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BreastScreen bus is here for June

The BreastScreen bus is in the grounds of the Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association in The Boulevard.

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Saturdays until Friday, July 2.

Appointments may be made by phone on 13 20 50 or online at <https://book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au>.

SOURCE:

Social media, 19 May 2021
Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy

Residents to pay \$8M more after 42.1 per cent rate rise

The Peninsula is facing a 42.1 per cent rate rise after the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal has given approval for a 15 per cent "special variation" rate rise requested by former Central Coast Council administrator Mr Dick Persson.

The other 27.1 per cent will come from equalising the rate applied in the Gosford and Wyong areas, in a process labelled "harmonisation".

The rate rise equates to an average increase of \$423 per dwelling – around an extra \$8 million to be paid by Peninsula residents.

Peninsula businesses will face an even steeper rise – 50.2 per cent, equating to an average increase of \$1557.

The Tribunal stated: "It is a matter for each council to determine how it allocates any increase across

different categories of ratepayer.

"We note that the council has indicated it intends to harmonise rates from 1 July 2021, which means movements in rates due to the harmonisation will coincide with the increase due to the special variation."

It said that the council application had "largely demonstrated" a "reasonable impact on ratepayers".

"The council's average rates are currently lower than most comparable and neighbouring councils.

"However, we note that due to the simultaneous harmonisation of rates, the impacts on ratepayers are varied and in some cases substantial."

But it also noted: "The council's revised Delivery Program and Operational Plan omitted a 'no rate rise' alternative scenario and did not consider the community's capacity to pay."

"The council has proposed

significant cost reduction strategies that need to be proven over time as it does not have a good track record of delivering savings."

The Tribunal said: "We decided to approve a temporary special variation of 15 per cent in 2021-22, which is to be retained for three years and then removed."

"During this three-year period, the council will be able to implement its proposed business recovery plan, (and) consult with its ratepayers regarding appropriate service levels."

In handing down its decision, the Tribunal defended its role in supporting the amalgamation in its original assessment.

"The council's failure to correctly recognise its financial position at the beginning of amalgamation was the primary cause of its current financial difficulties, not the amalgamation itself."

SOURCE:

Website, 17 May 2021
IPART

Rate rise is Liberal Merger Tax, says Tesch

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has blamed the State Liberal Government for the rate rise she is calling the "Liberal Merger Tax".

"This rate rise is a Liberal Merger Tax being forced onto our community to prop up a mega-Council which wasn't fit-for-future," she said.

"Liberal Government amalgamation and revolving-door-administration has left the Coast with higher bills to pay, less services, massive cuts to local jobs and a huge public land fire sale."

She said the Peninsula community would now be forced

to fork out up an extra 45 per cent in rates while services get cut, jobs slashed and roads get put on the never-never.

"We're going to be paying more for even less – all of this on top of the massive sell-off of public assets is just a kick in the guts."

"Anyone who thinks the merger of Wyong and Gosford Council's was a success must be joking."

"When this Liberal Government forced Gosford and Wyong together without a vote from our community, they plagued us with now almost half a decade of debt and poor service delivery," she said.

"We know that the costs of

merging our Gosford with Wyong was close to \$100 million with on-going costs in the tens of millions and yet the NSW Liberal Government only provided \$10 million to cover their bungled amalgamation."

"Eight out of the 10 Councils which are currently in IPART asking for huge rate rises are Councils which were merged under the Liberal botched amalgamations."

"Council's across New South Wales which were forced to merge are being hit by this huge tax to pay and feeling this same pain."

SOURCE:

Media release, 20 May 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Tea Cosy Expo with Devonshire Teas

The Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club will hold its annual Tea Cosy Expo with Devonshire Teas on the long weekend in June.

The event will be held at the Umina Beach Surf Club on Saturday, June 12, from 1pm to 5pm, on Sunday, June 13, from 9am to 5pm and on Monday, June 14, from 9am to 4pm.

Entry will be by gold coin donation per person.

There will be raffle prizes, a bric-a-brac table and lift access to first floor exhibits.

Tea cosies and tea pots will be on display and for sale.

Devonshire Teas will be served on the balcony overlooking the beach.

"This Expo is our major fund raiser for the year and all monies collected will be disbursed back into the local community," said club treasurer Mr Greg Head.



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

Contact Hope on 02 4369 8707 for more details.

Last year's event was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

SOURCE:

Media release, 25 May 2021
Greg Head, Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club

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Peninsula News – and a supplement

For each issue of Peninsula News, we have more news than we have room to print.

This issue we had 72 articles, of which we were able to fit 39 into the printed edition.

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

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.

Peninsula News EXTRA will be emailed to local organisations, inviting them to print them out and/or distribute them by email to their members. If you would like a copy, please email distribution@peninsula.news with the request.

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Volunteer help and support are always needed, and community involvement is welcomed.

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Mark Snell, editor
17 May 2021

Our next issue:

Tuesday,
June 15

Email: contributions@peninsula.news

COUNT THE NEWS: This issue contains 39 articles

... and another 33 articles online at <http://peninsula.news>

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Editorial policy and guidelines

At its heart, Peninsula News is a community effort.

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

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

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

Locality

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

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

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

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

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

Readability

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

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

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

Forum letters

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

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

Contributors are asked to keep their

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

Other than in the case of holding public figures to account, criticism of others (as opposed to criticism of particular opinions) is unlikely to be published in the interests of facilitating the expression of a diversity of views.

All letter writers need to supply name, address and contact details. Only name and suburb will be published.

Contributors who do not wish the wording of their letter to be changed at all should make a note to this effect when submitting their letter. In some cases, this may result in the letter not being published.

Corrections

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

If you believe we have got something wrong, whether an error of fact or interpretation, we ask that you write to us by email with details for publication. These corrections may appear as Forum letters or as news items and should conform to our requirements for news and Forum contributions.

