



Bays group calls for slower, courteous driving

The Bays Community Group is asking people to drive more slowly and with courtesy in the streets around the Bays.

"For many years your Committee has been attempting to persuade the powers that be to do something about the speed of vehicles in The Bays," said president Ms Gwynneth Weir.

"While the legal maximum speed limit is 50kmh, there are very few places in The Bays where 50kmh is a safe speed.

"We have very narrow roads, blind corners and, in most places, no footpaths or anywhere to walk safely beside the road.

"The situation has now become more critical due to the shift in the demographics of The Bays.

More young families are moving in and so we have more children walking to and from the bus and more people walking around The Bays with young children and

pushing strollers."

Ms Weir said the group's committee had started a new campaign with the authorities to make the roads safer.

"But please do your part.

"Give way as indicated by the signs where the road only allows for one vehicle and be courteous and considerate to your fellow residents as you come and go from The Bays.

"The roads have not changed since any of us moved in.

"We were all aware of the challenges and limitations of our roads when we moved here, and maybe that was one of the things that appealed to you about The Bays?

"So, please, be mindful of the roads we actually have and drive appropriately and safely."

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 5 Jun 2021
Gwynneth Weir, The Bays Community Group

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RSL celebrates Eric Tweeddale's 100th birthday

The NSW Returned Services League has celebrated the 100th birthday of Umina resident Mr Eric Tweeddale with a presentation from the Merrylands Sub-Branch and the State RSL president.

The presentation recognised his role at Merrylands RSL as well as his contribution to rugby, being the oldest living former Wallaby player.

Mr Tweeddale grew up in Merrylands after his family migrated from England in 1924.

After returning from the Second World War, he became an active member of the RSL and helped it establish a youth club in Merrylands.

The presentation was held at Club Umina, which is now owned by Merrylands RSL Club.

"Eric has been involved with the RSL since 1956 both as member and help in running youth services in the Merrylands area," said Merrylands RSL member Mr Terry Forbes.

"Merrylands Sub-Branch president Mr Robin Grimley presented him with a certificate.

"State RSL President Ray James presented him with a special drink coaster to mark the occasion."



Mr Tweeddale was also presented with a quilt by RSL Auxiliaries co-ordinator Ms Pauline James.

"The quilt is made for our troops overseas normally but it was thought that Eric deserved recognition so he is the first local to receive this honour," said Mr Forbes.

He said 16 people attended the luncheon, mostly from Merrylands RSL Sub-Branch.

Others to attend were another local former Wallaby Mr Jim Phipps and Woy Woy Rugby Club patron Mr Peter "Fab" Fenton, former first-grade player, sports writer and

rugby coach.

"Eric Tweeddale was born 5 May 1921 in Rockdale, Lancashire, England.

"Eric attended Guildford Public school and the Parramatta Intermediate School.

"When war was declared by Prime Minister in 1939, Eric applied to join the navy in 1941.

"After training at Flinders Naval Depot for convoy duty until May 1942 when Sydney was attacked by the Japanese midget submarines.

"To honour the dead, he served as a pallbearer at the military funeral for the dead Japanese captured in the midget subs.

"Eric was drafted to a naval ship escorting merchant ships up and down the Australian coast.

"After four years of service as convoy signal man, he moved to Queensland to protect ships carrying iron ore and coal.

"After his discharge from the war, he returned to working for Shells Oil Company while also pursuing his sporting career.

"Eric retired from his rugby playing in 1959 by which time he was an active member of the RSL."

SOURCE:

Media release, 8 Jun 2021
Terry Forbes, Merrylands RSL

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

This issue, we have 80 articles, of which we were able to fit 36 into the printed edition.

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

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

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

SOURCE:

Mark Snell, editor
19 Apr 2021

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At its heart, Peninsula News is a community effort.

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

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

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

Contributors are asked to keep their

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

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.

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

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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.

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Elders and church council elected

The Broken Bay Uniting Church elected elders and church councillors on Sunday, May 30.

The elders elected were Ms Ann Thompson, Ms Carol Wilton, Ms Margaret Gregory, Ms Tina Case and Mr Wayne Read.

Church councillors are Ms Heather Walker and Ms Linda Kalantzis.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 6 Jun 2021
Patty Lawrence, Broken Bay Uniting Church

Activities team nominated for industry award

The activities team at a local aged care home is being nominated for an industry award.

