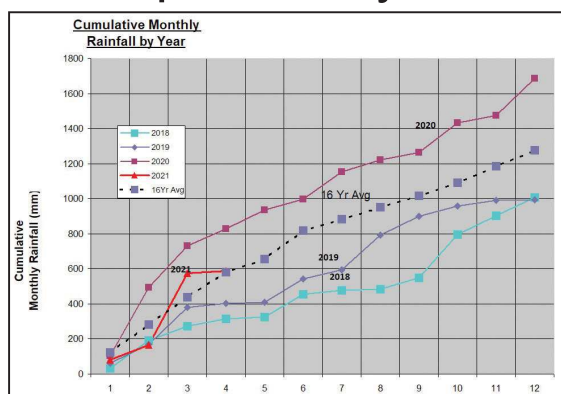
This followed a March total of 410.7mm, which was the second wettest March in 16 years.

The April total was less than one 10th of the month's average of 145mm.

The least rain for the month of April was 12mm recorded in 2006.

Despite the variations, the cumulative total for the year was 589.7mm, within two per cent of year-to-date average at the end of April of 583mm.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 30 Apr 2021
Jim Morrison, Umina



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1934 0.80	2307 0.74	1911 1.66	2046 1.78	2232 1.75
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More bike storage needed at station, says Tesch

The lack of bicycle storage at Woy Woy station "has forced more people into their cars because cycling to the station is simply not feasible or practical," according to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

While Woy Woy Station had 51 shed spaces and 20 lockers, this was not enough, with only four lockers currently available.

Currently Koolewong and Tascott Station had no bicycle sheds or lockers, and there were only four lockers at Point Clare.

"The State Government has spent money forming the shared pathways to enable people to cycle or use their scooters safely and practically, yet they have failed to provide the infrastructure to actually put this scheme into practice.

"Plans need to be followed through at every intersection so we



can actually put the infrastructure to good use.

"Right now the Government has only half done the job."

Central Coast Bicycle Users Group president Mr Alan Corven said the situation actively discouraged people to choose an active mode of transport.

"We need more end of trip facilities like bike stations and shared pathways to encourage members of our community to ride more and choose more active forms of transport."

Shadow Minister for Active Transport Ms Jo Haylen visited Woy Woy, saying: "The Premier is telling families to ride to and from work, or their local train station, but her own Government is failing to put up the money that is required to make this happen.

Mr Eddie Ellis from the Central Coast Commuters Association said he would like to see infrastructure put into place.

"These facilities are important and also more parking in our stations to support the infrastructure needs of our community," said Mr Ellis.

SOURCE:

Media release, 27 Apr 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Life membership for former childcare employee

Woy Woy Peninsula Community Childcare Co-operative Society has awarded former employee Ms Glenva Dixon with life membership.

The award was made at the centre's annual general meeting on Friday, April 23.

"Glen was employed at the centre in 1985 and has continued her service on the board of management since her retirement

in 2014," said manager Ms Amy Mills.

"On behalf of all the children and families, we would like to extend their deep appreciation of Glen's involvement in their lives.

"Current and past management committee and staff members of the centre congratulate Glen on her fantastic contribution and service."

SOURCE:

Social media, 26 Apr 2021
Amy Mills, WWPPCC

Bike paths should 'go all the way', says bicycle user group

The Central Coast Bicycle Users Group has called on Central Coast Council to ensure bicycle paths on the Peninsula go "all the way to useful destinations".

Group president Mr Alan Corven said the Peninsula was luckier than some area in having some paths and on-road lanes.

"However, these tend to be more suitable for recreation rather than for transport as they stop short of taking you all the way to useful destinations and are not always using the most direct route."

Mr Corven said he would like to see paths going all the way to Woy Woy station and into shopping centres.

Commenting on the Blackwall Rd intersection upgrade plans, Mr Corven said that more and faster roads did not result in better outcomes.

"It just facilitates more cars on the roads and moving the bottlenecks to another place further on.

"We need to be encouraging more people out of their cars and onto their feet, bicycles or buses.

"Slowing motor vehicle traffic is very important for pedestrian and bicycle rider safety.

"It is disappointing when new infrastructure does not adequately provide for bicycles and pedestrians, or doesn't provide anything at all."

