

Council asked to rezone recreation land to residential

A proposal to rezone 3167 square metres of a vacant block at 18 Macleay Ave, Woy Woy, from recreation to residential use will be considered by Central Coast Council tonight.

A report by council strategic planners to the council says the land is privately-owned by "a local provider of affordable rental housing", Pacific Link Housing Ltd.

A "conceptual development design" for 21 one and two storey units is shown in a planning proposal assessment attached to the Council agenda.

"It is proposed that the rezoning of the land will enable the site to be developed to meet the needs of people on very low to moderate incomes," the staff report states.

"If the Planning Proposal is successful, the owner proposes to develop the site for medium density housing with the purpose of providing affordable housing for the community."

However, nothing in the staff recommendation to the council meeting would ensure the site would be used for affordable housing.

The council planners have recommended that a "planning proposal" be submitted to the Minister of Planning, requesting a "gateway determination".

The proposal would "rezone the western part of Lot 16 DP 255220 and the adjoining pathways to R1 General Residential".

A planning agreement with the land owner would require part of the land to be a council drainage reserve and the "inclusion of the two adjoining pathways into the subject land".

A minimum lot size of 550 square metres, a maximum height of 8.5 metres and a floor space ratio of up to 0.7:1 would apply to the rezoned land.



If agreed, the Council would undertake community and public authority consultation in accordance with the Gateway Determination requirements, including the concurrent exhibition of the draft Planning Agreement.

The staff report stated that the purpose of the proposal was "to prepare a Planning Proposal to enable medium density residential development to occur on the western part of Lot 16 DP 255220, 18 Macleay Ave, Woy Woy".

"The planning proposal has strategic merit for the following reasons."

"The site is within an established residential area."

"The western part of the land proposed to be zoned R1 General Residential adjoins other R1 zoned land which has been developed for medium density housing."

"The proposal will enable the provision of affordable rental housing to meet the needs of people on very low to moderate incomes; and"

"The eastern part of the site is vegetated and accommodates a watercourse which forms a continuation of the local drainage system."

"There will be a public benefit in this land coming into public ownership."

"Negotiation of a planning agreement with the landowner will be required to address the dedication of land to Council for a drainage reserve and inclusion of obsolete public pathways into the subject land to be rezoned R1 General Residential."

The report stated that the planning proposal was referred to the Local Planning Panel on May 13.

However, the item did not appear on the Panel's public agenda and rated a one-line, out of order, mention in the minutes.

"The Panel supported the recommendations in the draft report and noted the importance of ensuring no impact on threatened species, both flora and fauna."

The staff recommendation to the council makes no reference to protection of threatened species.

The report stated that the land was owned by the NSW Land and Housing Corporation until 2019, when it was sold to the current owner.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council
agenda 2.3, 13 Jul 2021

Tesch urges more consultation on Blackwall Rd

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has called on Transport NSW to seek further community consultation on the Blackwall Rd and Memorial Ave intersection upgrades.

"The previous consultation received very little input from the community and the report recommended that further consultation be sought," said Ms Tesch.

"I get a lot of letters and calls from members of the community who experience the bumper-to-bumper chaos of the morning traffic along Blackwall Rd.

"It is so important that the Government look at the increase in population and the already-stressed road network when they make these changes."

"The NSW Government's own legislation requires investment for future transport and active transport inclusion."

"Transport NSW needs to take the time to listen to the needs of our community and ensure the infrastructure we build now will serve our growing demands into the future."

SOURCE:
Media release, 13 Jun 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

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Ettalong wins tourism town award



Ettalong's "compelling" itinerary

Ettalong has won a "judges' choice" award in the Top Tourism Town Awards at the Local Government NSW Destination and Visitor Economy Conference in Port Macquarie.

While missing out on the Top Tourism Town award itself, Ettalong picked up an award for the "most compelling itinerary".

NSW Tourism Industry Council executive manager Mr Greg Binskin said the judges chose to make unexpected extra awards after being impressed by the high quality of the entries,

"Entrants submitted a short video, itinerary and editorial article

which was reviewed by a judging committee of 14 industry experts and it was always going to be very competitive with a field of 52 nominations," Mr Binskin said.

"The public then had their say, with more than 15,000 people casting a vote for their Top Tourism Town."

Judges' Choice awards were made for most inspiring editorial and most captivating video, as well as most compelling itinerary.

Ettalong's three-day itinerary starts with a morning coffee, and a bike ride, followed by a visit to a Sicilian bakery.

SOURCE:
Media release, 27 May 2021
Stuart Ayres, Minister for Tourism

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Hand tools still skilfully used

Hand woodworking tools are still in use and skilfully used at the Umina Beach Men's Shed, according to Shed secretary Mr Vic Brown.

He said one member, a former builder, wished to join two lengths of timber together.

"To do so he wanted a perfect joint along a good length.

"Did he use an electric planer or sander?

"Not with this craftsman.

"Out with one of our old hand planes."

Mr Brown said he removed the blade, sharpened it on a stone and fitted it back into place.

"He quietly planed the surfaces to a perfect match.