Source lines

Peninsula News includes "source lines" at the end of each article which aim to provide readers with information about where and how we came across the information, so that they might judge for themselves the veracity of what they are reading.

It should not be assumed that the article is a verbatim reproduction of the source. Similarly, it should not be assumed that any reporter listed is necessarily responsible for writing the whole news item. Source lines are not by-lines.

Often articles come from a number of sources. They are edited for readability and reader interest and given different headings, and consequently can be expressed quite differently from the source material.

Peninsula News usually receives its information in three ways: It is sent to us by someone wanting to promote their activities; it is sent to us in response to our inquiries; or it comes from a newsletter or other document to which we have access.

Sometimes we may interview a person or report what they said at a meeting.

The following descriptions are used:

Media Release - unsolicited contributions.

Media Statement - sent in response to our questions. **Website or Social Media** - information published online. **Newsletter or Report** - published in print or online.

Interview or Meeting - statements recorded by a reporter.

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

Rotary club to hold book fair at PCYC

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy will hold a book fair for PCYC Umina on Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13.

The club has run the book fair annually in recent years as a fund-raiser for the PCYC.

Rotary organiser Mr Vic Brown said: "There will be a super range of books covering many interests from novels to art, sport, travel, DIY, health, touring Australia and

history."

Some CDs and vinyl records will also be on sale.

The fair will be held at the PCYC at the end of Osborne Av, Umina, where "there is lots of easy parking and easy access to the premises".

"The PCYC team will be operating a cafe along side the book fair so the customers can enjoy a tea or coffee while working their way through the fabulous

range of books," Mr Brown said.

"Both the Rotary Club and PCYC look forward to welcoming back the great numbers of Peninsula customers who have visited and chosen books from our book fairs held in past years."

Books will be sold at \$2.50 each.

SOURCE:

Media release, 23 May 2021
Vic Brown, Rotary Woy Woy

Fishing club gives \$718 to veterans

The local Vietnam Veterans sub-branch has accepted a donation of \$718 from a Umina fishing club on Friday, May 21.

Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association of Australia Central Coast sub-branch received the money from the Ocean Beach Hotel Fishing Club.

Sub-branch president Mr Alan Ball accepted the donation from fishing club captain Mr Dave Clements in front of the fishing club's board at the hotel.

"The donation will be used to



assist health and welfare programs for the veterans and their families," Mr Ball said.

SOURCE:

Media release, 25 May 2021
Norman Harris, VPPAACCC

Wanderers

The Wednesday Wanderers group of the Uniting Church Broken Bay parish will travel by ferry to Davistown on Wednesday, June 2.

The group will meet at Woy Woy Ferry at 10:30 and board together at 10:45am.

The group will arrive at Davistown at 11:10am, leaving time for a walk or sit and chat before lunch at noon.

"We can then catch either the 1:15pm ferry back or leave later at 2:25pm," said Ms Anna Lynar.

For further information, contact Ms Lynar on 0478 912 486 or aslynar@gmail.com.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 23 May 2021
Patty Lawrence, Uniting Church Broken Bay

Rotary grants \$1000 to five groups

Five non-profit community groups, including the association which owns Peninsula News, have been granted \$1000 each by the Rotary Club of Woy Woy on Tuesday, May 25.

The five groups were Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy and Mingeletta ATISC in Umina, NG Central School in Kariong and Riding for the Disabled in Somersby, as well as The Peninsula's Own News Service, publisher of Peninsula News in Woy Woy.

Auntie Elaine Chapman from Mingeletta ATISC opened the

meeting with a welcome to country and a call for reconciliation.

Ms Andrea Cingi, principal of NG Central School, spoke of the work of the school with "at risk" students who benefited from an alternative to a mainstream school.

Ms Sally Liedberg spoke of the services provided by Mary Mac's Place and that, not being government funded, it relied on grants and donations from the community.

Mr Garry Kirkby from Riding for the Disabled said the group catered to 65 riders every and was in need of more horses.

Peninsula News editor Mr Mark

Snell spoke of the importance of local community and the ways the newspaper can support and strengthen the community.

The meeting was also attended by Assistant Rotary District Governor Ms Christine Owen who spoke of the work of the Rotary district.

The evening was billed as the Inaugural Community Grants Dinner, suggesting plans to make the grants program a regular activity.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 25 May 2021
Joan Redmond, Rotary Woy Woy

Year's rainfall is spot on average

The year's rainfall at the end of May is spot on average, with the total so far this year 657.9mm.

The average total for the first five months of the year is 657mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

Total for the month was 68.2mm as at 9am on Friday, May 28, with only light rain forecast for the weekend.

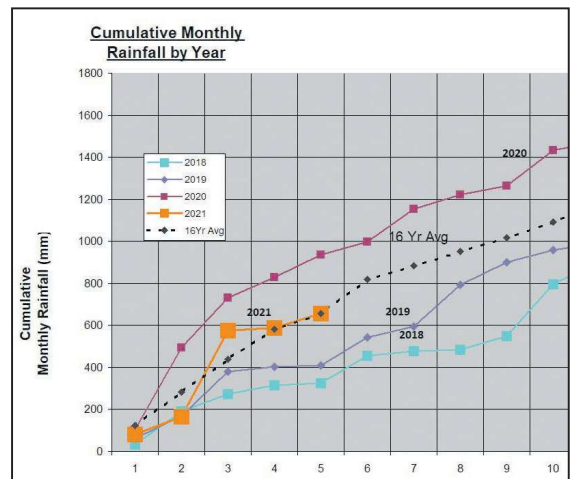
The average May rainfall is 74mm.

Most of May's rain fell in the first two weeks of the month, with only 8.7mm falling in the last fortnight.

June is the Peninsula's wettest month with an average rainfall of 162mm.

