

Peninsula sell-off protests attract 'a great turn-up'

Protests against the proposed sell-off of Council-owned parks on the Peninsula have attracted 60-80 people on each of the last two Saturdays.

Organisers of the rallies described them as having "a great turn-up".

The protests were held at 83-85 Brisbane Ave, Umina, on Saturday, May 8, and at 23 and 23A Memorial Dr, Blackwall, on Saturday, May 15 – both blocks that are on the council's proposed sale list.

Speakers at both protests spoke of the need for shaded open space on the Peninsula for recreation

and to address the "heat island" effect which made the Peninsula's suburbs the hottest on the Coast.

Others spoke of the value of the remnant vegetation both as habitat and as a seed bank for future tree planting.

The speakers on May 8 included Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch, Grow Urban Shade Trees group members Ms Jenny Wilder and Ms Leslie Harvey and Central Coast School Strike 4 Climate organiser Ethan Hill from Brisbane Water Secondary College.

Other speakers included representatives of the Central Coast's Community Environment Network and the Wires wildlife

rescue service, Sue Chidgey, Kay Williams, Jake Cassar and Tim Selwyn.

Speakers on May 15 included Australian Conservation Foundation Central Coast branch representative Mr Norm Harris, as well as representatives of GUST, CEN and Wires.

Both protests started with an Aboriginal smoking ceremony.

Participants at both protests decorated the trees with paper hearts as a token of their love for the trees and to express their hope that they will survive.

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 May 2021
Mark Ellis, ACFC

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Preparing for construction

Woy Woy South Public School is being prepared for renovations.

Some buildings have been fenced off and some have scaffolding around them.

"We are getting ready for some

new roof replacements," said principal Mr Matt Barr.

"Safety first!"

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 May 2021
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School



Sale of carpark 'would be devastating', says pharmacist

A Umina pharmacist has said the sale of the Bullion St carpark "would be absolutely devastating to our business and every other one in Umina".

It is amongst land listed to be sold by Central Coast Council.

Chemist Outlet owner Michael Cunico said: "We've run the pharmacy and post office boxes here for 22 years.

"Customers have to access their post boxes through the laneway, and the removal of the carpark would severely impact this."

"All the businesses around here also use this laneway as a loading and unloading area and if it wasn't here we'd have to block the main street to perform these tasks."

"The main street is already busy and it is already difficult to find a

park. "Taking away 160 car spaces will only make this harder and force people to shop elsewhere."

He said the impact would be devastating.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said: "The community and local businesses are furious about the proposal labelling it another blow after an already tumultuous year of the Covid-19 pandemic and Central Coast Council's financial position.

She said the sale should not go ahead.

"Parking is already a huge problem on the Peninsula and the loss of this carpark would only add to the already prevalent dilemma facing our community."

"This carpark is central to the community who use the resource

to visit the chemist, the doctors, the local grocers, florists and cafes.

"Removing accessibility to these businesses, which is exactly what this carpark provides, will have a huge consequence for our community from business owners to shoppers."

Ms Tesch said she had started a petition calling on the NSW Government to remove the sale of the carpark from the list of potential sell-offs.

"We know all too well the consequence privatisation has at every level of our lives and we cannot allow our assets to float into the hands of developers who do not have our community interests at heart."

SOURCE:
Media release, 3 May 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

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Now, we have also started Peninsula News EXTRA to take these articles.

This is another eight pages in electronic form, produced as a PDF, which will be published on the Thursday following the print edition.

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Mark Snell, editor
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Art show tickets sales and entries open

The Bays Community Group is selling tickets to the opening night of this year's Bays Art Show to be held in The Bays Community Hall from July 16 to 18.

More than 60 artists are expected to display artwork including paintings, drawings, photography, mixed media and prints.

Entries are currently being accepted with a closing date of July 2.

Opening night will be held from 7:30pm to 10pm on Friday, July 16, and will be for adults only.

Tickets cost \$20 which includes one free drink and nibbles.

"Get in quick as this popular event will sell out," said group president Ms Gwynneth Weir.

Additional drinks will be available from the bar.

The exhibition will open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday, July 17 and 18, with entry being by a gold coin donation.

For tickets and general enquires, contact Ms Weir at thebaysemail@gmail.com or phone 0413 434 683.

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

Bridge pairs charity day raises \$1300

Brisbane Water Bridge Club held its Jean Pelham Pairs charity day on Thursday, May 13.

The day raised \$520 sales in raffle tickets and a further \$814 on the day from table fees, donations and sales of donated foods

Money raised including all table fees on the day was donated to Woy Woy Women's Health Centre.

The club's annual major charity event is named for founding president of Brisbane Water Bridge Club, Ms Jean Pelham.

Before play commenced, Ms Lorraine Lindsay told of the history of the club, which started in the 1980s, and its president Jean Pelham.

Bridge games saw an above-average attendance of 14 tables.