The team at BlueWave Living in Woy Woy has been nominated for its focus on animal therapy, said chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

"It is wonderful to watch the interaction between our residents and the animals and pets which visit our facility," he said.

"Many residents relate to stories in their lives with various animals, from horses to dogs, turtles to chickens, alpacas to rabbits."

Mr Downie said he recently attended the volunteers awards, Ms Ruth Collins was nominated

for contributing over 30 years of volunteer service to BlueWave Living - "from before the organisation was born, through until current".

"Ruth was a board member for the majority of those years and continues to be an advocate for our Elders in Care here."

Mr Downie said he had congratulated Ms Collins on her nomination and had thanked her for "her extraordinary contribution to BlueWave Living".

He said all our BlueWave Living volunteers "make the world of difference to our Elders in Care".

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 10 Jun 2021
Matt Downie, BlueWave Living

Just 21mm so far in 'wettest' month

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

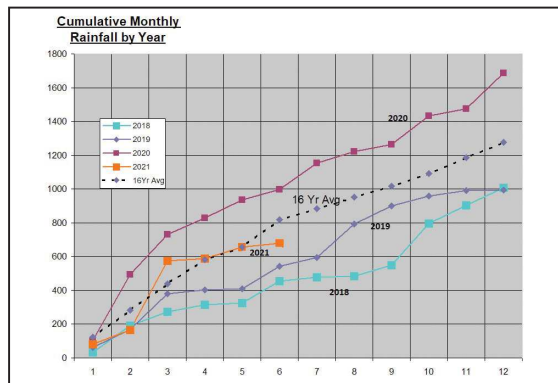
This 13 per cent of the June average rainfall of 162mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

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



TIDE TIMES and Heights

Mon, Jun 14	Thu, Jun 17	Sun, Jun 20	Wed, Jun 23	Sat, Jun 26
0500 0.51	0030 1.68	0333 1.56	0047 0.39	0334 0.23
1059 1.30	0724 0.52	0956 0.46	0641 1.50	0932 1.44
1622 0.71	1335 1.34	1626 1.64	1228 0.44	1503 0.51
2254 1.78	1906 0.77	2240 0.61	1903 2.01	2139 2.07
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Men's Shed makes library boxes

The Umina Beach Men's Shed has made library boxes to be located in public areas.

"They will be stocked with used books, which are then simply borrowed by members of the public at no charge," said Shed secretary Mr Vic Brown.

"They will be read and moved through the local communities."

"It's a terrific way of having good books being read by several individuals and shared."

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



Aged care accommodation 'locked down'

A local aged care provider has "locked down" two of its accommodation blocks after residents experienced symptoms of illness.

"Unfortunately we still have residents in Pam Palmer House who are experiencing influenza-like symptoms," said Peninsula Villages' chief executive Mr Shane Neaves.

"As a result we have continued with the lock-down of the building and all activities."

Mr Neaves said: "This is not related to Covid-19."

He said: "All common areas are closed."

"This includes the hall, wellness centre, and the dining room."

"Our staff will deliver meals to residents that are receiving the meal service."

"All activities and bus trips are ceased until further notice."

"Visitors and contractors are

requested not to visit Pam Palmer House at this time."

Residents who have cold or flu symptoms were encouraged to remain in their rooms and notify village staff.

"You should also be aware that Don Leggett House is currently in lockdown due to a small gastroenteritis outbreak, so no visitors are allowed there until further notice," said Mr Neaves.

"Please also note that there has been an update to the advice from the NSW Department of Health regarding Aged Care Facilities due to the new Covid-19 exposure sites in NSW."

Visitors were not allowed if they had been to any close or casual contact locations in NSW or Queensland or to Victorian places of high concern, including Greater Melbourne.

SOURCE:
Website, 10 Jun 2021
Shane Neaves, Peninsula Villages

Attempt to reduce need for casual teachers

Woy Woy South Public School is attempting to reduce its need for casual teachers to cover staff absences.

"Traditionally, the end of Term 2 is a busy time for our staff as they spend countless hours completing student reports and attend relevant professional learning," said principal Mr Matt Barr.

He said teachers had to "ensure that they are maintaining their mandatory teacher accreditation

and delivering the best quality programs to our children".

"At times, this will involve the staff being absent from the school site and may involve the need for casual teachers."