SOURCE:

Spreadsheet, 28 May 2021
Jim Morrison, Umina



Public inquiry into council is open for submissions

The Public Inquiry into Central Coast Council is accepting submissions over the next three weeks.

Submissions close on June 21. "The Commissioner encourages submissions on matters falling within the Terms of Reference of the Inquiry as soon as possible," an information paper advises.

Submissions were encouraged from the Council, individual councillors, Council's Administrator, Council's general manager, senior council staff, other council staff, the Office of Local Government, as well as interested members of the public.

"Councillors and Council employees have no additional privileges or protections over and above other persons generally in respect of any submissions they may choose to make."

"Generally, the Commissioner proposes that submissions to

the Inquiry will be made publicly available.

"The overriding concern of the Commissioner is to encourage persons who have information relevant to the terms of reference of the Inquiry to come forward and give that information to the Inquiry, in the knowledge that they will not suffer recriminations or other liability as a result."

"The Commissioner requests that interested parties lodge written submissions even if the submissions are intended to be supported by an oral presentation at the public hearings."

"This is for the purpose of assisting the Commissioner to identify the likely number of persons who wish to give oral evidence at the hearings, and to thereby assist the orderly functioning of the public hearings phase of the Inquiry."

"However, it is not essential for persons who would like to appear

at the public hearings to make an advance written submission."

In that case, "such notice is to include a brief outline of the topics the person wishes to address, having regard to the Terms of Reference of the Inquiry."

"It should be noted, however, that the Commissioner is not obliged to automatically give a right of appearance to all persons wishing to appear before her."

"Details of the venue and times of the public hearings will be announced in due course."

Further enquiries regarding the Inquiry can be made to the Office of the Commissioner

The Information Paper is available on the public inquiry website at olg.nsw.gov.au/public-inquiries/central-coast-council-public-inquiry/

SOURCE:
Website, 30 May 2021
Public inquiries, Office of Local Government



Ephemeral art trail to be held over three weeks

The Pearl Beach Arboretum is holding its first Ephemeral Art Trail (PBEAT) over three weeks in June 2021.

It will be open to the public from Friday, June 11, until the end of the first week of the public school holidays, Sunday, July 4.

"There will be 16 ephemeral artworks by artists or groups of artists and five community installations on display which are inspired by the Arboretum site and which our special relationship with the Australian bush," said organiser Ms Mary Knaggs.

"Information from volunteers and activities for children will be available on weekends."

She said the art trail also aimed to support community identity and increase cultural vibrancy.

"Creating the unexpected is a key objective."

A donation of \$5 per adult is

requested from visiting adults to go towards the environmental education objectives of the Arboretum.

There is a \$500 cash prize arising from People's Choice voting.

The ephemeral artworks will be selected by a panel comprising Arboretum president Ms Victoria Crawford, Pearl Beach artist Ms Marijke Greenway and bushcraft teacher Mr Jake Cassar.

Pictured are some examples of ephemeral art from Pearl Beach sculptor Ms Gaby Porter.

For more information, see <https://www.pearlbeacharboretum.org.au/ephemeral-art-trail-2021/> or email PBEAT@pearlbeacharboretum.org.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 17 May 2021
Mary Knaggs, Pearl Beach Arboretum



Administrator's 'facts' are wrong, says group

Council Administrator Mr Rick Hart last week reprimanded residents for "spreading of misinformation" in relation to the Council's planned asset sales.

But one community group has accused Mr Hart of spreading misinformation himself.

Mr Hart provided what he called a "fact check" to refute misinformation on a number of topics in a lengthy media release on Monday, May 24.

Among the "facts" was a statement that "the Umina carpark at Bullion Ave would include strict conditions of sale so there is no loss of public parking, as well as ensuring that the businesses on West St maintain their rear lane access".

However, the Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation says council minutes show the sale of the carpark is unconditional.

"Nowhere in the council minutes or agenda was there any reference to the sale of the carpark being conditional or what those conditions might be," said branch president Mr Mark Ellis.

"The fact is that there is nothing

currently committing the council to condition the sale of the carpark in the way Mr Hart claims."

"If the council plans is to put conditions on the sale of any assets, the council should disclose these conditions in a council resolution ahead of any decision to sell."

"Any conditions need to be in place with the sale, and not left to a subsequent development approval process."

"The community should be given access to and be able to comment on the detail of any conditions ahead before a decision is made about the sale of any assets."

Mr Ellis said he was also concerned about a statement in Mr Hart's media release that "this urgent need for income may override historic strategic direction".

"Many submissions have cited current strategies and policies, not historic ones, which should not be ignored or over-ridden in an ad hoc fashion," Mr Ellis said.

If changes to strategic direction were proposed, they should go through established processes, he said.

"Failing to follow existing

strategies and policies and ignoring them willy-nilly simply further undermines the community's trust and confidence in the council and its operation."

Mr Ellis said Mr Hart's statement called into question whether Mr Hart recognised how the role of Council Administrator representing the interests of the ratepayers differed from his previous role as interim general manager, representing the interests of council staff and the regulators.

"Mr Hart should be listening and seeking to understand ratepayers and reflecting their interests, not criticising them and telling them off."

"Given Mr Hart's deep involvement and stake in formulating this proposal as interim general manager, there is a clear conflict of interest between these two roles."

Mr Ellis said the comment period should be extended to allow residents to respond to the new information introduced by Mr Hart for the first time, just five days before the comment period closed.

SOURCE:
Media release, 24 May 2021
Rick Hart, Central Coast Council
Media release, 30 May 2021
Mark Ellis, ACCFC



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More time for comment after portal anomalies revealed

The public comment period for a Woy Woy development application has been unexpectedly extended for another month.

The extension comes after a submission claimed that neighbours had not been notified by letter and that the council had not provided consistent information about the opportunity to comment.