Noel and Shirley Crockett were the north-south winners and Chris Hasemore and Chris Hannan the east-west winners.

SOURCE:
 Website, 15 May 2021
 Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Fishing club donates to Marine Rescue

A Umina fishing club has made a substantial donation to Marine Rescue Central Coast.

The Ocean Beach Hotel Fishing Club made a donation of \$1000.

The cheque presentation was made at the hotel last week.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 13 May 2021
 Marine Rescue Central Coast



Firefighters recruited for Umina

Two new Fire and Rescue NSW recruit are to be allocated to Umina Fire Station, according to Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch.

The two recruits among nine on the Central Coast.

"These new firefighters recently graduated, having completed months of training at the Emergency Services Academy in Orchard Hills," he said.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 13 May 2021
 Adam Crouch, Member for Terrigal

What do you think?

The Peninsula News Forum pages provide an opportunity for readers to express their views on current events affecting the Peninsula.

We would also be interested in your thoughts on the following topics.

SHOULD the Peninsula have its own council?

With around 40,000 people, the Peninsula has a larger population than half the councils in NSW.

SOURCE:
 15 May 2021
 Mark Snell, editor

Rainfall pattern returns to average

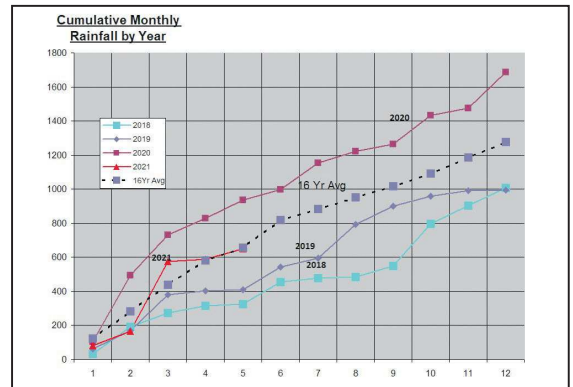
Rainfall has returned to a more normal rate in the first two weeks of May, after two months of extremes.

A total of 59.4mm fell in the first two weeks of the month, which compares to a May average of 74mm, according figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

The cumulative total for the year stands at 649.2mm, near the average figure for the end of May of 657mm.

March was the second wettest March in 16 years and April the second driest April in 16 years.

SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 14 May 2021
 Jim Morrison, Umina



Parents gather 200 signatures in three days

Umina Beach Public School Parents' and Citizens' Association has gathered more than 200 signatures for a petition in three days.

The petition for a better pedestrian crossing on Mt Ettalong Rd at Etta Rd, Umina, which started 10 months ago, had 850 signatures on Wednesday, May 12.

By the weekend, it had more than 1050 signatures.

"Please sign for improved pedestrian safety on Mt Ettalong Rd," said association president Ms Lucy Lamont.

"We want students and families to be able to walk to school safely."

The petition states: "This crossing is the main pedestrian access point to Umina Beach, Recreation Precinct and Umina Beach Public School for Umina South residents.

"We love the Precinct and beach area and want to use it regularly, but the crossing is scary.

"We want to be an active and connected community.

"Our preference is to walk where we can, but we need footpaths and road crossings that allow us to do that safely.

"We want to encourage our children to be independent.

"To do this we need to feel confident that they can walk or ride safely to school and access the Precinct and beach by themselves.

"We want the crossing to be safer so there are not multiple people with dogs, prams, bikes and kids waiting on the island with cars driving past on either side at 60km/h.

"We want the crossing to be more visual, particularly on the west side of Mt Ettalong Rd, so cars can see there are pedestrians waiting to cross the road.

"We want the footpath extended on the west side of Etta Rd so that we are not forced to walk on the road."

The petition is to be submitted to Central Coast Council.

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 May 2021
Lucy Lamont, UBPS P and C



Children learn what to do if they get lost

Preschool children in Booker Bay have learnt what to do if they get lost.

This was among the topics discussed by Gosford police liaison officer Constable Dan McArthur and his colleague when they visited the school on Thursday, May 13.

They also learnt about how to recognise police officers, who to call when in danger, and about road and car safety.

"The children showed great excitement to look and explore the officers' gear," said Booker Bay Pre-school owner Ms Rhonda Waters.

"The children tried on the officers' vests, utility belts, hats, and explored the walkie talkies and hand cuffs.

"We loved exploring and learning important safety with the police officers today."

"We sat inside the police car.

"The children were so excited to investigate and explore inside the police car - the radio, overhead speaker and all the buttons and screens inside.

"They held the 'go go bags' and learnt the importance of the bags and what they were for.

"They held the road sign but their favourite part was listening to the sirens."

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 May 2021
Booker Bay Preschool

Community service awards for two businesses

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has recognised the outstanding contributions of two local businesses to our community over many years by awarding them the prestigious Rotary Community Service Award.

They are the Ettalong branch of the Bendigo Community Bank and Tonkin Drysdale Partners in Woy Woy.