"We attempt to avoid teacher absences where possible, and make every attempt to provide the children with consistency and familiar faces in their classrooms."

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



Memory support

Residents, volunteers and staff at a local aged care home have been making equipment for use in its memory support units.

Residents and staff of Pam Palmer House at Peninsula Village have been making a fiddle mat.

The mat will be used for residents with dementia in the memory support units in Don Leggett House.

The project was run by a volunteer who is the mother of one of the Village's wellbeing team, with the encouragement of the Village's wellbeing coordinator.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Jun 2021
Shane Neaves, Peninsula Villages

Stalls to continue

The Bays Community Group will have its next Takeaway Bacon and Egg Roll day from 8am to 10am on Sunday, June 27.

The rolls will be served at the community hall, where a market stall and a coffee van will be available.

A home delivery service will also operate.

The Group is planning to continue having stalls at the monthly event, rotating them around interested stallholders.

"If you have a product you would

like to sell at the event then contact us at thebaysemail@gmail.com," said community group president Ms Gwynneth Weir.

"The Bays Community Group will take 10 per cent commission on any sales but we will provide the tables and there will be no charge to have a table."

"Preference will be given to Bays residents and those making or producing items to sell."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 5 Jun 2021
Gwynneth Weir, The Bays Community Group

Courtesy bus is 'back and running'

The courtesy bus at Ettalong Diggers is "back and running" from Wednesday to Sunday, following the closure of the service due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The bus will operate 4pm-10pm on Wednesdays, 4pm-11pm on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays

and 3pm-10pm on Sundays.

The service offers drop-offs on the hour and pick-ups on the intervening half hour until 6:30pm each day.

Bookings may be made with reception staff on 4343 0111.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Jun 2021
Ettalong Diggers

Voucher expiry extended

The Dine and Discover NSW Vouchers have been extended and now valid until July 31, according to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

NSW Residents 18 and older can apply for two \$25 Dine Vouchers and two \$25 Discover Vouchers, she said.

"I want to see as many

residents accessing and using their vouchers, supporting and boosting our small businesses in their Covid-19 recovery."

For more information visit: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/dine-discover-nsw>

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Jun 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



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Planning

Application for dual occupancy in Norman St

A development application has been lodged with Central Coast Council for a dual occupancy at 24 Norman St, Umina.

"The application seeks consent for the demolition of a dwelling-house and the erection of an attached dual occupancy development and associated courtyard fencing and driveways to access double garages," according to a report submitted by planning consultants Clarke Dowdle and Associates.

"Each dwelling would include a

garage, bedrooms, a living room, kitchen, dining area, bathroom, en suite and adjoining patios and courtyards.

"Occupants would obtain access to their garages via the driveway running along the southern boundary from Norman St.

"Each unit would include an open space area adjoining each dwelling which incorporates a patio and clothes drying areas.

"The upper floor rooms include living areas to take advantage of unimpeded solar access as opposed to ground floor living

rooms that would be impeded from the two-storey development to the north."

The development complies with most planning provisions, including minimum lot size and height.

A floor space ratio of 0.53:1 is requested, exceeding the requirement of 0.5:1.

The application also states there is a "minor encroachment" outside the building envelope provision of 45 degrees above 3.5 metres.

The proposal exceeds the unarticulated wall limit of eight metres, with a 17.78 metre length on the lower floor.

Privacy separation of nine metres for dwellings greater than two storeys is not met, with a distance of eight metres being provided.

The application states: "The proposal provides increased housing density which is well designed to meet residential needs and is commensurate with the character of the surrounding area."

The proposal is open for public comment until June 28.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 9 Jun 2021
DA61859, Central Coast Council

To be advertised

A proposal to demolish an existing dwelling in Hood St, Ettalong, and replace it with a dual occupancy is expected to be advertised on June 18, according to Central Coast Council's planning portal.

The cost of the work at 20 Hood St is estimated to be \$400,000.

The comment period will close on July 9.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 9 Jun 2021
DA61871, Central Coast Council

Helpers hear of Salvo programs

Members of the Rotary Club of Woy Woy spent a cold, windy Sunday on the roadside to help with the annual Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.

The following Tuesday, the club heard from voluntary Red Shield zone chairman Mr Jackson Tumpey and corps officer Ms Lesley Newton about the programs the Salvos provided.