Mr Corven gave the example of the new roundabout at the corner of Maitland Bay Dr and Picnic Pde.

"It has bicycle treatment on one side and nothing on the other.

"Roundabouts can be very tricky for inexperienced bicycle riders to navigate, often exposing them to additional risks.

"New infrastructure is the perfect opportunity, and cheapest time, to include such requirements."

Mr Corven also said more green space was needed on the Peninsula.

"For many reasons, we need more green spaces and trees: to help tackle climate change and

provide cooler places for people to rest and pass through, walking and cycling.

"As more properties are redeveloped to higher density, we need more small local green spaces for those people to enjoy.

"Better to sell existing developed land for redevelopment (low to higher density) rather than selling green spaces."

Mr Corven said better maintenance of existing infrastructure was needed, as well as some new routes.

"A shared bicycle path should be investigated west of Ocean Beach Rd from Umina to Woy Woy - maybe using the old dunny lanes."

He said the group had put in a submission for the DCP/LEP to include a requirement for change and shower facilities in all new workplace developments.

SOURCE:

Media statement, 28 Apr 2021
Alan Corven, CCBUG

Lions accept entries for tea cosy show

The Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club will hold its annual tea cosy show and Devonshire tea event is on the long weekend in June.

Entries close for general and special sections on Monday, May 31.

It will be held at the Umina Beach Surf Club in Ocean Beach Rd, Umina Beach.

The show will be open from 1pm to 5pm on Saturday, June 12, and from 9am to 5pm on Sunday, June 13, and from 9am to 4pm on

Monday, June 14.

Each person attending will be asked for a gold coin donation.

Lift access will be available to first floor exhibits and to Devonshire Teas served on the balcony over looking the beach.

Raffle tickets will be sold over the weekend.

For further information, contact Hope on 4369 8707.

SOURCE:

Website, 26 Apr 2021
Ian Taylor, Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club



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BlueWave Living aged care



Anzac Day

Anzac Ceremonies took place at BlueWave Living aged care in Woy Woy (above) and Brisbane Waters Private Hospital (bottom).

Schools held Anzac ceremonies, usually involving school leaders including at Ettalong Public School (upper right) and at Woy Woy South (lower right).

The Umina Public School ceremony is pictured left. Below is the Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus ceremony.



Brisbane Waters Private Hospital





GUST welcomes consultation on park sale plans

The Grow Urban Shade Trees group has welcomed Central Coast Council's deferral of plans to sell its pocket parks on the Peninsula to allow community consultation.

The group has urged residents to "keep those emails happening".

"The Administrator made it clear that there are no guarantees, stating that: Now is an excellent market for selling," said group member Ms Melissa Chandler.

"Please take 10 minutes to get informed about the proposed sale

of community land.

"This is happening now and, without an elected Council, it is up to us to write and express our concern.

"The best way forward is to argue why a particular parcel is important as green space as well as raising concerns about it happening at this point in time without a proper process.

"Once it's gone, it's gone."

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Apr 2021
Melissa Chandler, GUST

The chief executives of the Peninsula's two aged care facilities have issued a joint statement calling for urgent Federal Government action on aged care.

Mr Shane Neaves from Peninsula Village and Mr Matt Downie of BlueWave Living said the Federal Government should respond urgently to the key recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.

"We are urging the Federal Government to adopt a 15-point plan to ensure older Australians get the most benefit in the quickest time from an improved aged care system," said Mr Neaves.

"We urge the community to support the campaign by the Australian Aged Care Collaboration, which represents more than 1000 aged care providers."

The joint statement coincides with the release by the Aged Care Collaboration of a formal response to the final report Royal Commission.

The report calls on the

Government to produce a timetable in the Federal Budget on May 11 to set out immediate steps to improve the delivery of aged care services in 15 key areas.

The report called for a new rights-based Aged Care Act within two years to protect human rights, access and choice.

It called for increased wages, training and clinical placements.

It also called for improved accountability and commitment to greater funding of the aged care sector.

"It is a matter of prioritising these recommendations for the immediate benefit of our elders, who deserve a first class aged care system," Mr Downie said.

"It is no secret that Australia spends less than half of what comparable nations do on aged care.