"Bendigo Community Bank Ettalong Branch began in 2005 and has delivered secure banking services to the Peninsula community since that time," said club president Mr Bruce Croft.

"Tonkin Drysdale Partners, similarly, have offered outstanding service in legal and conveyancing services for over 60 years.

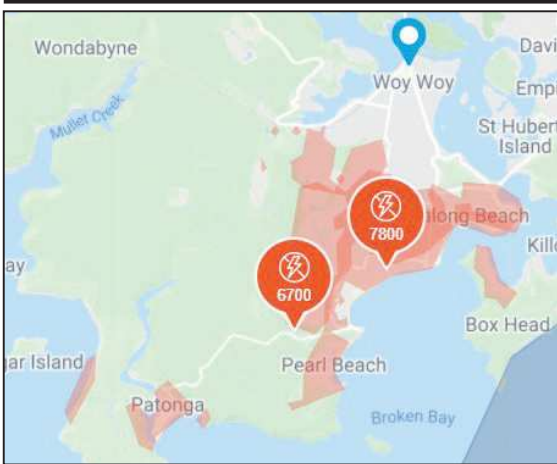
"In addition to these core services, both organisations



have voluntarily supported the local community in areas of education, health, sports, business networking, and community service groups."

Pictured is Bendigo Bank Ettalong board chair Mr Mick Gage with Mr Croft (above), and Mr Paul Tonkin (right) of Tonkin Drysdale Partners with his award.

SOURCE:
Media release, 3 May 2021
Pat Lewis, Rotary Umina Beach



No power in 14,500 homes

About 14,500 homes in Umina and Ettalong lost power for more than 90 minutes following an electrical storm in the area on Wednesday, May 12.

The area lost power at about

8:30pm and was mostly restored by around 10pm.

Ausgrid did not declare it restored until after midnight.

SOURCE:
Website, 12 May 2021
Outages, Ausgrid



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Planning

Alfred St shop-top housing on track, says owner

Plans to build shop-top housing in Alfred St, Umina, near the corner of West St, are still well on track, according to the man behind the development.

YouSave pharmacist Mr Michael Cunico said his plans were still proceeding through council, despite the council classifying the proposal as an "invalid application", as reported in Peninsula News 518.

He said information requested by the council had been supplied and he expected the council assessment process to continue.

An artist's impression of the Alfred St frontage of the four-storey \$4.9 million development is shown above.

"We are creating very comfortable size units with large balconies in an area where residents have the luxury of walking to restaurants, doctors, grocery stores and just one block walk to beautiful Umina Beach," Mr Cunico said.

"We have underground car park to cater for the development.

"The ground level floor is around 600 square meters
"We are looking for a community-based medical



business to fill this area to complement the YouSave Chemist.

"A doctors' surgery would be ideal."

SOURCE:

Media release, 13 May 2021

Michael Cunico, Umina YouSave Chemist

Carpark and bush block could be sold immediately

The Bullion St carpark in Umina and the council bush blocks in Memorial Ave, Blackwall, could be sold off without further community consultation, according to the Community Environment Network.

Other parcels at Austin Butler reserve and Angler St, Woy Woy; at Brisbane Ave, Umina; and the home park in Fassifern St, Ettalong, need to be reclassified from "community" land to "operational" before they can be sold.

The Network's executive member Mr Gary Chestnut said: "Council has acknowledged that it is legally bound to lodge a planning proposal before it can reclassify land from community to operational and that process can take between 12 and 18 months to complete.

"Council is also required to have a public hearing to be convened by an independent facilitator so this will give the community another opportunity to voice its opposition to reclassification of community land."

However, that process does not apply to land that is already classified as "operational", such as the Bullion St carpark and the Memorial Ave bush block.

Mr Chestnut said: "Residents were told at the beginning of this period of administration that no environmental assets would be sold and yet this latest list of land sales includes a wetland and bush lots.

"It includes some of the same community assets that the former Gosford Council was forced to withdraw from reclassification in 2015 as a result of community push back," he said.

Mr Chestnut said CEN would support the community's fight to protect community land.

"The sale of community land is not the only option, and it is certainly not the best option, for reducing Council's debt," he said.

The consultation period for community comment has been extended until May 28.

SOURCE:

Media release, 15 May 2021
Gary Chestnut, CEN

Panel considers Pearl Beach plan with 31 submissions

Central Coast Local Planning Panel has considered an application to rebuild a house with a second storey extension in Amethyst Ave, Pearl Beach, after Central Coast Council received 31 submissions about it.

The site has an area of 236.2 square metres, with a front and rear boundaries of 15.5 metres and side boundaries of 15.24 metres, described as one of the smallest lots in Pearl Beach.

The lot contains an existing single storey dwelling with carport under the existing roof.

The application was for "additions and alterations" based on retaining the existing ground floor cottage, and existing setbacks of less than 1.2 metres would be retained at ground level.

The rear setback for the proposed first floor deck was 3.5m and to the external wall was six metres.