"It was so pleasing to hear that 90 per cent of funds raised on the Peninsula stay on the Peninsula to support the Army's mission," said club president Ms Joan Redmond.



Volunteers present on the night received certificates and fast food vouchers which were donated to Mary Mac's Place.

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Jun 2021
Joan Redmond, Rotary Woy Woy

Pyjama day for Coast Shelter

Ettalong Public School will hold a Pyjama Day on Friday, June 18, to raise money for Coast Shelter.

For a gold coin donation, students and staff can "forget" to get dressed.

"Students are required to wear

enclosed footwear and should wear warm, modest pyjamas that are suitable for a day of learning, sport and play," said relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Jun 2021
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

Mr Betts leads the school

Mr Dan Betts will lead Woy Woy Public School until the end of this term on Friday, June 25, during the absence of principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"The school will be in great hands as Mr Betts is a confident and competent leader with a strong executive and staff team working with him," Ms Buckley said.

"All school staff are dedicated in putting into place what is needed to drive our new Strategic Improvement Plan for 2021-2024 and have a strong commitment in improving student engagement and achievement."

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

Umina holds inaugural two-bowl graded triples challenge

Umina Beach Bowling Club held its inaugural Two-Bowl Graded Triples Challenge on Saturday, May 29.

The overall winners were:

1. Don Stephens, Colin Mew and Peter Springett 14 points +35.
2. Paul Trigg, Geoff Collins and Shane Waddell 13 points +30.
3. Leila Gilmour, George Boni and Barry Gilmour 13 points +11.
4. Sid Stokie, Gary Yates and Mark Harrison 12 points +19.
5. Peter Heinemann, Larry Johnston and Warren Brooks 11 points +13.

Non Placed Consolation prize went to "non-placed" Upu Kila, Leo Lees and Frank Corkhill.

Club secretary Mr Peter Springett said the Bendigo Bank-sponsored event was "a revised format of previous Graded Triples competitions".

It comprised three games of two six-end sets per game.

There were 18 graded teams taking part, including men's, women's and mixed teams, competing for six money prizes. Congratulations and thankyou to everyone that took part in this inaugural competition.

Mr Springett said Colin Mew,



Jim Phillips and Steve Stead were responsible for setting up and running the event.

"After the game we asked bowlers for their feedback about the new format.

"Most of the players thought that the revised format worked well."

Mr Springett said organisers were asked: "Why have two sets of six ends per game, instead of a game of 12 ends?"

He said that the changed format was in response player interest.

"The previous format was three games of 12 ends.

"Bowlers got bored with playing the same old format and wanted

something different.

"Players stopped coming to play the old format.

"With two sets, a team can lose the first set (six ends), but they still have a chance of winning the second set and then possibly the one end tie break for the Win points.

"That means that a team is potentially in the game and winning the competition, right up to the end of the second set."

Pictured is the winning team of Don Stephens, Peter Springett and Colin Mew.

SOURCE:
Social media, 31 May 2021
Peter Springett, UBMBC

Canteen is learning facility

The Umina Beach Public School is treating its canteen as a learning facility.

"It teaches children manners, patience (waiting in line) and choices," said canteen co-ordinator Ms Debora Elliott.

"If you are with your child please encourage them to come to the counter on their own.

"The valuable skills they learn is a great start in life."

Ms Elliott also asked parents with surplus fruit from their citrus trees at home to donate it to the canteen.

"We will put them to good use."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 1 Jun 2021
Debora Elliott, Umina Beach Public School

Money for drink stations

The Student Representative Council at the Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina is raising money for additional drink bottle refill stations at the school.

A "pizza fundraiser" is being held on Wednesday this week.

Menus have been distributed with money being collected this morning, June 15.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Jun 2021
Kerry O'Heir, BWSC Umina

Runner to compete at State

Ettalong Public School had two competitors in at the Sydney North Cross Country Carnival last Friday.

One came fourth in their event and will go on to represent the Sydney North team at the State

Cross Country championship in the coming weeks.

Another came 16th in a field of 47 runners.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Jun 2021
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

Minister attends preaching conference

The Broken Bay Uniting Church minister, the Reverend Patty Lawrence, has attended a preaching conference for three days at St Stephen's Uniting Church in Sydney.

"It is interesting to see the different ways people approach preaching," she said.