Conflicting information was provided both through the council's planning portal and in person, according to the submission.

The objector said that he initially learnt of the proposal for a three-unit development at 95 Paton St, Woy Woy, through reading about it in the April 19 issue of Peninsula News.

He said that, despite living opposite the proposal, he had not been notified by letter and neither had his neighbours.

He said an immediate neighbour of the proposed site had not believed an application existed because he had not received a letter from the council and did not have the computer skills or equipment to access the council's planning website.

"He does not use a computer.

"His family assist him with correspondence he receives.

"In the absence of official notification from Central Coast Council, it is not possible to convince him there is a development application for the property next to him.

"Nor is it our responsibility.

"His property is adversely affected by the proposed development application, but it is unlikely he will make a submission to Council."

The objector said that, in accessing the website and visits to the council offices, he was given inconsistent and changing information about the exhibition period.

He was told at the counter that the dates published in Peninsula News, April 21 to May 21, were incorrect.

However, screenshots provided by the objector showed these dates were shown on the council website, but other dates were shown at different times, as well as provided by council staff.

Eight pages of the submission detailed the objector's experience of conflicting information provided by the council.

He said that when he attended

Application - Multi Unit Housing & Retention of Existing Dwelling (3 Units)
2021
Cost of Work: \$ 650,000
Municipality

	People	History	Documents	Show All
			Started	Completed
Initial Review			06/04/2021	08/04/2021
Assessment			07/04/2021	12/04/2021
ASSESSMENT			12/04/2021	25/05/2021
NOTIFY & ADVERT			23/04/2021	20/05/2021
NOTIFY & ADVERT			30/04/2021	28/05/2021

Screenshot: Council planning portal, May 20

the council offices on April 30, he was told the advertising period was from April 30 to May 28.

Despite being assured that notifications would be posted ("probably") on May 3, "not a single house in the affected area has received official notification from Central Coast Council" by May 21.

Screenshots taken on May 16 showed both deadline dates.

He said one of his neighbours told him on May 18 that the deadline was May 21, although the website was showing May 28.

A call to council staff confirmed the May 21 deadline.

A request was lodged for the council's town planning section to return the call. This did not occur.

When the objector checked the website on a different device, it showed a deadline of May 21.

"I notice today (May 20), on the Central Coast Council website portal, the details for notifying and advertising of this development application have changed again online.

"The website now shows two different dates for notifying and advertising the development application.

"My deep concern is that this mess has occurred and brings into question the integrity of this development application and the application, advertising, notifying and advertising process."

The council website now shows three advertising periods, including the new period from June 4 to July 2.

Peninsula News has previously reported examples where neighbours have claimed they have not received notifications about proposed developments, where the council's planning portal has not provided application details during the publicised comment period or has provided information which has misrepresented the status of an application.

SOURCE:

DA Tracker, 27 May 2021
DA61493, Central Coast Council

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NOTIFY & ADVERT			30/04/2021	28/05/2021
NOTIFY & ADVERT			04/06/2021	02/07/2021

Screenshot: Council planning portal, May 27

Flats proposal still in pre-lodgement review

A development application for a block of six flats in Woy Woy costing close to \$3 million is still in pre-lodgement review stage, according to Central Coast

Council's planning portal.

The application was lodged on May 11, with a 'pre-lodgement review' showing as starting on May 25, after additional information was provided following an initial pre-lodgement review which ended on

May 18.

The flats would be built at 75 Brick Wharf Rd, Woy Woy.

SOURCE:

DA Tracker, 26 May 2021
DA 61806, Central Coast Council

CEN criticises 'excessive' approval of non-compliance

The use of "variations" to Central Coast Council's planning provisions to permit non-complying development has become "excessive", according to the Community Environment Network.

It had become the norm, rather than the exception.

In a submission to a review of the statewide clause permitting variations, the network said development standards should be framed to achieve required outcomes and should not be arbitrarily varied.

"If a planning authority has gone through the process of including a development standard, the numeric standard should be based on analysis related to the objectives and should have been subject to public consultation," said Network executive member Mr Michael Conroy of Booker Bay.

He said many applications to vary the requirement for the minimum lot size for multi-unit developments were also unlikely to meet development controls for side setbacks, private open space, solar access and overshadowing.

Despite "the adverse impacts of developments that fail to meet the development standards, most

such developments have been approved using clause 4.6," Mr Conroy said.

A lack of accountability and transparency in the approval process resulted in the excessive use of the clause, he said.

"Variations in development standards that have been approved by Council officers under delegation should be reviewed to ensure they are not excessive or effecting a de-facto rezoning," he said.

Mr Conroy said the Network agreed in principle with the suggestion that a monitoring and auditing framework should be implemented by the Department of Planning to monitor variations, review reasons for, the extent and nature of variations, audit those variations, publish the audit findings, and investigate larger, more frequent or unusual variations.

It also supported the suggestion that a developer be required to demonstrate that a variation would be consistent with the objectives of the standard, the zone and would result in an improved planning outcome.

SOURCE:

Media release, 19 May 2021
Michael Conroy, CEN



Three townhouses proposed for sub-size site

An application to replace a house in Gallipoli Ave, Woy Woy, with three townhouses has been lodged with Central Coast Council.

The estimated cost of work is \$600,000.

The site at 52 Gallipoli Ave is between two blocks to the west, each of which contain three two-storey townhouses, and an approved development for six units on the east.

The application seeks consent for the demolition of the existing dwelling (and ancillary structures) and the erection of three three-bedroom town-houses with front courtyard fencing, not dissimilar to its neighbours to the west.

The 742 square metre allotment is 15.24 metres in width, 48.7 metres in length. The site does not meet the minimum lot size required by the planning provisions of 750 square metres for multi-dwelling

housing.