The proposal includes ground floor internal reconfiguration of bedroom two and relocating existing ensuite to allow a new bigger window from the bedroom to the south/front facade.

A first-floor area of 43.10sqm would be added containing a master bedroom with ensuite, a study with a wet bar and new deck.

It would include a 1.8m high privacy screen to new deck, stairs and landing with fixed horizontal timber slats.

External access stairs to the first floor would be constructed on western side of the building.

In a report written by senior development planner Ms Karen Hanratty, Council recommended consent subject to conditions.

"Key issues" listed in the report



were non-compliance with the Pearl Beach Residential Development planning provisions relating to floor space ratio, building setbacks and building lines, as well as matters raised in public submissions including amenity impacts.

"The development will have a floor space ratio of 0.448:1 which is greater than the allowable 0.4:1.

"The development does not provide a minimum setback of six metres from the street and rear boundary."

The house was originally approved in 1991 as a detached dual occupancy on 19 Diamond Rd.



Approval was granted in 1993 for subdivision of the dual occupancy into two allotments.

The report stated: "The site is one of the smallest allotments in Pearl Beach, having a site area of 236.2sqm that is developed with a dwelling house.

"The floor space ratio non-compliance is minor.

"The exceedance of the floor area of 11.37sqm to the development controls is not readily visible from the street and the public domain and does not discernibly impact on bulk and scale.

"The design of the dwelling locates the building mass towards the street with a consistent setback to the front boundary to that of the existing dwelling using facade articulation and external material treatment to minimise visual impact and provide improved presentation to the street to that currently exists.

"Council is satisfied that the applicant has demonstrated compliance with the objectives of the controls."

Objections in public submissions were described in 11 headings.

No objection was upheld in the council assessment, although the report noted that "amendments were made during the assessment" to "improve noise, privacy and amenity impacts".

The panel's determination of the application was not available as Peninsula News went to press.

The determination will be published in Peninsula News EXTRA (<http://peninsula.news/extra.pdf>) should it be known before Thursday.

SOURCE:

DA59347, CCLPP agenda 3.2, 13 May 2021



Lone Pine Plaza

The shopping centre to replace Umina Mall in Ocean Beach Rd will be name Lone Pine Plaza, according to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

She said the owner, the Laundry

Group, had released new artist's impressions of its new shopping centre.

Ms Tesch described them as "exciting new concept designs".

SOURCE:

Social media, 7 May 2021

Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Six flats proposed

A development application has been lodged for a \$3 million six-unit residential flat building at 75 Brick Wharf Rd, Woy Woy.

The application was lodged on Tuesday, May 11, and after a pre-lodgement review was conducted

the same day.

Apart from the cost of work being estimated at \$2.944 million, no further details of the proposed development were available last week.

SOURCE:

DA Tracker, 14 May 2021
DA 61806, Central Coast Council

Scholarship concerts

Pearl Beach Progress Association will hold its annual Pearl Beach Music and Irvine Family Piano Scholarship Concerts at 2pm on Saturday and Sunday, May 22 and 23, at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

The concerts are performed by Central Coast Conservatorium students with scholarships awarded to the value of \$2250, sponsored by the progress association and the Irvine family.

The scholarships include a \$250 "People Choice" which offers the audience the opportunity to choose their favourite performance.

The concerts were not able to be held last year due to coronavirus restrictions.

Conservatorium artistic director Mr Patrick Brennan said: "This event is an excellent opportunity for Conservatorium students to perform for their local community."

A Junior Showcase Concert is held "to celebrate solo instrument and vocal performance by the Central Coast Conservatorium junior students".

This year the \$1000 Pearl Beach Progress Association Scholarship has been sponsored in memory of Pearl Beach resident, the late Ms Jill Roe.

"Jill will be remembered as a much-loved and respected Australian historian, biographer and academic," said association



publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

Adjudicator will be Ms Leigh Carter, piano tutor at Newcastle Conservatorium of Music.

Accompanist will be Mr Noah Perez.

Concert tickets cost \$10 each, or two concerts for \$15.

"Due to Covid regulations, we are limited with numbers in the hall," said Ms Lillico.

"A Covid QR check and regulations will apply at both concerts."

Bookings are essential and should be made on 4344 2319.

Pictured is Bee Haslam, 2019 Scholarship winner who will perform this year

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 May 2021
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

'Inspiring works' at folk club concert

The Wild Women of Anywhere Beach and Dennis Aubrey will feature at the Troubadour Folk Club at 7pm on Saturday, May 29, at the Everglades Club.

"Two of the greatest singer-songwriters in Australian music will unleash some of their most inspiring works on Saturday, May 29, in a unique event at the Troubadour concert at the Everglades Club," said folk club president Mr Michael Fine.

"The Wild Women of Anywhere Beach are two revolutionary older women who have been delighting audiences for over 30

years, singing their way through numerous political upheavals, social revolutions and just plain standing up against injustice.