"We support the call by the Australian Aged Care Collaboration that the Government needs to include a detailed roadmap for longer term reform as well as an indication on how age care will be funded in the future and how that change will occur.

"Aged care providers need a clear statement from Government on longer term reform plans as well as a timetable to implement these immediate changes so that we can have some certainty for the community, for older people and our residents, and for our staff."

Mr Neaves said aged care providers supported the need for an overhaul of the aged care sector and the need for more transparency and accountability.

He said this included the need for a wider range of clinical indicators, a star rating performance system, reporting of staff care hours, reporting of service level financial data to an independent pricing authority and stronger prudential regulations.

Mr Neaves said: "The Royal Commission final report presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity for real change in how we deliver aged care services to older Australians and a change to further improve their quality of life and wellbeing."

SOURCE:
Media release, 27 Apr 2021
Shane Neaves, Peninsula Villages
Matt Downie, Bluewave Living



Liesl Tesch MP
Member for Gosford

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Forum

Contentment of ad hoc Anzac march

I am very pleased to advise I was one of the Vietnam Veterans, who marched on footpaths from Diggers Ettalong to the foreshore memorial on Anzac Day.

Attending the Mariners' match in Gosford highlighted the ad hoc nature of contemporary decision-making.

Roads were closed for the convenience of a small number of patrons before and after the game.

Fortunately, patron numbers were low, which eased some of my Covid-19 concerns, as compliance to Covid-19 medical restrictions was not applied.

A minor football fixture in Gosford received more consideration and

support than a significant traditional national ceremony.

Is a Mariners' match in Gosford more important than Anzac Day?

Even asking this question indicates that values have significantly changed and certainly not for the better.

My father was a World War Two veteran.

I would belittle his service if I believed a Mariners' match was more important than saluting his service.

The contentment as I marched to the foreshore memorial is indescribable.

SOURCE:
Letter, 29 Apr 2021
Norm Harris, Umina



Guides hear of importance of speaking up

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has spoken about the importance of girls speaking up at the awards evening of the Blackwall Girl Guides group.

Ms Tesch said it was great to see that young women and girls have a space on the Peninsula to connect and de-stress after school.

"It is so important that young people have safe spaces where they can make friends and enjoy their afternoons and evenings.

"Teaching young women and girls to use their voice to talk on the issues that they care about is essential.

"It's great to see the excellent

role models they have in Girl Guides to pass on that knowledge."

Ms Tesch said the group was always looking to grow its community.

The group was particularly in need of new young leaders to join in the fun-creating opportunities, and providing education and friendships for young women.

Pictured are Ms Tesch with Blackwall Girl Guides Talia Joubert, Elizabeth Carles, Phoebe Motlee and Saffron Barns.

Anyone wanting to be involved in the Blackwall Girl Guides is encouraged to call 0412 773 623.

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 Apr 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Distress at sale of land and other assets

I am writing to you to express my distress, about the proposed reclassification and sale of land and other assets under the so called Efficiencies and Sales Project that was on the agenda of the Council April 27 meeting.

This, at a time when the world needs more green spaces and more space for community use.

Council is the custodian of our community spaces, parks and natural environment and should not be so eager to convert this scarce and precious resource, in order to pay down debt.

Individual residents or community groups donated or identified much of the land referred to and classified as Community Land in the belief that we, the residents, will enjoy this land through perpetuity, with Council being the custodian on our behalf.

Our community land is priceless. It was never the intention that this land was "money in the bank" to be drawn on when needed.

It is not to be sold off at such short notice, especially while our democratically elected representatives are suspended and unable to speak to our concerns.

Furthermore, the speed, lack of

consultation or transparency about these proposed sales make a mockery of the idea of democratic decisions or community consultation.

I believe that there will be strong opposition to the reclassification and sale of any conservation, open space and recreational land as occurred in 2016 when Council tried to sell off many of our small parks and open spaces.

I am particularly concerned about the proposed sale of 23-23a Memorial Ave, Blackwall, and the mobile home park in Ettalong.

The sale of the land at Blackwall is not in the community interest as it provides significant habitat for a range of species, provides a key role in cooling the surrounding area and also serves a significant flood storage and absorption function.