"It was great to witness old skills very alive and well applied."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 6 Jun 2021
Vic Brown, Umina Beach Men's Shed



Rotary Club raises \$7000

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has raised almost \$7000 for the Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal.

The club provided 14 roadside collectors at Empire Bay Dr and Koolewong this year.

This collection follows on from similar collections by the club for the last 18 years.

Rotary club publicity officer Mr Pat Lewis said that motorists gave generously this year.

The club members were recognised last week by the Salvation Army with the presentation of certificates of appreciation.

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 Jun 2021
Pat Lewis, Rotary Umina Beach

Microplastics workshop

The Community Environment Network will run a microplastics workshop at Patonga Beach from 11am to 1pm on Thursday, June 17, as part of the Central Coast Waterwatch program.

The aim of the workshop is to explore the "potential microplastics problem which may follow on post-flood debris clean-up", said organiser Ms Meg Rice.

"It's hard to solve a problem you can't see."

While the beach looked clean, "it will be interesting to see if there's any microplastics hidden in the sand", she said.

"We'll be using the Ausmap protocol."

Ms Rice said residents were invited to become a citizen scientist for a day.

"Collect data which will be used by scientists to help map and combat the microplastics problem.

"Learn how this hidden problem affects you and the environment.

"Learn how you can make a difference and help protect our waterways."

The workshop is free and includes lunch, but booking are essential and may be made at www.cen.org.au/events, on 4349 4491 or by email to meg.rice@cen.org.au.

Participants are asked to wear appropriate clothing, covered footwear and a hat, to bring a bottle of water and meet at Patonga Wharf.

Gloves will be provided.

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 Jun 2021
Meg Rice, CEN

Indian embroidery presentation

An Indian embroidery presentation will be held at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall from 2pm to 4pm on Tuesday, June 22.

Local textile artist Ms Carole Douglas will talk about the embroidery traditions of Kutch in north-western India.

The talk will be entitled: In Her Own Voice - Stitch as tradition, identity and livelihood.

Hosted by the Pearl Beach Progress Association, Ms Douglas is described as an artist, writer, educator and "intrepid traveller".

"She has been travelling to Kutch, Gujarat, India, for 25 years where she has worked on several curatorial, educational and cultural projects with local artisans."

Pearl Beach resident Ms Malathi Nagarajan will provide music on the day.

Cost will be \$15 with bookings essential on 4344 2319.

A donation to Ms Douglas's Indian charity would be appreciated.

A Covid QR checkin will apply.

SOURCE:
Website, 1 Jun 2021
Pearl Beach Progress Association



Just 21mm so far in 'wettest' month

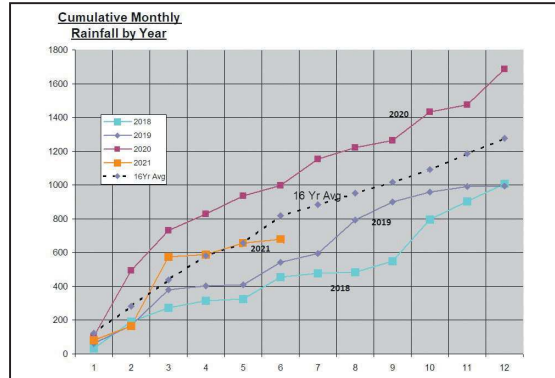
Only 21.3mm of rainfall has been recorded on the Peninsula so far this month.

This 13 per cent of the June average rainfall of 162mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

June is normally the wettest month of the year, with the next wettest months being February (160mm) and March (156mm).

The average fall per month across the year is 106mm.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 11 Jun 2021
Jim Morrison, Umina





Memorial Ave in CEN 'green community space' list

The Community Environment Network has included Council land at 23-23A Memorial Ave, Blackwall, in a list of "operational" land that should not be sold because of its "environmental value or contribution to the amenity and liveability of this region".

The list included other "green community space", environmental land and land with important community uses or had "future cultural requirements".

The Network has requested the Council review, as alternatives, land at Warnervale airport; Bounty Close, Tuggerah; the Wyong Council offices and some council depots (excluding Woy Woy).

Community Environment Network executive member Mr Gary Chestnut said representatives from CEN, the Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation and Save Central Coast Reserves met with Council Administrator Mr Rik Hart on May 25 to discuss community concerns about the asset sale.

"Mr Hart explained that Central Coast Council had considered a \$90 million 'basket' of assets with sale potential from which it needed to sell \$60 million worth of assets," Mr Chestnut said.

"It was a relief to hear Mr Hart clarify that only operational land that had not received a great deal of public opposition would be considered for sale at this time," Mr Chestnut said.

He said Mr Hart had made it clear that he would not be reclassifying Community Land as part of Council's asset sales program "unless absolutely necessary".

"Those were Mr Hart's words

and we will do our best to hold him to them now that the community consultation for assets sales has closed," said

SOURCE:
Media release, 8 Jun 2021
Gary Chestnut, CEN

Yoga held at Memorial Ave reserve

A local yoga school has joined with residents opposed to the sale of the Memorial Ave reserve to hold a yoga class at the reserve.

The group Hands off the Reserve hosted a yoga class with Umina Beach Yoga in the reserve on Sunday, June 6.