"Cathy Welsford and Angie Smith write original songs and fearlessly adapt others to their own unique style," he said.

"They'll be performing some of the newly minted classics from their most recent album.

"Their songs deal with the serious issues of life such as social injustice, climate change, Australian history and even feminism with great harmonies and poetic beauty."

Mr Fine said Dennis Aubrey

was known as the singing poet of the Sydney streets.

"Some of his songs, such as The Bag Lady's Waltz and Wedding Ring for Sale, have been picked up and sung widely by famous artists.

"Certainly he knows how to bring a tear to your eye, and is sure to make you tap your feet and sing along to some of his great choruses.

"This will be very special night at the Troubadour."

Bookings are available through Trybooking.com.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 13 May 2021
Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club

Exhibition at regional gallery

An exhibition of drawings by Woy Woy artist Ms Yvette Pritchard was opened at the Gosford Regional Gallery on the weekend by Patonga art teacher Ms Jocelyn Maughan.

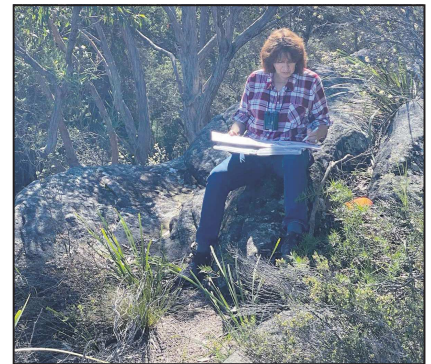
The exhibition, title In the Bush, will run until June 20.

Ms Pritchard said loved drawing and loved being in the bush.

She said her solo exhibition of expressive plein air drawings was created on a variety of journeys through local bushland.

The drawings documented her experience through the spontaneous medium of black ink on white paper and canvas, she said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 10 May 2021
Yvette Pritchard, Woy Woy



Liesl Tesch MP
Member for Gosford

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Forum

Apart from the departure of Mr Persson, there are other upsides for the community in its attempts to stop the sale of valuable community space.

With no elected councillors standing between the community and our council, we can now find out who are these faceless Council staff that "recommended that our community land and assets be sold".

Fortunately the NSW

To stop the rot, residents must fight their own council

Government has announced a public inquiry into this fiasco which will "provide an independent, open and transparent process" where the first business should be requiring these faceless staffers, the community's employees, to explain their decision to sell our few remaining open space and

local parks.

We should reject any notion that Council staff prepare a "master plan... before it sells any assets."

It must be realised that the selling of public assets is a non starter.

If council staff can't come up with more creative ideas than this, they should do the right and noble thing and resign.

Recent "progress" in my neighborhood highlights the

disaster that this council now is.

This week critical habit for native flora and fauna has been compromised by the removal of healthy paperbark trees (melaleuca quinquenervia) at the rear boundary of a development with a creek reserve.

One creek to the east, a complete demolition of an old home and every tree on the block has left highly erodible sand plain sand pushed within a meter of the creek with not even a token

sediment fence, as is required by state legislation.

When I moved to the Central Coast some 30-odd years ago, every council envelope had a silhouette of a tree and stated that Gosford was a tree-friendly council.

We needed council approval to remove or trim these leafy assets.

Now developers know they can do whatever they like, and Council will do nothing.

If residents want to stop the rot then they have to be prepared to fight their own council and travel to Woyung to do it.

What a sad state of affairs.

SOURCE:
Email, 13 May 2021
Bryan Ellis, Umina Beach

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Woy Woy artist
Yvette Pritchard

In the Bush

A VISUAL DIARY



May 15 - June 20
Gosford Regional Gallery

Bullion St parking is crucial to shoppers and businesses

It has been suggested that the redevelopment of the Bullion St carpark is "a once in a lifetime opportunity".

I cannot agree with that, because this is a second bite of the same cherry.

This idea was discussed, at length, about 10 to 12 years ago, and the proposal was overwhelmingly rejected by those with both business and social interests.

It was rejected, because no one could satisfactorily explain why Umina Beach needs to have this proposed green space-civic centre, especially at the expense of the parking precinct.

The parking is crucial to both those who use the shopping centre and the businesses they visit.

The idea is that this new development would be an outdoor focal point, for young and old.

We already have that with the foreshore picnic areas at Ettalong and Umina Beach.

Neither of these locations can provide sufficient parking as it is.

And there is a question over these spaces, as to whether they will be metered.

Even if there is a condition that the new development would include the same number of car spaces, it will not be enough.

If anything, the number of spaces needs to be doubled.

More and more people are moving to this area.

Old homes are being demolished at a great rate and being replaced with multiple dwellings.

So there will fewer available parking spaces than the number that will be required into the future.

Umina Beach is a busy shopping village.

On most days, it is impossible to find a parking space on the main strip of West St.

The beaches might not be the focal point of the town centre, but they are certainly one of the main drawcards for this area, along with a more relaxed lifestyle, cheaper

housing (for some) and fast access to Sydney and Newcastle.