She gave examples of a preacher from the United States who had a passion for parables.

Another spoke about preaching when everything around us is

changing.

Someone else spoke about how important it was to be familiar with the Old Testament to understand the New Testament.

Another spoke about physicality of preaching.

The Rev Karyn Burchell Thomas will replace Ms Lawrence from June 14 to July 26 when she takes some long service leave.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 6 Jun 2021
Patty Lawrence, Broken Bay Uniting Church

Students meet community members

Year 11 Thrive Program students at the Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College have been meeting with local community members as a part of their English studies unit Local Heroes.

They have conducted interviews with Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch, Mr Paul Sharpe from Umina

Surf Club, Ms Sally Liedberg from Mary Macs and Mr John Ridley from the Woy Woy Community Garden.

"Students have learnt about their contributions to the community and the importance of giving back to the Peninsula," said campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Jun 2021
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

Students from Gosford and Erina have won scholarships in concerts held 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 after a weekend of music performed by students from the Central Coast Conservatorium.

Winner of the Irvine Family Piano Scholarship was Chris Chen, a Year 11 student at Central Coast Grammar School at Erina Heights.

He won with a rendition of Beethoven's Sonata Op.13 No.8 in C minor Pathétique 1st movement and Chopin's Fantaisie-Impromptu (Op. 66). Winner of the Pearl Beach Senior Music Scholarship was flautist Kayla Lush, a Year 11 student at ET Australia Secondary College in Gosford.

She played Ballade by Philippe Gaubert.

The People's Choice award went to 14-year-old violinist Kaito Deed.

The Junior Showcase concert for solo instrument and vocal performances by the



Conservatorium's junior students allowed the younger musicians to "perform with focus, passion and conviction" in a non-competitive environment.

The showcase included 16 students with ages ranging from eight years old.

Guest performers this year were the 2020 Irvine Piano winner James Zhang and vocalist Bee Haslam, winner of the Pearl Beach 2019 scholarship.

Accompanist for the two days of music was Noah Peres.

The annual Scholarship concert has been jointly sponsored by the Pearl Beach Progress Association

and the Irvine Family since the inaugural concert held in May 2005.

Central Coast Conservatorium artistic director Mr Patrick Brennan said: "This event is an excellent opportunity for Conservatorium students to perform for their local community and deliver truly breath taking performances."

He said the prize money would help the scholarship winners further their musical studies at the Conservatorium.

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



Liesl Tesch MP
Member for Gosford

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Forum

We need a spreadsheet and an economic argument

I have been reading lots of letters from concerned ratepayers re the Council's Asset Sell-Off.

I was particularly moved by a letter from an elderly indigenous resident who beautifully put forward an argument for our green-space at Blackwall.

It supports the needs for the community's wellbeing, for example green-space with large shade trees shielding us from "heat bowl" conditions, protecting native wildlife habitat and corridors and generally keeping the urban-scape looking attractive and healthy.

She makes a good point in what tourists look forward to coming here to see, and that is not to experience another "concrete jungle".

Now, this is the sort of speak that will get council's attention.

I am sorry to say it, but councils, governments, politicians only think votes and money and everything else runs a poor second.

We need the help of an accountant with a community spirit and an environmental conscience and a spreadsheet with a strong economic argument.

Maybe this approach from our ratepayers might save some of our "green-space" and other assets.

I would like to think just like this Indigenous lady, that Council has a heart with the environment and our kids' future is kept in mind, but I am sceptical.

SOURCE:

Email, 4 Jun 2021

Barry Macdonald, Umina

We have nobody to blame but ourselves

Of course, we understand that Opposition politicians have to criticise the Government about everything, but Ms Tesch really has to get over the amalgamation hurdle and focus on something a bit more constructive ("Rate rise is Liberal Merger Tax, says Tesch", PN 520).

The amalgamation has nothing to do with the financial quagmire that Peninsula residents find themselves in, as has been made clear in all the reports.

The disaster is the result of electing incompetent political hacks to the Council, and, for that, the electors have nobody to blame but themselves.

Any ratepayer had the opportunity to look at candidates' qualifications and to examine their record, before filling in the ballot paper.

What is annoying is that the ones who didn't vote for any of these thankfully defrocked seatwarmers have to bear the cost of their blunders, despite having no responsibility for the debacle.