Instructor Ms Julie Hatfield led the 16 participants in basic yoga poses, breathing and relaxation.

"Luckily the sunny weather was perfect for yoga under the paperbarks," said local resident Ms Maryann Phillips, who will be affected by Council's proposed development of the site.

"Apart from the loss of the trees, I am dreading the overcrowding and chaos that will result.

"We are living at the moment with the results of Council giving free rein to developers: insufficient parking leading to cars blocking laneway and abandoned in Warwick St, incessant noise and

rubbish everywhere."

Neighbour Ms Jane Hendy said: "Although this land is a Council reserve, it is not listed as community land, and risks being one of the first victims of the Administrator's frenzied sell-off of Central Coast 'lazy' assets.

"Hands Off The Reserve is proving that this asset is anything but lazy.

"In the past weeks, many people have visited Blackwall Reserve.

"They have found it a beautiful place, not just because of the trees which are a remnant of the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland, an endangered ecological community, but also because of the ever-present bird life.

"Blackwall Reserve is a source of life for the animals who live there and their trees, a source of harmony and peace for the people living nearby."

SOURCE:
Media release, 9 Jun 2021
Jane Hendy, Blackwall

Aged care staff 'unable to access Covid vaccine'

The majority of staff at the BlueWave Living aged care home in Woy Woy have been unable to access a Covid vaccination, according to chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

Mr Downie described the situation as "extraordinary".

"Not being able to run in-house vaccination clinics, as we do for influenza vaccination for our staff, is quite an extraordinary position for the Federal Government to take, especially given the far greater risk and adverse outcomes Covid presents to our industry and to our elders in care.

"Not standing by the commitment that our staff would be in the first 1A group of persons to be vaccinated in this country is also extraordinary," he said.

"And after months of requesting information and direction from the Federal Health Department regarding staff being vaccinated, the official communication provided recently amounted simply to staff having to make their

own arrangements to obtain the vaccination.

"Our staff are working in one of the highest risk environments when it comes to COVID, given the risk to our residents.

"The majority of our staff have not been able to access the Covid vaccination, yet we are now supposedly have moved right through from 1A, 1B, 2A and now in stage 2B of the Covid vaccination roll out.

"The challenges associated with our staff trying to access the vaccination at hubs is significant.

"It will unfortunately result in a much lower vaccination take up given these challenges.

"We were very fortunate that BlueWave residents were amongst the first to be vaccinated in Australia.

"However unfortunately, there are still facilities in this country, months later, where residents have not been afforded that same opportunity."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 10 Jun 2021
Matt Downie, BlueWave Living

Call for holiday park to employ lifeguards

A local surf school owner has called on a waterfront holiday park to employ its own lifeguards following parliamentary recognition of two women who rescued a Sydney family from a rip at Umina Beach.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch recognised "local surfing mums" Ms Zoe Hauptmann and Ms Chrystal Lynch in a statement to State Parliament.

"The humanity you displayed is so heart warming and deserving of recognition," she said.

Sal's Surf School proprietor Ms Sally Oman said: "Visitors at the

caravan park were lucky that every year the local surfers like Zoe and Chrystal save many of their lives every season.

"As do our overworked surf lifesavers who are a long way away from this end of the beach.

"The NRMA Ocean Beach Holiday Resort really need to step up and employ their own lifeguards to help out with this dangerous end of the beach.

"The traffic there is mostly clients from their holiday accommodation so it is time they take action and responsibility and save future lives of their visitors," she said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Jun 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



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Planning

Recreation zone 'inappropriate' and 'not needed', say planners

Central Coast Council planning staff have justified rezoning of a vacant block in Macleay Ave, Woy Woy, on the basis that a "public recreation zone is inappropriate for land that is privately-owned".

They have also stated the land was "not required by Council for future open space purposes".

However, the staff report reveals that, until two years ago, the land was not privately-owned, but owned by the NSW Government's Land and Housing Corporation.

The report does not disclose when or why the land was originally zoned as recreation, nor how it came to be sold into private ownership.

"It is proposed to rezone the generally cleared western part of the site to R1 General Residential, consistent to that of adjoining land," a planning proposal assessment prepared by council planners states.

"The eastern part of the site accommodating the vegetated watercourse will remain zoned RE1 Public Recreation.

"The subject site is an L-shaped lot with frontages to Macleay Ave and Nambucca Dr, Woy Woy. It has an area of 5273 square metres and is currently vacant.

"The eastern part of the subject site is vegetated and accommodates a watercourse which drains northwards to Correa Bay.

"This watercourse is an extension to Council's drainage reserve system to the south.

"The site contains Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland, which is defined as an Endangered Ecological Community under the Biodiversity Conservation Act.

"The western part of the site is generally flat with scattered vegetation and adjoins existing lots developed for medium density



housing.

"Council's ecologist supports the planning proposal given that significant impacts on Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland can likely be avoided by the proposal.

"This can be achieved during detailed design of the proposal for development assessment. "Impacts may also be able to be further reduced by ensuring required asset protection zones do not extend onto the portion of land (drainage reserve) proposed for dedication to Council. "Any future planning agreement must ensure the drainage reserve is dedicated to Council with an appropriate fully-funded vegetation management plan, approved by Council's ecologist."