Vehicular access is proposed via a common driveway to separate garages provided for each unit.

The application lists 22 approvals dating back to 2011 of "multi-unit development with the same design scale, height, setbacks, site cover and parking".

According to the application, the proposal does not have the required front setback of six metres, but a front setback which varies from 2.04 metres to 4.23 metres.

Side boundary setbacks do not meet the minimum of 3.5 metres, but vary between 1.1 and 2.8 metres to east and down to 1.16 metres to the west.

A rear setback requirement of six metres is also not met, with the setback varying between 2.04 metres and 4.23 metres.

SOURCE:

DA Tracker, 26 May 2021
DA61858, Central Coast Council

Surplus beds sent to Beirut

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has partnered with Peninsula Village Aged Care to transport surplus hospital beds for relief work in Beirut in Lebanon.

"Club members drove them to the depot in Castle Hill where they will be shipped to Beirut to aid in reconstruction works there," said Rotary club publicity officer Mr Pat Lewis.

This is the second time this year that the Village has donated beds. "On this occasion, 20 beds were transported to add to the 50 shipped in January.

"Club members collected the beds and loaded them into a rental



truck and drove them to the depot for transportation," Mr Lewis said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 23 May 2021
Pat Lewis, Rotary Umina Beach

Greens to start de-merger petitions

Central Coast Greens are preparing petitions "to create two new Local Government Areas - Wyong and Gosford".

"We can confirm that a small number of signatures have already been received from both new Council areas to be created," said spokesman Mr Wolfgang Koemer.

"The proposals are to create two new local government areas - Wyong and Gosford - and the completed forms will be submitted to the local government minister in accordance with provisions under the Local Government Act.

"We are responding to long-standing calls from many

community members to have a definite say on the future of their Council, something that did not occur in the lead-up to the 2016 amalgamation.

"The proposal to de-merge the current Central Coast Council and to re-establish new Councils in Wyong and Gosford will provide a definite opportunity for the views of Central Coast residents to be counted and heard.

"It is a necessary and basic step in the democratic process that has been missed so far.

"The Central Coast needs to take this step before moving on, either as the amalgamated Central Coast Council or with Wyong or

Gosford Councils created anew.

"Although the final decision will sadly still not be up to residents but to the Boundaries Commission and the Minister, we strongly support the right of residents to take the case for a de-merger to the authorities."

Mr Koemer said there were currently no plans by the Greens for a separate proposal to create a new local government area for the Peninsula, "although this is technically a possibility and open to any voting resident to initiate".

SOURCE:
Media statement, 29 May 2021
Wolfgang Koemer, Central Coast Greens

Men's Shed to hold sale

The Umina Beach Men's Shed will hold a "pop-up" garage-shed sale on Saturday, June 19, at 17 Charlton St Woy Woy.

The annual fund-raising event for the Men's Shed will sell pre-owned hand tools, power tools, machines, household items and gardening implements, according to Men's Shed secretary Mr Vic Brown.

"This is a genuine clearance sale, with all items priced to clear," he said.

"The proceeds are all returned

to the Shed and are used to assist with the Shed's cost of consumables and allow the Shed to continue its involvement with local Peninsula community projects."

The site is opposite the entrance to Deep Water Plaza in Charlton St.

"It's an annual event for the Shed.

"The items for sale are well suited to tradies, handy people, DIY enthusiasts, and house and garden lovers," Mr Brown said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 24 May 2021
Vic Brown, UBMS

Folk club to hold house concert



The Troubadour Folk Club will hold a house concert with Dingo's Breakfast on Sunday, June 6.

Folk club president Mr Michael Fine said The Dingo's Breakfast Oz Music and Poetry Band from Western Australia were currently touring folk venues on the east coast.

"With beards and decades of performance experience under their belts, they present

an electrically-eclectic dialectic selection of music, poetry and yarn-spinning with an accent firmly on comedy," he said.

He said the concert would include a mix of traditional and contemporary Australian and Irish songs.

Address details would be provided after booking at <https://www.trybooking.com/BQMAH>.

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 May 2021
Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club



Liesl Tesch MP
Member for Gosford

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Forum

Urgency to protect what green spaces we have left

I am an elderly indigenous resident living here for over 30 years now.

I have been forced into writing this as nobody in council seems to see the urgency in protecting what green spaces we have left.

I have learned that land behind Peninsula Plaza is set to be sold

off as well as 23 and 23A Memorial Ave, Blackwall.

I strongly object to the sell off in both instances.

The native birds and wildlife that exist on both sites need to be protected at all costs, not made homeless yet again.

These blocks protect urban

fauna, habitat and diversity.

The younger generations will benefit in the future from these green spaces and currently these big trees provide much needed shade for all of us.

The temperature will continue to rise if we do not protect these trees and our shade areas.

On any given day, over a dozen different species of birds can be found on these sites.

As an elder, I see it as my duty to protect what wildlife and birds we have left here.

The tourists who visit here from Sydney find our birds and wildlife a huge drawcard when coming here.

Please find it in your hearts and minds to think of future generations and do not sell off these sites.

There is no strategic benefit to sell off the sites, only greed.

SOURCE:
Email, 21 May 2021
Coral Roberts, Woy Woy

Regional plan requires open space

I object to the proposed selling off of 23/23a Memorial Ave, Blackwall.

According to the Central Coast Regional Plan, Council is committed to protect and invest in open space to "enhance the amenity and attractiveness of existing places".

This little block is a migration route for grey-headed flying foxes cited in the Threatened Species Conservation Act as threatened.

The recovery plan is being ignored by Council in proposing the sale of these two lots.

Little blocks like this one preserve biodiversity on our hot coastal sand plain.

This little block provides amenity and shade for residents and habitat for animals and insects and pollinators feeding on the grove of melaleuca.