Councils (and businesses) have been merged since the dawn of local government.

The point of a merger is to realize economies of scale and to benefit from the synergies that can be created by imaginative reorganization.

We have a Council with more staff than was employed by the two councils combined before the amalgamation.

We still have an administration split between two separate locations.

We have a top-heavy management structure unjustified by the scale and complexity of the tasks to be undertaken.

On top of that, we have a

Council squandering money on unnecessary studies, plans, strategies, programmes and self-aggrandising gestures, instead of dealing with the core job of local government which is to provide efficient, economical infrastructure for its communities.

If our councillors had a fragment of conscience remaining, they would return the ill-gotten payments they were quick to award themselves when they took office, particularly our full-time, paid mayor.

If Ms Tesch wants to make a worthwhile contribution, she might work towards an effective electoral system that would give qualified candidates some prospect of actually winning a seat on a council not hamstrung by factional disputes.

SOURCE:

Email, 8 Jun 2021

Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy.

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

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Labor and Green councillors should be held accountable

After reading the front page article (PN edition 520) that Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch states that the 42.1 per cent rate rise is just a Merger Tax from the State Government, Ms Tesch claims that this rate rise has just been dropped on our community because the Central Coast Council is in a \$500 million financial disaster.

I have to disagree with Liesl because it was not all the State Government's fault that we have a \$500m debt.

In my opinion, it comes down to the councillors who spent the monies that they didn't have. The Labor and Green councillors who controlled the council were the ones that should be held accountable for this financial black hole.

It is easy to blame the State Government on all our woes but we have to have a good hard look at the councillors who voted down over 30 motions that were all associated with the finances of the council over the first three years of the new Central Coast Council.

The Central Coast community needs to make their vote count at

the next council election.

We can't afford to allow this type of council to be in power ever again.

We need more independents on our council and I feel that we can't let the Greens have the balance of power again as this is what the Greens and the Labor party did in just three years.

So for Liesl Tesch to say that the Liberal Party's forced merger of the two Councils was the only reason for this disaster, sorry Liesl. I don't agree.

SOURCE:

Email, 2 Jun 2021

Carl Veugen, Umina Beach

Who covers flooding and draining costs?

If Council's senior staff had researched the financial return against future costs re sale of 23 and 23A Memorial Ave, Blackwall, they would know the difference would increase the Council's deficit.

Issues I refer to are flooding and drainage infrastructure sustainability.

A 2005 map shows this land to be the lowest in the Memorial Ave precinct comparable to other low lying areas on the Peninsula.

The land as it exists will not be

sold.

Before the sale, the buyer and senior Council staff will negotiate a deal confirming applicable future development including raising the ground level of the site.

Thus begin the problems for residents.

The second problem is the inevitable "not fit for use" classification of the shared cycleway-footpath.

A site inspection revealed 100 metres of the pathway will have to be raised and rebuilt or re-routed to avoid freshly-created flood zones.

Who will pay for these

considerable costs?

Where on Council's list of infrastructure priorities does this area sit?

Certainly not on the same level as Everglades catchment or the new aged care facility on Hillview St, Woy Woy.

Of course, this falsely assumes the Council will have the funds and quality administration to carry out the essential work.

Is anyone prepared to nominate a year when the Council will be back to normal?

SOURCE:

Letter, 9 Jun 2021

Norm Harris, Umina

School starts worm farms

Woy Woy Public School has bought two worm farms, and have created a third from an old bath tub.

"The students loved the experience of building and setting up a happy environment for the worms to live in," said teacher Ms Emily Bartlett.

"Worms are amazing creatures. These living fertiliser tubes are full of countless beneficial bacteria and enzymes that help sustain the life and fertility of our horticultural systems.

"In worm farms, worms will eat up to four kilograms of kitchen waste every week.

"We will be redirecting our fruit break and cooking waste from the rubbish bin into the farm and use their castings (rich plant food) and worm tea (liquid fertiliser) to improve the health of our gardening.

"Our garden has been loving autumn.

"We have collected a lot of produce over the last two weeks and have made some delicious meals with them.

"Our citrus trees have been doing really well.

"We will be enjoying oranges and mandarins for weeks as they slowly ripen.

"Exciting news for our avocado tree as well, with a Stage 2 student discovering our first avocado of the year.



"Our snow peas are also coming along nicely, with students making trellises to support the vines.