The proposal assessment stated that a traffic analysis had shown there would be "no impact on the performance of the local road network and that adequate on-site parking has been provided as shown in the concept plan".

It also stated: "There is sufficient open space within a 400 metre walk of the subject land to accommodate future population needs.

"There are local-scale recreation parcels to the east, north and south within 400m walk of the subject land and there are district

and regional recreation parcels on the Woy Woy Peninsula within a 10 minute drive by car."

The assessment stated that the proposal would provide "infill residential development within an established residential area comprising both low and medium density housing", would "meet the needs of people on very low to moderate incomes", and would be managed by a community housing provider.

The site "is well located in relation to services, facilities and social support in Woy Woy town centre and public transport, providing access to a wide range of areas, employment opportunities, facilities and services". The assessment said the development was aligned with the objectives in Council's Affordable and Alternative Housing Strategy.

"The two pathways to the north and south of the lot do not currently serve a public purpose that benefits Council or the community.

"The inclusion of this additional land into the subject lot will increase safety of future residents by preventing public access along both sides of the future development."

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council
agenda 2.3, 13 Jul 2021

Dual occupancy proposed in Booker Bay

A development application for a dual occupancy has been lodged with Central Coast Council for 141 Booker Bay Rd, Booker Bay.

The two-storey development was costed at more than \$840,000 and includes the demolition of an existing house on the 696.7 square metre site which is located on the south-western side of the road, near Guyra St.

"The surrounding neighbourhood is characterised by a mixture of residential development including, detached single and two storey dwellings with interspersed dual occupancy and multi dwelling housing development," according to the application prepared by D-Plan Urban Planning Consultants Pty Ltd.

"The proposed development will continue an already emerging trend for improvement with newer building forms and densities.

"The design incorporates simple contemporary architectural themes with articulation, single storey elements, design features and a

pitched and hipped roof design.

"Garage dominance is addressed by positioning the doors at opposite ends of the building and limiting the width of the garage doors."

The report said the design would emphasise entry porticos and balconies and "the use of subservient colouring".

"The proposed development is compatible with adjoining and nearby single and two storey building forms, while providing a compliant front setback and new landscaping will enhance the amenity of the streetscape.

"The proposal mostly complies with the building envelope requirement.

"However, the floor level of the building must be raised due to flood constraints, therefore, minor encroachments have occurred."

Apart from the building envelope requirement, the proposal complies with planning requirements.

The proposal is open for public comment until June 28.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 9 Jun 2021
DA61918, Central Coast Council



Peninsula loses 0.6Ha open space a year to granny flats

Approvals have been granted for about 25 secondary dwellings on the Peninsula in the last three months, according to the Planning Alerts website.

And residents have been registering their concern about the loss of trees and open spaces on the Peninsula.

"Current council policy regarding shade trees is destroying our Peninsula," one resident commented.

However, the comments are likely to have fallen on deaf ears.

Secondary dwellings are usually approved as "complying developments" when they fall within State Government guidelines, such as having a maximum floor area of 60 square metres.

This process "fast-tracks" approval and does not provide for

public comments.

The Peninsula could be losing as much as 0.6Ha (1.5 acres) of treed and open space a year to secondary dwellings, based on the Planning Alerts records.

The website accepts comments and forwards them to Central Coast Council, even though the council does not appear to keep a record of them.

Recent examples of resident comments were for an application for 31 Sydney Ave, Umina, which included the removal of a tree.

One couple commented: "We understand the desire to have a granny flat, but cannot the owners place it away from the the shady trees?"

"We are tired of hearing chainsaws almost every second morning and more trees being smashed down.

"What is Council doing to

preserve what is left of the tree canopy in our increasingly hot, desolate suburb?"

"Please hear our pleas."

Another resident commented: "Please don't allow tree removal."

"The Peninsula is being completely denuded of trees with so much unsympathetic development."

In another comment, a resident said: "Check out the Woy Woy Peninsula on Google Earth.

"It is frightening to see that we have less trees than Sydney city.

"I ask that you please consider tree removal and the lack of shade trees on our Peninsula as a priority.

"Current council policy regarding shade trees is destroying our Peninsula.

"Even if council only looks at it with an economic view, lush areas with many shade trees are highly sought-after, affluent areas."

Another resident described the approval of plans for granny flats and secondary dwellings as "relentless", with the designs being to the detriment of "the natural feel of Umina, and the children of our community in just a few short years".

"Can people please use fresh innovative sustainable designs and environment conscious expert designers for their plans.

"Current plans are consistently sidestepping and managing to avoid important environmental issues, and developers' costs are being transferred and amplified to this community as a whole.

"Please show respect.

"The actual price of this current barrage of poorly-planned secondary dwellings and subsequent removal and deprivation of mature trees will be a Umina environment which

is unrecognisable to the one that we as custodians have enjoyed already and had "planned" to live in.

"The future residents will be cursing us when we leave.

"Let us be intelligent and compassionate in our plans, and spend our money in support of our beautiful area Umina Beach and it's future.