The Bullion St carpark is always busy and the disabled car spaces are often full.

Without the Bullion St carpark, where will people park, so they can visit the shops in busy West St?

How can it be an advantage for Umina to have more shops, cafes, green space and recreation areas, if there is nowhere for shoppers and visitors to park?

As business owners, amongst many, we object to the proposed sale of the Bullion St carpark.

If Council does sell the carpark to Retail has been in the doldrums for years and things are just beginning to look a little brighter, but continued success of businesses in West St will depend on the availability of easily accessible parking - and plenty of it.

SOURCE:
Email, 13 May 2021
Cathy Waller, Umina Beach

Maximise the mandatory, minimise the discretionary

The Central Coast Council Administrator and senior Council staff are quick to accuse people of destructive comment and criticism of their efforts.

My suggestion to them is that it might help if they spend more time ensuring their own left hands are working with their right hands rather than biting the hands that feed them.

If Council really does want to reduce spending and decrease debt, it should change the way it does things.

Spend the majority of Council time, money and effort on doing things that will benefit the majority of residents and ratepayers the majority of the time.

Put the small numbers of activists, "influencers" and minority, self-interest groups and their requirements at the bottom of the list.

Maximise mandatory spending and minimise discretionary spending.

Maximise spending on roads and rubbish.

Improve the road surfaces, the guttering, the foot and bike paths - in laneways as well as roadways. Make sure all the drains actually drain.

Get rid of the rubbish on the roadsides, laneways, waterfronts and vacant land - be it private, council or other government land or water.

And rubbish includes weeds and fallen vegetation as well as litter and general pollution.

If Council does want more commercial activity and better use of the area's waterfront assets, rather than selling carparks and constraining traffic flow in those areas, improve them.

If you want to increase residential density and maintain or improve liveability and

environmental amenity, improve rather than sell-off green spaces.

And to help Council reduce the workload they keep telling us about, let them reduce the amount of managing, supervising, overseeing, directing and dictating.

Spend more time listening to, hearing, heeding and then attending to the needs and wants of the majority.

Get on with more doing. That should include getting white collar managerial staff off their bottoms and out into the street doing some doing and seeing what more needs doing at street level.

Oh, it would be most helpful if Council would enforce the rules by punishing the minority who break the rules, ignore the signs and make the mess.

That would be a great service to the public.

SOURCE:
Email, 5 May 2021
Ian Weekley, Umina Beach

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Exercise program for women

A free one-hour group exercise program for women running every week from Monday, July 12, for nine weeks is to be held in Woy Woy.

The program offered by Diabetes NSW and ACT includes an additional 30-minute health education session every fortnight.

"This fun, social and motivating program incorporates many of the factors that contribute to

women's health – exercise sessions, tips to eating healthy, techniques to relieve stress and anxiety, and an opportunity to connect with other women," said Diabetes NSW marketing co-ordinator Ms Loni Pettett.

"The program is delivered in a safe, non-judgemental and comfortable setting, by qualified exercise physiologists who have experience working with groups of women in all

different stages of life.

"This initiative is aimed at all women in the community – unlike many of our other programs, you do not need to be diagnosed with diabetes to join."

Registrations can be made at <http://movewithwomen.com.au/> classes or by phone on 1800 328 951.

SOURCE:
Media release, 7 May 2021
Loni Pettett, Diabetes NSW and ACT

Woy Woy student is lead strike organiser

Brisbane Waters Secondary College Woy Woy campus student Ethan Hill is a "lead organiser" for the School Strike 4 Climate to be held at Kibble Park, Gosford, on Friday, May 21.

He, along with fellow "superstars" Charlize, Amy and Charli, attended Central Coast Councils Environmental Leadership Workshop "where they worked with key stakeholders to propose meaningful and localised action against climate change", according to campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

She gave special mention



to Ethan "who presented to numerous schools in his role as the lead organiser for School Strike 4 Climate".

Ethan was also a speaker at the recent protest at Brisbane Ave against the sale by the Council of parks on the Peninsula.

Member for Gosford Ms

Liesl Tesch is supporting the strike and encouraging students to stand up for their future.

"I am so pleased that this event will have no adults speaking, instead being completely led and run by passionate students."

Ms Tesch said the government must listen to the students.

"These students are our future leaders and they are also the people who will live to endure the impacts of climate change."

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 May 2021
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy
Media release, 14 May 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Forum

We do not support fire sale or lack of engagement

Thank you to all the members of our community who have stood up against Council's proposed community land sell-off.

Many of us have commitments or other circumstances that prevent us from being as engaged as we would like to be.

But we read this newspaper, and we take heart.

Know that we do not take you for granted. We cherish you.

To the Central Coast Council and its

Administrator and to the Minister for Local Government, know this: For every person who has written a letter or been to a community action, or called their political representatives, there are many, many more of us who support their actions.