"We have enjoyed eating them straight off the plant.

"Unfortunately it is the end of the season for our tomatoes, but thankfully before we prepared the bed for our winter crop we were able to harvest one last time.

"It was our best harvest of the season.

"We made a lovely bruschetta with the home-grown tomatoes and basil with the students in our Support Unit."

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

Teachers to use communication platform

Teachers at Woy Woy Public School will use the ClassDojo platform to communicate with parents and carers of children in their classes.

"Teachers will send out stage messages and school information on this platform as well," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"Teachers will also send individual information to you about your child from time to time and will answer reasonable questions about your child's educational achievements and social and emotional wellbeing.

"The school has a communication policy and requires the expectations to be followed by all users.

"Teachers will be available to communicate with parents and carers around reasonable questions or concerns about their child's progress.

"Teachers are able to confirm information about class or school events and can respond to comments on posts about children in their classes.

"Teachers will not answer any messages during school hours when they will be teaching, doing supervision duties or on school related business.

"Teachers have a duty of care to each child in their class and we all know that learning needs uninterrupted periods of time to be successful and worthwhile.

"Teachers will be available for contact and to respond to ClassDojo messages from 8am to 8:50am each school day morning, and from 3pm to 4pm each school day afternoon (except Tuesday).

"Teachers may not be able to respond straight away to messages sent at these times, but will endeavour to respond to messages within 24 hours of receiving them.

"All emergency messages and messages related to a change of a child's daily arrangements need to be phoned through to the school office. Messages of this sort will be relayed to the appropriate teachers from the office staff.

"ClassDojo is not to be used to criticise, vilify or publicly question teachers.

"Please contact your child's teacher privately to arrange for an interview if you have any concerns you wish to discuss with them."

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

Teacher training for more active students

Staff at Ettalong Public School will begin training in iPlay, following planning days held at the school earlier this month.

"Staff will begin training in iPlay which is an initiative that we will implement across our great school," said relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"iPlay is designed to promote better health and fitness as well as promoting higher levels of school engagement and brain development."

According to the school sport unit of the Education Department, the iPlay Project is a teacher professional development research program aimed at improving the quality of physical education and school sport in NSW primary schools.

"It provides teachers with the skills, strategies and resources to conduct quality physical education and school sport lessons and help their students become more active during and outside of class time.

"Teachers learn the iPLAY

through a mix of face-to-face and online learning, along with individual feedback provided by an experienced mentor."

Teachers who complete the program receive 14 NESA-registered proficient TPL hours, with opportunities for up to three teachers per school to receive 13 NESA-registered highly-accomplished hours.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 8 Jun 2021
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

Entire school attends show

The entire school attended a Wellbeing Show at Umina Beach Public School last month.

"It was a great show that showcased relevant strategies for students to look after themselves," said relieving principal Mr Chad Tsakissiris.

"The students had a great time and took away some great messages from the lessons in the performance."

The show was funded by the parents' association.

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

School athletics carnival

Umina Beach Public School will hold its athletics carnival on Friday, June 25, at McEvoy Oval.

"This is always a great opportunity for students to display their sporting prowess and create some memories with their peers at school," said relieving principal Mr Chad Tsakissiris.

"All students who are aged eight and over are expected to come along on the day as it is a school day.

"Year 2 students who turn eight this year will also be required to attend."

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

Relieving college principal appointed

Brisbane Water Secondary College deputy principal Mr Simon Warren has been appointed relieving college principal until the end of term two.

"College principal Mr Paul Gilmore is currently taking a well earned break and will return for the start of Term 3," said Mr Warren.

"As I relieve for Paul, Ms Keli Klaassen will relieve for me as

deputy principal and Mr Chris Wright will be head teacher HSIE."

Mr Warren said he would be organising a staff development day for the Brisbane Water Learning Community focusing on Aboriginal Education.

This will be held on the first day of term three, Monday, July 12.

Mr Warren said he would also be "gathering community data and opinion in relation to perceptions

and experiences across the college".

Other tasks included "working with students and teachers to develop a specific writing strategy that is faculty-based across the college" and "developing the 2022 curriculum and subject selection processes".

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 28 May 2021
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

Kindergarten information

Kindergarten information sessions for 2022 will take place at Woy Woy South Public School on Wednesday, June 16.