"It doesn't have to deteriorate with time.

"Please don't develop unless you are improving the environment of the area.

"This is your chance to make a positive lasting contribution to Umina Beach.

"It will be appreciated."

SOURCE:
Website, 9 Jun 2021
DA60022, planningalerts.org.au

Power line tree-trimming trial starts

The Peninsula is part of a power line tree-trimming trial of "contestable vegetation management".

The year-long trial by Ausgrid which started on 15 March allows residents to ask for sensitive tree lopping near power lines.

The requests must be put through Central Coast Council.

"We understand the importance of trees in our communities and the value our customers place on trees in their local street," said Ausgrid media officer Ms Elise Barker.

"The trial will allow Councils to directly engage accredited and

authorised Contestable Vegetation Management companies to complete contestable vegetation works near Ausgrid's low voltage overhead network.

"This trial is expected to bring significant efficiencies and potential cost savings to councils and residents."

Ms Barker said: "The trial is limited to Councils."

"Residents should engage councils to determine if the vegetation management work they require meets to criteria to use this framework."

"Following success of the trial,

the framework may be broadened to allow residents to directly engage contractors."

The Grow Urban Street Tree group has reported "marking up" taking place on the Peninsula.

Members have found putting a sign on a tree or emailing the contractor Tree Serve both to have been successful methods.

"If you have a special tree that you want sensitively trimmed, rather than butchered, it might be an idea to request it," said Group member Ms Michelle Chandler.

SOURCE:

Media statement, 28 May 2021
Elise Barker, Ausgrid



Empire Bay doctor receives Queens Birthday Honour

A doctor living in Empire Bay has become a Member of the Order of Australia in the Queens Birthday Honours.

Dr Leon Wakefield Clark was awarded the honour for significant service to medical administration, and to healthcare delivery.

Dr Clark was chief medical advisor for ICare NSW between 2016 and 2018, group chief executive officer of Adventist HealthCare between 2012 and 2015, and chief executive officer

of Sydney Adventist Hospital from 2002 to 2012.

He has held positions of director of the NSW Clinical Excellence Commission and of the Agency for Clinical Innovation, both since 2014.

He has been chair of Sydney Adventist Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees since 2008.

Dr Clark served as chair of the Australasian Research Institute board from 2003 to 2016 and as chair of the San Foundation

between 2008 and 2018.

He was director of Adventist HealthCare from 2012 to 2016 and director of the Medi-Aid Centre Foundation from 2009 to 2015.

Dr Clark was appointed an Honorary Fellow by the University of Sydney in 2016 and received a Vocational Excellence Award from Rotary International in 2014.

SOURCE:

Media release, 7 Jun 2021
Australian Honours and Awards Secretariat

Learning the Darkinjung language

Umina Beach Public School has spent Reconciliation Week learning and using the Darkinjung language.

Students designed posters which were displayed throughout the school.

Teachers also received their new staff shirts which were designed by local artist Mr Maurice Goolagong.

"Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a

nation," said relieving principal Mr Chad Tsakissiris.

"At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples."

He said staff and students took part in lessons about reconciliation during the week.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 1 Jun 2021
Chad Tsakissiris, Umina Beach Public School



Liesl Tesch MP
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Forum

Gun barrel developments create future ghettos

The NSW Dept of Planning, Industry and Environment makes the following statement on its website, in reference to the Low Rise Diversity Code:

"The Code will promote more liveable and desirable communities through good building design.

"It highlights the importance of private open space and vegetation as essential features for future homes."

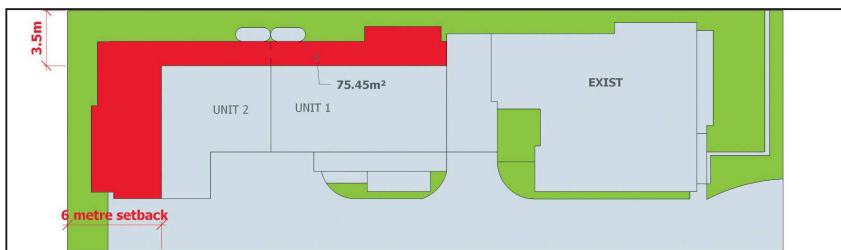
How can we reconcile these laudable aims with the "gun barrel" developments that are currently spreading like a viral rash across the face of the Peninsula?

They are the opposite of the NSW government's criteria above, and will not "promote liveable and desirable communities".

The only thing they will promote is developer profit.

They are not "future homes". They are future ghettos.

"Gun barrel" developments typically consist of three two



storey, three-bedroom houses on a plot of only 750 square metres (or even less if the developers have their way), serviced by a driveway running virtually the full length of the site.

Most, if not all, of these "gun barrel" developments are not viable without generous variations to the Development Control Plan provisions, courtesy of the council.

Ironically the council are "forced" to allow these variations because of all the precedents they have set in previous planning decisions.

Just as they are "forced" to sell off public reserves and raise

rates because of past financial mismanagement.

No wonder there are calls for the Peninsula to have its own council!