SOURCE:
Email, 15 May 2021
Lesley Harvey, Ettalong Beach

State policy to protect and invest in open space

I wish to object to the sale of the council asset at 83 and 85 Brisbane Ave, Umina Beach, and at 7 and 9 Angler St, Woy Woy.

This vacant reserve should be kept as a recreational green space with trees.

On the Peninsula, we have a growing team of energetic volunteers who are mobilised to turn such reserves into places of sustainable long term value for those who live near them.

Please note what has been achieved at the Runway Park, Woy Woy, and Guyangil Park, Umina.

It is also in Council's own interest to maintain these green spaces for the liveability of its current and future residents.

The Central Coast's own Regional Plan 2036 includes actions to protect and invest in open space.

Action 18.4 advises: "Enhance the amenity and attractiveness of existing places."

Evidence from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's own records clearly show that, when surveyed, the community places maximum importance on restoring the environmental values of crown land and the use of crown land for green space in urban areas.

Thermal studies in 2018 by SEED Consulting also revealed an alarming "heat bowl" in Umina Beach and across many Central Coast suburbs, due to a lack of canopy.

It would be in our long term economic interest to retain and nurture our pocket parks and reserves to increase the liveability of our suburbs and the wellbeing of humans and wildlife.

Ultimately with backyards shrinking, suburbs offering this life-giving amenity are where people will want to invest their money.

SOURCE:
Email, 23 May 2021
Jennifer Wilder, Woy Woy

Solar for carpark?

We object to the sale of the Unima carpark between Bullion and Alfred Sts, Umina.

Rather than sell this off, how about Council restore the grounds and cover it in elevated solar panels?

This way we all get a local power station and much-needed shade, as with Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy?

A plan such as this will improve the amenity for shoppers, be a benefit to businesses and feed electricity back to the grid at a profit over time.

Selling "lazy assets", as these listed properties are being termed, appear to us as at odds to Council spending \$5 million on a feasibility study for Warnervale Airport after Chappie Pie land was withdrawn from sale in Tranche 1 because it didn't sell.

The State Government appears to be more interested in upgrading Williamtown airport than Warnervale, so why proceed with the sell off of our public lands?

SOURCE:
Email, 16 May 2021
Lesley and Ian Harvey, Ettalong Beach

Public Notices

Madeline School of Dance

Adult Tap Class Peninsular

Come and have fun while you learn to dance

CWA Hall

Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & Sydney Ave, Umina Beach

THURSDAY 9:30am - 11am
Cost \$10

Teacher: Madeline Stephenson
0438 033 039

Woy Woy artist Yvette Pritchard

In the Bush A VISUAL DIARY



May 15 - June 20
Gosford Regional Gallery

More in Peninsula News EXTRA

Council threat to mental and physical health and welfare Put toll on M1 to pay for Council's debts Austin Butler land should not be sold

Reserve is oasis in rotting neighbourhood

The neighbourhood surrounding the reserve in Memorial Ave, proposed for sale by Central Coast Council, has been left to rot by successive Council administrations.

Zoned "high density", it faces a laneway with no footpaths or kerbs or gutters or street lighting.

The surrounding streets also lack the basics.

In Warwick Street the street numbering is woefully weird.

I live in 1 Warwick St, but further up the road there are three houses which also claim to be 1 Warwick St.

Misdirected pizzas are one thing, but lost emergency ambulances are more serious.

The land bounded by Wallaby St, Memorial Av, Warwick St and the laneway all belonged to a local developer.

He sold lots 23 and 23A to the

Council for widening of Memorial Ave 60 years ago.

The road has just been widened recently.

He sold lot 27 for innocuous villa development, then lot 25 to a builder who created the most dysfunctional housing on the Central Coast.

If you don't believe me come and see for yourself.

The defect which affects the rest of the community the most is the lack of parking.

The garages are too small for a normal car resulting in residents parking boats and cars in neighbouring streets, on the reserve and blocking the laneway.

Does Council not have responsibility for ensuring that multiple housing development is at least functional?

Was any inspection carried out during the building of the four dwellings on lot 25?

The same developer has

disposed of the three lots between our reserve and Wallaby St, which were recently clear felled.

One swamp mahogany was so massive it was estimated to have been 150 years old.

That land will soon be covered by 12 dwellings.

Let us hope that the builder allows for enough parking to avoid utter chaos in the unnamed, unlit and extremely narrow laneway.

Since the announcement of the planned sell-off of our reserve, many people have visited and understood the importance of these beautiful trees.

It is important not just for the wildlife or as a jigsaw piece in the fight against global heating, but as a breathing space for us.

It is an oasis in a badly-designed, malfunctioning desert of concrete.

SOURCE:
Email, 28 May 2021
Jane Hendy, Blackwall

Tea Cosy Expo Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club

Ocean Beach

Surf Club

509 Ocean Beach Rd, Umina Beach

Saturday, 12 June 1 - 5pm
Sunday, 13 June 9am - 5pm
Monday, 14 June 9am - 4pm

Gold Coin Entry per person

Bric-a-Brac

Tea Cosies and Tea Pots

on display and for sale

Devonshire Teas

COVID SAFE

The Peninsula Day Branch of the N.S.W. Labor Party

meets the

2nd Monday of each month
from February to December

The meetings commence at 1.00pm and are conducted in

the CWA Hall Woy Woy,
opposite Fishermans Wharf.

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

All interested persons are most welcome.

Fun and games for under-5s

Activities organised by qualified educator starting July

Details and costs:

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Every Saturday

At 8:30am-9:45am. Cost \$5.

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Cnr Henry Parry Dr & Wells St

Teachers

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Charli Grant appointed to Minister's student council

Brisbane Water Secondary College year 10 student Charli Grant has been appointed to the NSW Education Minister's first student council.

Charli was part of the steering committee that designed the structure of the student council.