We do not support this fire sale of valued community assets, and we resent that we have not been engaged on this matter.

SOURCE:
Email, 12 May 2021
James Lawson, Umina Beach

Another year of the main stakeholders (us) not being heard?

The cursory treatment, by the state government, of the widely supported petition requesting a full investigation of the collapse of Central Coast Council suggests that there is not much likelihood that the announced public inquiry will result in findings satisfactory to most ratepayers.

The inquiry's terms of reference are highly restrictive, and it is not clear what powers the Commissioner will have, to require information to be provided to the inquiry.

Without her having wide powers, it is difficult to believe that the Commissioner will be able to tell us much more than we already know.

This is a very complicated issue, and there are many individuals and agencies that have contributed to the financial fiasco, but the Commissioner seems to be strictly confined to investigating the role of the councillors and, perhaps, some Council servants.

The rush to set up the inquiry, before the petition was even put before the House, prompts the suspicion that it was always intended to exclude most of the concerns expressed by Central Coast ratepayers.

This being the case, how will ratepayers ever be convinced that the state government is not covering up its own implication in the disaster?

There is obviously some responsibility of state agencies in the mismanagement

of funds which should have been detected early in the Council's term of office and not just a few months before new elections are due.

There should also be a full investigation of how the original Administrator was allowed to leave the Council organization in the chaotic state inherited by the councillors when they took office.

As it is, we now have to look forward to another year of the Council's being under administration, with minimal opportunities for the main stakeholders (us) to have their voices heard in setting priorities and managing the Council's ongoing affairs.

The Administrator is responsible to the Minister (not to us), so what opportunities shall we have for more than lip-service consultation on matters crucial to the city's future?

Judging by our experience to date, not much.

The "consultation" process, as now practised, consists of asking for a rubber-stamping of decisions already made or of announcing decisions without even the courtesy of pretending to consult, as is the case, for instance, of the Warnervale airport.

We must all share Michael Jones's concern for the loss of opportunity for democratic participation in our affairs ("Democracy should never be put on hold", PN 518) and must be forever grateful that Peninsula News exists to keep us aware of matters that should concern us.

SOURCE:
Email, 12 May 2021
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy.

Shelters from natural materials

Umina Beach Public School students have been designing and building model shelters using natural materials.

The Year 6 project came with the students studying the novel Hatchet by Gary Paulsen.

"The main character is a young boy who becomes stranded in the wilderness and needs to build a

shelter to survive," said relieving principal Mr Chad Tsakissiris.

"Students designed a shelter and created it using natural materials.

"They displayed their creative projects at school today."

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 May 2021
Chad Tsakissiris, Umina Beach Public School



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Lions win in 'minor upset'

Woy Woy Lions have defeated Avoca Beach by 31 points to 27 at Woy Woy Oval in round six of rugby union on Saturday, May 15, in what was described as a minor upset.

"Woy Woy was able to outlast the visitors in this contest, in what proved a topsy turvy match," said Central Coast Rugby Union president Mr Larry Thomson.

"Woy Woy got away to a great start and, before very long into the match, were leading by 12 points to nil.

"It was just the start they wanted.

"However for the remainder of the first half, and early into the second half, it was Avoca Beach who did all of the scoring.

"By halftime, Avoca Beach had fought back and had jumped to the lead by 14 points to 12.

"Many people thought they would go on with it from that point.

"They did for awhile into the second half.

"Avoca Beach scored two tries early in the second half and it was not long before they had opened up a handy lead of 24 points to 12.

"At this point, Avoca Beach had scored 24 unanswered points in the match.

"However Woy Woy was not to

be outdone.

"From the middle stages of the second stanza until the end of the match, Woy Woy stormed home with three tries.

"They had taken the lead and they remained in front on the scoreboard until the final whistle.

"It was a very pleasing effort by the home team and one that shows that, in this year's competition, no team can be taken lightly.

"Best players for Woy Woy on the day were five-eight Vetaia Sinalavu, who posted 11 personal points, No.8 Philip Shaw, and halfback Zac Doak- Stride."

SOURCE:

Media release, 16 May 2021
Larry Thomson, CCRU

Peninsula players in regional championships

Peninsula Junior Touch players Sam Flakus, Sean Bullen, Tyrone Dorrell and Zane Smith have represented the Hunter Western Hornets at the regional championship in Orange.

Sam and the Under-14 Boys were victorious in the grand final against the Sydney Mets 5-3 where Sam was named Player's Player and selected in the NSW 14 Boys merit side.

The Under-16 Boys made it to the grand final against Sydney Mets, but went down 6-5.

Zane was awarded the 16 Boys



Coaches Award.

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 May 2021
Peninsula Junior Touch

Umina women top soccer ladder after win

Umina went to the top of the Women's Premier League soccer ladder on goal difference after an impressive 6-1 win over Southern and Ettalong in Round 4 on May 8.

Southern started the game well, executing a well-constructed block in their midfield and their defensive line made it hard for the Umina squad to play through.