Things have now reached the ridiculous stage where one applicant is trying to shoehorn two double-storey houses, each with three bedrooms, into the rear garden of an existing house at 95 Paton St.

This would require generous variations to setbacks and lot size.

The actual extra ground floor space that would be gained from variations to setbacks alone is 75.45 square metres. That's just at ground floor level.

The residents of Paton St are, understandably, dismayed at this proposal with a large number of submissions having been made already.

Many of them are elderly and have lived in Paton St for a large portion of their lives.

They deserve the community's support in this matter.

Due to certain "irregularities" in the council's advertising and notification process, pointed out in a submission by a Paton St

resident, the advertising and notification is being repeated.

Submissions now close on July 5.

I would urge Peninsula residents to peruse some of the submissions for DA61493 as they raise a plethora of concerns ranging from manic "rat runners" and cluttered nature strip parking to the general loss of "liveability" that desirable quality that the NSW Government claims to embrace.

A lot of these issues directly emanate from a lack of planning-infrastructure and are being highlighted and will be exacerbated by this style of development.

As such they should be of keen interest to the whole of the Peninsula community.

If, like me, you are concerned at the over-densification and loss of vegetation being caused on the Peninsula by "gun barrel" developments, feel free to let the council know by objecting to this development application (DA61493).

SOURCE:

Email, 8 Jun 2021
Frank Wiffen, Woy Woy

Public Notices

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Labor and Green councillors should be held accountable
We need a spreadsheet and an economic argument
We have nobody to blame but ourselves
Who covers flooding and draining costs?

Shipping container should be removed

Residents in Umina were very disappointed when the Umina Beach Surf Club some time ago placed a poor-looking shipping container on Crown land next to the surf club with no consultation with the council or locals.

Then a couple of years ago they cleared the dune area next to the surf club, once again with no consultation. Their plan was to add two more 64-foot shipping containers on the dune.

After some great work by the Council staff to stop the clearing before the containers arrived, and some local resident lobbying, the surf club realised they needed to go down the proper path of a development application and stick to the land in the park reserve (not the Crown reserve that makes up the beach).

As residents we were extremely

relieved to see the application was approved based on the existing shipping container being removed from the crown land.

But alas we are back to where we started.

We are very disappointed to see that the club has been able to start using the storage extension and complete the landscaping and not remove the shipping container.

There is no stick or carrot now for them to remove it. They can once again ignore the council.

Could the council staff please take immediate steps to remove the shipping container from the dune area and landscape the area where it was?

The Council should just organise its remove itself for the benefit of the community.

It is on a reserve managed by the council.

SOURCE:

Email, 5 Jun 2021
Ben Roberts, Umina

New petrol station prices disappoint

Some months ago, I had a fuel check app put on my smart phone.

At that time, super petrol was around \$1.74 per litre on the Peninsula.

But if one drove over to the Empire Bay service station, super petrol was around \$1.48 per litre.

So I was driving over to Empire Bay to fill my car.

When the independent petrol station was opened recently on Ocean Beach Rd at Umina, it was expected that the variation would be similar, seeing that the new station was the same as Empire Bay around \$1.50.

I noticed yesterday that super on the Peninsula was \$1.70 per litre.

The new service station on Ocean Beach Rd was selling it for \$1.65, and Empire Bay was selling for \$1.69.

Seems like "something is rotten in the State of Denmark".

SOURCE:

Email, 28 May 2021
Ken Hall, Woy Woy

Concern about Indian mynahs

A petition to council regarding the influx of the common mynah birds, or Indian mynahs, in Ettalong has so far produced over 180 signatures.

The petition calls upon the Central Coast Council to take measures to remove the birds which are a known threat to native species.

Many residents of Ettalong Beach and surrounds are concerned about the high number of the common mynahs in the area which appears to have increased in the last few months. The common mynah is an introduced species and the presence of native birds has reduced drastically since they arrived.

There are several ways to remove the birds without shooting them or being cruel.

Netting over the trees and rooftops has been successful in some areas, or spikes on eaves to prevent the birds from nesting there.

Many would like to see the return of the wattle bird, noisy miner, butcher bird, parrots and other native birds.

The petition is available at the tobacconist shop in Ettalong.

SOURCE:

Email, 3 Jun 2021
Dylan Staun, Booker Bay

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meets the

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from February to December

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All interested persons are most welcome.

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Auntie Di to launch book about her life

An autobiographic book of Auntie Di O'Brien will be launched at Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation in Umina on July 5.

The book, *Daughter of the River Country*, is described as a memoir of survival and triumph.

Publisher Ms Benny Agius of Echo Publishing said the book told of how Auntie Di was taken from her aboriginal mother at birth and was raised believing her adoptive Irish mother, Val, was her birth mother.

Val promises Dianne that one day they will take a trip and she will 'tell her a secret', but before they get the chance Val dies.

Abandoned by her adoptive father, Dianne is raped at the age of 15, sentenced to Parramatta Girls Home and later forced to marry her rapist in order to keep her baby.

She goes on to endure horrific domestic violence at the hands



of different partners, alcohol addiction and cruel betrayal by those closest to her.

At the age of 36, while raising her six children, Dianne learns she is aboriginal and that her great-grandfather was aboriginal activist William Cooper.