Education Minister Ms Sarah Mitchell said the council provided an opportunity for students to interact with policy and decision makers while advocating on behalf of more than 800,000 public school students.

The student council met for the first time on Wednesday, May 19, with representatives from 28 public schools.

"This initiative was born out of

the coronavirus pandemic, a year that has made us all rethink the way we do things," Ms Mitchell said.

"Students are at the centre of everything we do in education, so it makes sense that they have a seat at the table where decisions are being made."

"They have a strong vision for the future, and we want to hear their voices when it comes to their education."

The student steering committee played a central role in interviewing and selecting successful applicants.

SOURCE:
Media release, 24 May 2021
Sven Wright, Department of Education
Sarah Mitchell, Minister for Education



School listens to book reading in space

Woy Woy South Public School students have listened to a story pre-recorded by US astronaut Dr Shannon Walker in the International Space Station.

The reading of the book Give Me Some Space by Australian author Philip Bunting was organised

for the Australian Library and Information Association's National Simultaneous Storytime day on May 19, an event which claimed almost two million registered participants.

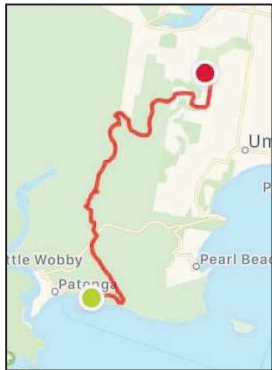
The 55-year-old Dr Walker, wife of Adelaide-born astronaut Dr Andy Thomas, returned from her

six month mission at the space station on May 2.

The whole school assembled in the hall to listen to Dr Walker's reading.

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 May 2021
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School

Umina campus students walk to Patonga



Outdoor education students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus went bushwalking on Tuesday, May 25.

They walked to Patonga and back again along tracks through Brisbane Water National Park.

Their 14-kilometre bush walk took them past the back of Woy Woy tip returning to Umina campus via the escarpment at Kingsview Dr, Umina Heights, which overlooks the campus.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 May 2021
Kerry O'Heir, BWSC Umina



Students visit Newcastle stadium for numeracy day

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus have visited Newcastle for a Numeracy Gala Day.

The day was held on Wednesday, May 26, at the McDonald Jones Stadium and hosted by the Wollotuka Institute of Newcastle University and the Newcastle Knights.

"The 12 students got to meet two

Knights players, interact with other schools and use their mathematical skills to solve practical problems," said Umina campus principal Ms Kerry O'Heir.

"They also got an insight into what it is like to be a professional athlete as well as seeing behind the scenes of the stadium."

"They had a great day."

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 May 2021
Kerry O'Heir, BWSC Umina

Preschoolers use their own Opal cards



Local preschoolers have had the opportunity use their own Opal card on a bus during an educational visit from a bus company.

The children at Booker Bay Preschool learnt about staying safe at a bus stop, boarding the bus and riding on the bus safely.

A representative of Busways presented the educational program.

"Firstly the children listened to a story about all the key factors on how to keep our bodies safe at all times," said preschool manager Ms Rhonda Waters.

"The children then showed great excitement in collecting their belongings and receiving their very own Opal card, which they would use to board and exit the bus."

"The children remembered their four steps back from the footpath and how to signal the bus driver."

"The children entered the bus after tapping their Opal cards and chose their own seat."

"We all enjoyed the bus ride through Booker Bay and were sad when it was coming to the end."

"The children received a school bus safety hero bag and a certificate for completing the program."

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 May 2021
Rhonda Waters, Booker Bay Preschool



Last day for disability scholarship applications

Applications close today for scholarships for young people with a physical disability.

Scholarships on offer include an academic scholarship and sporting scholarship, each providing funding to the value of up to \$5000 for successful applicants.

Applicants must be clients of the CoastAbility organisation or be eligible for free membership.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch, who is the organisation's official ambassador, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity to receive funding support to achieve your

dreams, whether it be in academics or in sport."

"I am a firm believer in you never know if you never try and I really encourage those who meet the criteria to apply."

"Initiatives like this really do have the potential to pave your future career, whatever that may be, and I am excited to see our community benefit from this."

For more information, see the CoastAbility website: <https://www.coastability.org.au/>.

SOURCE:
Media release, 24 May 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Thanked

The administrative staff at Woy Woy Public School have been thanked on Public Education Day for the work they have done for the school.

Front office workers Sandra Tuthill and Linda Goldsmith were presented with "a special care hamper to say thank you" by Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 May 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Sport

Charity bowls raises \$32,600

Charity bowls at Ettalong Bowling Club has raised \$32,600 so far this year for Central Coast Kids in Need.

Around 50 bowlers attended the club's May event, raising \$1190.

The auction of a bike donated by Jim Cassidy and won by Vicky Young brought another \$125.

The Wednesday Bowlers then donated \$185 to bring the figure up to \$1500 on the day.

"Our year-to-date total now stands at \$22,600 if we include the \$15,000 donated by the three Bendigo Banks on the Central Coast," said organiser Mr Ken Dixon.

"The Ettalong Bowling Club has

also donated \$10,000 from its Club Grants allocation, so all up we can lay claim to having raised \$32,600 so far in 2021.

"What an achievement."

Mr Dixon said Central Coast Kids in Need raised money to help families who had seriously ill children with prolonged illness.

"Most of these children are cancer patients, others with organ transplants and premature babies with life threatening illnesses.

"The money is used to defray the costs of accommodation."

The next charity bowls day will be on Sunday, June 20.

SOURCE:
Media release, 17 May 2021
Ken Dixon, Ettalong Charity Bowls

Slow start for Woy Woy in hard-fought encounter

Kariong defeated Woy Woy at Woy Woy Oval in round eight of Central Coast Rugby Union on Saturday, May 29, running out winners by 48 points to 19.