Southern were rewarded for their patience after a quick counterattack saw Letisha McCormack open the scoring and put Southern ahead 1-0.

Another chance moments later saw Southern almost double their lead over Umina.

With 10 minutes to go, Umina coach Steve Donaldson made two changes in formation to reap the rewards off the back of Hannah Batten who scored one goal and created the other for Chelsea Campbell to give the E-gals a 2-1 lead at the half.

The second half of the contest saw Umina find their groove against a Southern side who played a lot more open as they searched hard to get back on level terms with Umina.

This allowed the Umina side to dominate the last 45 minutes with four well-worked goals.

Southern put their heads down and started to force the ball, which resulted in a crucial turnover of possession.

Southern still had a couple of chances but were not able to put the ball in the net while Umina was effective on their end.

Chelsea Campbell was able to get her second goal of the match.

A second-half double from Kate Styles and a single from Hayley Fullwood were also on the Umina scoresheet as Umina walked away from round four on top of the WPL ladder.

SOURCE:
Website, 13 May 2021
Central Coast Football



Under-13 girls start season with a win

The Umina Bunnies under-13 girls rugby league tag side defeated The Entrance in their round one game on

Saturday, May 8.

The team won 32-20 at Col Gooley Field, Umina.

In round two played on

Saturday, May 15, the team lost to Wyong 20-8 at Wyong.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 May 2021
Umina Bunnies JRLFC

Umina wins Grade 6 pennant bowls

Umina Beach Men's Bowls Club's Grade 6 team has won its pennants section and its Grade 7 side came second in its section.

Both grades had to play round 10 games on Saturday and the postponed round 3 game on Sunday.

In Grade 6, Umina went into the weekend in first place and had hoped to wrap up the section on the Saturday.

"Unfortunately they went down 1 - 9 to Ettalong, at Ettalong," said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"The Super 6s play the washed out round 3 game at home against Davistown in a must win game.

"After the disappointment of the loss to Ettalong Blue in round 10 yesterday, we needed a miracle.

"We needed to win 10 - 0 against a strong Davistown side and hope that Avoca would take at least one point from Ettalong Blue.

"Avoca won their first game of the season on Saturday.

"So the chance of them taking a point off the section leaders on Sunday wasn't that strong.

"However, our boys dug deep, played very well today and got the sensational 10 - 0 win.

"We waited with baited breath to see how Avoca went against Ettalong.

"Avoca won a rink to ensure that Umina Super 6s won their section by half a point, so are off to the Zone 15/BCC 2021 Pennants play off."

Umina's Grade 7 side also went into the weekend in first place and were also looking to wrap up the section on the Saturday.

"Unfortunately they went down 0 - 10 at home to second-placed Woy Woy.

"It looked as though our boys would salvage one point, but that rink dropped seven shots on the last end.

"The Magnificent 7s also needed a miracle on Sunday - a big win over Davistown and Everglades

having to beat Woy Woy 9 - 1.

"Everglades had not won a game all pennants season.

"The Magnificent 7s won the big board by one shot, which gave them a 9 - 1 win.

"Once again, we waited for the result of the Woy Woy - Everglades game.

"Unfortunately Woy Woy won 9 - 1, so they took out the section by half a point, and the Magnificent 7s finished a very credible second," said Mr Springett.

The club's other pennant side, in Grade 3, played only the round 10 game.

In Grade 3, Umina went down 1 - 9 at home to Terrigal.

"After leading for most of the game, the Umina fell behind just a few ends from the end of the game against second-placed Terrigal," said Mr Springett.

Ettalong took the flag in that grade.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 May 2021
Peter Springett, UBMB

Southern and Ettalong have 5-0 win over Avoca

Southern and Ettalong United have had a convincing round four 5-0 win over Avoca on May 8.

Southern and Ettalong turned in their most complete performance of the season so far to defeat the young Avoca outfit.

Southern's first goal of the day was a fine effort by Michael Tawyer from an acute angle, which opening the scoring for his side midway through the first half.

Southern continued to ask questions of the Avoca defence all through the first half but Avoca was strong and determined in their efforts to keep the scoreline at 1-0.

Unfortunately, the Sharks could not hold out to half-time as Southern dealt two telling blows in the closing minutes before the break.

The first was a back post header by Josh Fletcher of a well-

executed corner and the second was a quality finish by the mercurial Keith Gumbs.

Southern entered half-time with a 3-0 lead.

Southern continued their outstanding ball movement and purposeful lead-up play in the second half.

Midway through the last 45 minutes, Jacob Lepre made it 4-0 with a composed finish.

Sam Webb burst out of the midfield, with several bounce passes and clean dribbling, to complete Southern's five goals with a shot that gave the opposition goalkeeper zero chance.

"The challenge now for Southern is to show their consistency in their performances," said Southern and Ettalong United coach Dale Eggleton.

SOURCE:
Website, 13 May 2021
Central Coast Football