Leaving her traumatic past behind, she becomes a leader in her own right, vowing to help other stolen people like her.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Jun 2021
CWA Umina Beach

The New Graces to feature at folk club

The Troubadour Folk Club will be featuring The New Graces at its next concert on Saturday, June 26.

"This is an amazingly talented band of three female artists who would each be a headline act on her own," said folk club president Mr Michael Fine.

"Together, they are simply extra special."

Melanie Horsnell, Kate Burke and Robyn Martin are the songwriters and multi-instrumentalists who make up the Victorian group, The New Graces.

"Between them, they weave tales of farmers, hippies, mothers, lovers, the ordinary and the mysterious," said Mr Fine.

"Their music is flavoured with guitar, double bass, mandolin, fiddle and banjo.

"Their songs tell stories of desert country steeped in history, wild bush dances, snowy mountains and remote swimming holes, as

well as generations of family life on the land, waking up in a sunny Sydney bedroom and returning to a favourite old pub to play music with friends."

The concert will be held at 7pm at the Everglades Country Club on Saturday, June 26, with bookings at <https://www.trybooking.com/BRPKQ>.

The club will not have a concert in July, but will return on Saturday, August 28, with The Water Runners, supported by The Tuppenny Upright.

The September concert will feature The Highly Strung Rock and Roll Orchestra.

The club will continue to hold sessions from 1pm-4:30 pm on the first and third Sundays each month.

With inquiries, phone Hugh on 0402 529 474.

SOURCE:
Media release, 8 Jun 2021
Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club



Scholarship winners

Music scholarships were awarded following concerts at Pearl Beach Memorial Hall on Saturday and Sunday, May 22 and 23.

The scholarships were provided at the Pearl Beach Progress Association and the Irvine family.

Winner of the Irvine Family Piano Scholarship was Chris Chen.

Winner of the Pearl Beach Senior Music Scholarship was flautist Kayla Lush, a Year 11 student at ET Australia.

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 Jun 2021
Lynne Lillo, Pearl Beach Progress Association

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Education

Staff to wear shirts on Wednesdays

Staff at Woy Woy Public School will wear a special shirt on Wednesdays, featuring the design of a former parent at the school.

Aboriginal artist Mr Maurice Goolagong designed the blue-themed shirts.

"We chose this design from his artwork which includes our light blue school colours and the local whale totem," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds are represented in 14 per cent of students at the school, she said.

"We are proud to promote the culture of our First Nation's peoples.

"We have a wonderful school and working together ensures a positive, inclusive and supportive environment for our prime reason, which is the all-round educational, social and emotional wellbeing of children in our care.

"From next term, students will have the opportunity to purchase these school shirts to wear as their



uniform on Wednesdays also.

"Our main Naidoc Week celebrations will occur on Wednesday, June 23, with the Mingaletta Aunties, Uncles Tim Selwyn and Maurice Goolagong all attending on the day, teaching all students about Aboriginal culture."

Aboriginal families at the school have been invited to be involved on the day.

"Our school has a range of special Aboriginal Artefacts in the Library which have recently been cleaned up and moved into a more prominent position for all children

to see more clearly.

"These artefacts are valued teaching tools and are available for teachers to borrow and use in their lessons.

"If any community members have any questions or would like to contribute to our aboriginal programs in any way, please contact Mrs Nebauer at the school."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 28 May 2021
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

Bands perform at Umina

Umina Beach Public School's concert band with conductor Kevin Smith performed for Years 2-6 on Monday, May 31.

"They played a repertoire of songs, with audience favourites being Barbara Ann and Smoke on the Water," said relieving principal Mr Chad Tsakissiris.

"The training band performed

for their parents in a morning mini concert on Tuesday, June 1, with conductor David Markham.

"Students showed how much they have progressed, only starting to read and play music in February."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 1 Jun 2021
Chad Tsakissiris, Umina Beach Public School

Police patrol for bicycle helmets

Police have advised Woy Woy South Public School that they will be patrolling school zones to ensure bicycle helmets are being worn.

"Communication with local police has raised the issue of local children becoming complacent with the wearing of helmets when riding to and from school," said principal Mr Matt Barr.

"If your child rides a bike or scooter to school, could you please remind them of the critical importance of wearing their helmet properly?"

"The safety of our students is paramount and we are intent on ensuring our students are complying with the law."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 2 Jun 2021
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School

Oz Tag boys to go to State championship

The Opens Boys Oz Tag teams from Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College have made it to the State Champion of Champions Oz Tag schools competition.

The team played in the grand final in the Central Coast Oz Tag

Gala Day at the Central Coast Sporting Complex at Tuggerah on Tuesday, June 8.

The team goes on to the State competition despite losing to Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College, 6-4.

The top two in the division will go to Penrith during Term 3 to play in

the State Champion of Champions competition on July 20 and 21.

The Woy Woy campus girls team also made it to the finals.

The girls, many playing against older girls, lost in their quarter final and placed overall seventh.

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Jun 2021
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

Sport

Peninsula surf clubs win Central Coast awards



Paul Sharpe

Four members of each of Umina Surf Life Saving Club and Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club have been recognised at Surf Life Saving Central Coast's awards night on Saturday, June 12.