"This was another hard-fought encounter for the entire 80 minutes but it was Kariong who were always ahead on the scoreboard," said rugby union president Mr Larry Thomson.

"Kariong got away to a great start in the match and were able to cross for several early tries.

"They had scored three tries, and led by 19 points to nil, before Woy Woy were able to post any of their points.

"It was a slow start by Woy Woy and not one that they wanted.

"But Kariong did play extremely well in those opening stages of the contest.

"A further converted try was scored by each team before halftime, for Kariong to go the halftime break leading by 26 points to 7.

"It was a very handy lead for

Kariong, one which they maintained for the rest of the match.

"The second half was a far more even affair but the result had already gone to the visiting team.

"The win places Kariong in second spot on the ladder in what is proving one of their best seasons in years.

"Woy Woy will continue to threaten this year and will be a danger for all teams for the remainder of the year.

"Woy Woy was best served by No.8 Philip Shaw, flanker Jazper Doak-Stride and fullback Marcus Hundt."

Woy Woy's score of 19 comprised tries by Ratu Neori Qiokata, Philip Shaw and Kabati Matanakilagi and two conversions by Corby Delaforce.

In the Premier 2 game, Kariong 53 defeated Woy Woy 7.

In the Women's competition, Gosford-Woy Woy 48 defeated Kariong 10.

SOURCE:
Media release, 30 May 2021
Larry Thomson, CCRU

Tour de Central Coast stages to start at Woy Woy

The Central Coast Bicycle User Group will offer two courses for its Tour de Central Coast this year – a cruise course and a harder and longer challenge course.

Both courses include stages starting from Woy Woy, with both courses comprising six stages to be completed over six weeks from June 12 to July 18.

Prizes include the "coveted" CCBUG yellow jersey, CCBUG blue jersey or polo shirt, and bicycle or coffee shop vouchers.

"Anyone can join in the fun," said group president Mr Alan Corven.

"But to win a prize you must be a financial member - besides it's membership renewal time

"Challenge rides must be recorded in Strava and Cruise riders will need to join a scheduled ride and the ride leader will record your effort."

Challenge rides will be: Brisbane Water Loop, Terrigal to Norah Head return, Terrigal Loop of Pain, West Gosford to Yarramalong return, Woy Woy to Pie in the Sky Cowan return, Gosford to Catherine Hill Bay Return.

Cruise rides will be: Chittaway to the Entrance return, Woy Woy to Gosford return, Brisbane Water Loop, Tuggerah Lake Loop, Tuggerah to Yarramalong return, Terrigal to Norah Head return.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 May 2021
Alan Corven, CCBUG

Restricted bridge championship winners

Brisbane Water Bridge Club has announced the results of its Restricted (under 300 Masterpoints) Championship played over two sessions.

After the second session played on May 25, the team of Ron Meaney, Marcelle Goslin, Peter Hume and Elaine Hume (pictured) showed a decisive win by 18 Victory Points.

Eight teams competed many of them from the novice ranks.

The team of Roz Harvey, Linda Cunningham, Helve Beale, Ian Newton, Jo Ampherlaw (all under 100 Masterpoints) took second place.

Results were:

1 Marcelle Goslin, Ron Meaney, Peter Hume, Elaine Hume 121 Imps, 103.02 Vps, 1.15 Green Points.

2 Roz Harvey, Linda Cunningham, Helve Beale, Ian Newton, Jo Ampherlaw, 44, 84.68, 0.88.

3 Tracey Dillon, Cathy Russell, John Jensen, Meryl Duke, Kai



Kaasik 2, 75.08, 0.77.

4 Caroline Nichols, Wendy Byrne, Denyse Stephens, Fay Cole, Judith Lambkin 8, 70.72, 0.29.

5 Alma Van Der Walt, Kathryn Ivits, Jurate Laisve, Trish Byrnes -13, 65.95, 0.34.

6 Alan Jones, John Drew, Geoffrey Maltby, Edith Marshall -36, 59.61, 0.34.

7 Suzanne Harrison, Jann Small, John Aldersley, Beryl Lowry, -37, 56.13, 0.10.

8 Carolynne Mucharsky, Kathleen Bromley, Anne Birt, Graham Woof, Dieter Mucharsky, -89, 44.81, 0.10.

SOURCE:
Website, 30 May 2021
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Late Umina loss for Grade 6 Pennant

Umina Beach lost to Halekulani in the Grade 6 Pennants Flag Final played on May 23 in the Bowls Central Coast Zone 15 competition.

Umina secretary Mr Peter Springett said: "What a sensational final this was!

"Umina Beach had a good lead early and held it to late in the game.

"Halekulani just kept hanging in there and nibbled away at the lead, until they were three shots up with one end to go.

"Umina were holding four shots with just the skips' bowls to go.

"Fortunately for Halekulani, their skip Stuart Benjamin kept a cool head and drew a close third shot.

"Umina skip Terry Murphy, who had a sensational game, just



missed pushing Stuart's bowl out of the head, which gave Halekulani a one-shot win after 63 nail biting ends.

"It was a sensational come-from-behind win by Halekulani."

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 May 2021
Peter Springett, UBMBC

Ettalong Red loses in Grade 7 pennant final

Ettalong Red Eagles lost to Bateau Bay Sting Rays in Grade 7 of the Zone 15 Bowls Central Coast competition on Sunday, May 23.

"Ettalong made an incredible charge late in the game, coming within one shot, but the Sting Rays held firm to clinch the flag," said Bowls Central Coast publicity officer Mr Peter Springett.

He said it was "very well done by both teams" to get to the final and "for putting on such a close final".

Bateau Bay defeated Woy Woy Pelicans in the semi-final on the previous day, Saturday, May 22.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 May 2021
Peter Springett, BCC