Given the recommendations in Council's own draft Greener Places Strategy and the significant heat island effect identified at Woy Woy, it makes no commercial or community sense to sell this land for development.

It is not correct that the vegetation on these lots is not habitat for threatened species. Paperbarks (melaleuca quinquenervia) and other species on this site are a key food species for the nationally and state listed

vulnerable grey-headed flying fox. See this recent foraging habitat report <https://datasets.seed.nsw.gov.au/dataset/flying-fox-foraging-habitat-2019>.

The National Recovery Plan was adopted in March.

This land has been in Council hands since the 1950s and although not needed for its original purpose is one of only a few areas of natural lowland vegetation in this area.

It is incumbent on Council to protect this remaining vegetation and rezone it for conservation and passive recreation.

The Ettalong mobile home park provides affordable housing for over 100 households.

We have a dearth of affordable housing on the Coast in general and on the Peninsula in particular.

Once sold, this site will only be guaranteed to house these households until 2029. Then it can be expected that residents will have to pay a lot of money to move their mobile homes and I think you need to consider where they will move them too.

To base our financial plan on asset sales is, I believe, foolhardy and it is not an approach many in the community will support.

SOURCE:
Email, 25 Apr 2021
Sally Jope, Umina Beach

Memorial Ave land provides significant habitat

I am writing to voice my strong objection to Council's proposed sale of 23-23a Memorial Ave, Blackwall (Council Agenda, April 27).

The sale of this land is not in the community interest as it provides significant habitat for a range of species, provides a key role in cooling the surrounding area and also serves a significant flood storage and absorption function.

Given the recommendations in Council's own draft Greener Places Strategy and the significant heat island effect identified at Woy Woy, it makes no commercial or community sense to sell this land for development.

The council report states that

the vegetation on these lots is not habitat for threatened species.

This is incorrect.

Paperbarks (melaleuca quinquenervia) and swamp mahogany (eucalyptus robusta) and other species on this site are key food species for the nationally and state listed (as vulnerable to extinction) grey-headed flying fox and the swift parrot (critically endangered).

See this recent foraging habitat report: <https://datasets.seed.nsw.gov.au/dataset/flying-fox-foraging-habitat-2019>.

The Grey-Headed Flying-fox National Recovery Plan was adopted in March.

This land has been in Council

hands since the 1950s and although not needed for its original purpose is one of only a few areas of natural lowland vegetation in this area.

It is incumbent on Council to protect this remaining vegetation and rezone it for conservation and passive recreation.

Now that the Council has decided to consult the community about this land sell off, I strongly urge community members to formally object to this proposal to sell this parcel of land, and to instead to rezone and protect it for future generations and our threatened species.

SOURCE:
Email, 30 Apr 2021
Sue Ellis, Umina Beach

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The meetings are well conducted and encourage interesting and diverse conversations.

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Geography students study coastal processes

Brisbane Water Secondary College Year 10 geography students have been studying coastal processes.

They have been testing management theory by modelling, according to Woy Woy campus

principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

They had done this "by creating their own beach models and testing it for themselves", she said.

SOURCE:

Social media, 23 Apr 2021
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



Students congratulated on Anzac speeches

Two Brisbane Water Secondary College students have been congratulated for their speeches at the mid-morning Anzac Day service at Ettalong conducted by the Woy Woy, Ettalong, Hardy's Bay RSL Sub-Branch.

Woy Woy campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper said that students Michael Weathers and Guy Cooper

represented the college beautifully.

Ettalong Diggers chief executive Mr Bill Jackson said the college "can certainly be proud of the young men representing them".

"Both spoke exceptionally well," he said.

Ettalong Public School was also represented at the service by two young students laying wreaths.

Local RSL Sub-Branch president Mr Bevan Router was

awarded life membership of the Returned Services League of Australia, for services rendered as a member of the NSW Branch.

Former Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews presented a plaque on behalf of Senator Deborah O'Neill.

SOURCE:

Social media, 25 Apr 2021
Bill Jackson, Ettalong Diggers
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

Catafalque party at Anzac assembly

Ettalong Public School acknowledged Anzac Day at an annual Anzac assembly on Thursday, April 22.

The assembly included a student catafalque party.