For the Umina club, Paul Sharpe won the Life Saver of the Year award.

Kai Darwin won the Youth

Volunteer of the Year award.

Harold Marshall won the Volunteer of the Year and James Irwin the Support Operator of the Year award.

For the Ocean Beach club, Jonathan Hall won the Junior Lifesaver of the Year award.

Jacob Falconer won the Rookie of the Year award.

Natalie Tucker won the Patrol Captain of the Year award, and Liam Drake won the Youth

Lifesaver of the Year award.

Ocean Beach won the Club of the Year award and the Patrol Competition award.

Umina won awards for being second in both categories.

Also recognised was Umina member Garry Mensforth who received life membership of Surf Life Saving Central Coast during the year.

SOURCE:

Social media, 13 Jun 2021

Umina SLSC, Ocean Beach SLSC



Ocean Beach - Club of the Year



Kai Darwin



James Irwin



Harold Marshall



Jonathan Hall



Liam Drake

West Ham talent camp returns

The West Ham Football Club's talent identification camp is returning to James Browne oval and the Southern and Ettalong United Football Club.

"After a year of Covid put a hold on this camp, George Cowrie and his crew are excited to return to the Central Coast to develop our local talent," said Southern and Ettalong president Mr Glen Balneaves.

"You could be one of the many that have been selected to attend the talent camp on the Gold Coast to further develop your skills and learn from accredited coaches."

The camp will run on July 5 and 6.

SOURCE:

Social media, 3 Jun 2021
Glen Balneaves, SEUFC

Volunteers allow soccer goal purchase

Southern and Ettalong United Football Club president Mr Glen Balneaves has attributed the purchase of new non-competition soccer goals to the efforts of volunteers at the club.

"Our Under-6 D-4 team cannot wait to score lots of goals in them."

He said the purchase was possible because parents and carers had taken part in a weekend roster duty: on the barbecue, in the canteen or with field set up and pack up.

"This is the very reason why our teams can have the best



equipment to enjoy and improve their development.

"Volunteers allow funds to provide the best infrastructure for all our members."

SOURCE:

Social media, 12 Jun 2021
Glen Balneaves, SEUFC

Eagles make zone finals

Four Ettalong Eagles bowlers have made it to the quarter and semi-finals of the Central Coast Zone 15 Singles Championships.

In the Open quarter finals, Ettalong's Bailey Meti will play Billy Maskell from Gwandalan Crabs.

In the Seniors semi-finals, Ettalong's John Roberts will play Kevin Cooper from Avoca Beach, and Peter Freestone, also from Ettalong will play Tony Shoebridge from Bateau Bay Stingrays.

In the President Reserves quarter-finals, Michael Braham from the Ettalong Eagles will play Paul Higgins from the Hali Hornets.

The quarter and semi finals will played at Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club on July 3 for the Open and President Reserves quarter finals and on July 4 for the finals.

SOURCE:

Social media, 6 Jun 2021
Peter Springett, Central Coast Bowls

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Rugby union, netball, bridge ... more bowls

Men of League hold bowls day

The annual Central Coast Men of League Bowls Day was held at Ettalong Bowling Club with more than 48 teams competing on Monday, May 31.

The day raised money for the organisation's national wellbeing program which supports the men, women and children of the rugby league community who are in need.

Three of the bowls links were a sea of different colours, shapes, ages and sizes as the competition got into full swing.

"Cold beers, good food and great company was the order of the day as everyone made their way into the clubhouse for the afternoons raffles and entertainment," said publicity officer Mr Gregg Kable.

"We were greeted and welcomed by Trevor Andrews who



gave us a run-down of the day and the afternoons agenda.

"Former NRL legends Mr Neville Glover and Mr Terry Reagan turned back the clock on some very funny rugby league anecdotes."

The day was organised by Central Coast Men of League president Mr Eddie Johnson,

treasurer Mr Lance Henry, Master of Ceremonies Mr Trevor Andrews and Mr Jock Morris.

for putting together another successful day

SOURCE:

Media release, 8 Jun 2021
Gregg Kable, Men of League Central Coast

Umina grade four side takes pennant

The Umina Beach Women's Bowls Club's grade four side has won the district flag on Tuesday, June 1.

"They won their section well and went on to play against Gwandalan who were the other section winner in Grade 4," said club website editor Ms Lesley Swales.

"The playoffs were held at Canton Beach and it was great to see so many Umina Beach supporters, both the ladies and the men, cheering our girls along.

"It was close going for a while then our girls managed to get

ahead and kept the momentum going until the end, winning 47-32."

Pictured is the side of Bev Collins, Cheryl Catchpool, Christine Gentle, Terry Causby, Lynne Gordon, Janet Ellery, Lorraine Field and Barbara Schultz.

"They now proceed to the regional playoffs against Swansea Workers from Lake Macquarie District."

The game will be played at Everglades Bowling Club on the morning of Sunday, June 27.

SOURCE:

Website, 2 Jun 2021
Lesley Swales, Umina Beach Women's Bowls Club