Royal Australian Air Force flying officer Ms Nancye Prince and veteran Mr Jim Edwards both spoke to our students about the meaning behind the national day.

SOURCE:

Social media, 22 Apr 2021
Ettalong Public School



Secondary students investigate global warming

Brisbane Water Secondary College earth and environmental science students have conducted experiments to investigate global warming.

They investigated whether greenhouse gas concentrations

in an atmosphere increased the temperature.

After a double period, their results showed how much a temperature increase occurred due to carbon dioxide concentrations.

SOURCE:

Social media, 26 Apr 2021
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



Shadow Minister meets parents' groups

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch and Labor's NSW Shadow Minister for Education Ms Prue Car met with local parents and citizens associations

representatives last week.

"I was joined by Ms Car to talk with P/C leaders and members from across our community," said Ms Tesch.

She thanked "the fantastic parents who took the time out to

come talk with us".

"Let's build better schools for our community," she said.

SOURCE:

Social media, 30 Apr 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Sport

Bowling clubs to vote on unification proposal

The Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club will hold a special general meeting at 12:40pm on Thursday, May 13, in the Club Umina auditorium.

The meeting will vote on a proposal to unify Bowls New South Wales (BNSW) and Women's Bowls New South Wales (WBNSW).

Club secretary Mr Peter Springett said that bowls had been adversely affected by declining memberships and clubs in financial duress, with many closing their doors.

"By contrast, a unification of our associations offers a great opportunity to reinvigorate bowls," he said.

"Financial strength, a high-quality offer and cost synergies, and stability come from a large membership base.

"Unification will deliver a modern

organisation and governance structure.

"There will be equitable representation from males and females on both the transitional board and the board of the new entity.

"The unification can achieve all elements of the new entity's vision to lead and enable the ongoing growth, success and sustainability of the sport for all current and future bowlers in NSW.

"The primary benefit will be improved member and club services including a focus on club health and development, and growing the game to ensure the sustainability of our sport in NSW."

Mr Springett said the member benefits, both transitional and long term, were substantial.

The unification would lead to enhanced member services, and increased focus and investment into game and club development, he said.

Members have been asked to arrive by 12.30pm to sign the attendance register.

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club will also hold a special general meeting in the Clubhouse at Spingwood St., Ettalong, on Thursday, May 27, at 12pm.

The purpose is also to vote on the proposed unification of Bowls NSW and Women's Bowls NSW.

Club chief executive Mr Tim McGavin said the resolution would authorise the Royal NSW Bowling Association to amend its constitution and the boards of RNSWBA and the new bowls entity to take the consequent steps.

He said only registered bowling members were eligible to vote.

SOURCE:

Social media, 21 Apr 2021

Peter Springett, Umina Beach

Men's Bowling Club

Social media, 21 Apr 2021

Tim McGavin, Ettalong

Bowling Club



Masters crew make Australian finals

Umina Surf Life Saving Club men's masters boat crew made it through to the finals at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships.

They came sixth in the final.

SOURCE:

Social media, 19 Apr 2021

Umina SLSC

Bridge club holds special events

Brisbane Water Bridge Club will hold a number of special events over the next month.

The Jean Pelham Charity Day Pairs will be played on Thursday, May 13.

Session one of the Restricted Teams Championship will be played on Tuesday, May 18, with session two being played on Tuesday, May 25.

The club held its mixed pairs championship on April 19 and its Anzac Day pairs competition on April 24.

In the Club Mixed Pairs Championship, 20 pairs competed, of whom 14 were mixed pairs. Session winners were Lorraine Lindsay and Jan Davis by three matchpoints over 2021 Mixed Pairs Champions Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa.

Results were:

1. Jan Davis - Lorraine Lindsay 295 (63.03 per cent), 1.50 red points.

2. Jaan Oitmaa - Sylvia Foster 292 (62.39), 1.05.

3. Sally Clarke - Garry Clarke 269 (57.48), 0.75.

4. Jenny Buckley - David Snow 267 (57.05), 0.50.

5. Alan Bustany - Janet Clarke 256 (54.70), 0.38.

6. Christine Hadaway - Martin Johnson 254 (54.27), 0.30.

7. Dasha Brandt - David Bowerman 246 (52.56), 0.25.

8. Hope Tomlinson - Barry Foster 239 (51.07), 0.21.

9. Susan McCall - Judy Wulff 234 (50.00), 0.19.

10. Joan Walsh - Marie Tucker 233 (49.79), 0.17.

11. Bob Morris - Gwen White 229 (48.93).

12. Jorgen Boettiger - Julie Teague 229 (48.93).

13. Beryl Lowry - John Aldersley 226 (48.29).

14. Marcelle Goslin - Wendy Sheehan 215 (45.94).

15. Helen White - Alison Mackey 209 (44.66).

16. David Howells - Sue Eastman 208 (44.44).

17. Matt Raj Mal - Felicity Fane

207 (44.23).

18. Michael Greenfield - Tracey Dillon 202 (43.16).

19. Meg McGregor - Hilary Owen 199 (42.52).

20. Peter Hume - Elaine Hume 171 (36.54).

North-South results of the Anzac Day pairs competition were:

1. Sylvia Foster - Jaan Oitmaa 245 (56.71), 0.45.

2. Linda Brown - Judy Smyth 241 (55.79), 0.32.

3. Christine Hadaway - Marcelle Goslin 227 (52.55), 0.23.

4. Carol Anderson - Marie Tucker 225 (52.08), 0.15.

5. Robyn Scahill - Jacqueline Wilson 221 (51.16).

6. Judy Wulff - Susan McCall 208 (48.15).

7. Elaine Hume - Peter Hume 195 (45.14).

8. Felicity Fane - Heather Brown 194 (44.91).

9. Lorraine Lindsay - Richard Carter 188 (43.52).

East-West results were:

1. Karen Ody - Martin Johnson 279 (64.58), 0.45.

2. Dasha Brandt - David Bowerman 226 (52.31), 0.32.

3. Edith Marshall - Hilary Owen 219 (50.69), 0.23.

4. Hope Tomlinson - Barry Foster 218 (50.46), 0.15.

5. Carol Long - Faith Ross 215 (49.77).

6. Margo Brennan - Gwen White 212 (49.07).

7. Steve Calcroft - Sue Eastman 204 (47.22).

8. Julie Teague - Joan Walsh 202 (46.76).

9. Jorgen Boettiger - Matt Raj Mal 169 (39.12).

SOURCE:

Website, 28 Apr 2021

Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Coaches wanted for junior touch

Peninsula Junior Touch is seeking coaches and assistant coaches for the 2021-22 representative season.

Anyone interested should

contact the club for an application form.

Applications close at 5pm on Friday, May 28.

SOURCE:

Social media, 29 Apr 2021

Peninsula Junior Touch

Goalkeeper training starts for Umina United

Umina United soccer club will hold goal keeper training, starting from Tuesday, May 4, for our Under-10 to Under 16 players.

The junior goalkeepers will be helped by a former first grade

representative from.

Players wanting the specialist goalkeeper training should book in with Jenna on 0424 753 662.

SOURCE:

Social media, 29 Apr 2021

Umina United Soccer Club

Softball club to hold annual meeting

The Peninsula Ducks Softball Club will hold its annual general meeting at 6:30pm on Monday, May 24, in the Star Room at Everglades Country Club.

Four committee positions are vacant, three with two-year terms and one with a one-year term.

Committee nomination forms and proxy voting forms can be

found on the club's website -.

Notices of Motion and nomination forms are due by 5pm on Wednesday, May 12.

"We will be grateful for all help," said club chairperson Ms Di Barrymore.

SOURCE:

Social media, 26 Apr 2021

Di Barrymore, Peninsula

Ducks Softball Club

Bridge lessons for beginners

Bridge beginners lessons will be held by the Brisbane Water Bridge Club at the Peninsula Community Centre starting on Wednesday, May 19.

The club promotes the game as suitable for people who "enjoy playing board games or card games and meeting new people".

Six weeks of lessons will be

held, starting at 1pm on May 19, "in a friendly relaxed atmosphere until you are ready to play in our regular sessions at the club".

The cost for the six lessons is \$60.

Ring Christine to register on 0488 194 737.

SOURCE:

Website, 28 Apr 2021

Brisbane Water Bridge Club