There will be two sessions conducted at 2pm and 7pm.

"We already have lots of interest for Kindy in 2022," said principal

Mr Matt Barr.

"If you or anyone you know who is living in our zone has children commencing school next year, please don't hesitate to contact the office for more details."

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

Sport

Lions trouble Terrigal in hard-fought rugby match

The Woy Woy Lions showed "some high standard rugby" in a "hard-fought match" against Terrigal in round nine competition on June 5, according to Central Coast Rugby Union president Mr Larry Thomson.

Early in the second half, Woy Woy was winning 15-12 against the points table leaders in their game at The Haven Oval, before Terrigal eventually won 37-15.

"Woy Woy will trouble all teams in the second half of the season," Mr Thomson said.

"The first half of this match was evenly-fought and there was nothing between the two teams at the halftime break.

"Terrigal started strongly and before long had crossed for two tries.

"This 12 points to lead so early in the match seemed quite ominous but it was not to be.

"Woy Woy had other ideas and played some tough rugby for the remainder of the half to get back

into the match.

"Woy Woy kicked a penalty goal, then scored a good try to make the score 10-12 late in the first half.

"This remained the score at the halftime break.

"Terrigal suddenly knew they were in for a real battle.

"This was proved even more so early in the second half when Woy Woy crossed for a try in the corner and they took the lead in the match by 15 points to 12.

"Suddenly everyone had full interest in the match.

"Some of the tackles from the Woy Woy players were hard and Terrigal knew they had a struggle to regain the ascendancy in this clash. However this is what happened.

"Slowly the Terrigal side worked themselves back into the lead and then went on to record what seemed a comfortable win, based on the scoreline.

"But this was not so.

"It was a hard fought match

with some high standard rugby on display from both teams.

"Terrigal knew they had the victory sealed up in the final 15 minutes of the match but they knew they had been in a game of rugby.

"Woy Woy had several good performances but none were better than lock Bruce Folau, flanker Jazper Doak-Stride, and No 8 Philip Shaw."

Scorers for Woy Woy were Mitieli Tamani and Philip Shaw with tries, and Corby Delaforce with a conversion and a penalty goal.

In Premier 2, Terrigal defeated Woy Woy 55-19 and, in women's competition, Terrigal defeated Gosford/Woy Woy 17-12.

The round marked the halfway point in the season, with a "general bye" over the June long weekend to allow representative teams to play in the NSW Country Rugby Championships at Tamworth.

SOURCE:

Media release, 6 Jun 2021
Larry Thomson, CCRU

Shane is Ettalong Major Singles champion

Shane White has won the Ettalong Eagles 2021 Major Singles Championship.

Shane played against an in-form Bailey Meti in the final and found himself down 10-1. "Shane's first 12 shots were singles, which is a credit to Bailey," said Central Coast Bowls publicity officer Mr Peter Springett.

"Both players played very well on the quick green, in tough, windy conditions.

"After a high quality game, Shane eventually won the championship 31-28.

"This is Shane's second Major Singles title in three years."

Shane will now compete in the Zone 15 Champion of Champions championship.

SOURCE:

Social media, 1 Jun 2021
Peter Springett, Central Coast Bowls



Good bridge results in online and country competition

Brisbane Water Bridge Club members reported good results in the Coffs Harbour Online Swiss Pairs Congress in May

Chris Hasemore and partner were fifth in the Open Section.

Steve Calcroft and Roy Cotton were first in the Restricted Section.

In the NSW Country Mixed Pairs, five of the club's nominee pairs made it through day one to the finals.

They were Sally Clarke and Garry Clarke in second place, Felicity Fane and Matt Raj Mal in third place, Dasha Brandt and David Bowerman in fifth place, Alan Bustany and Jan Clarke in

sixth place, and Barry Foster and Henrietta Hohnen eighth place.

In the club's Winter Teams competition, the results after four of four matches were:

1. Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster, Lorraine Lindsay, Deborah Guthrie 77 Imps, 59.36 VPs, 3 wins - 0 draws - 1 loss, 0.48 Red points.

2. Noel Crockett, Shirley Crockett, Ian McKinnon, Virginia Dressler 53, 56.26, 3-0-1, 0.48.

3. David Snow, Martin Johnson, Hope Tomlinson, Karen Ody 16, 46.10, 3-0-1, 0.48.

4. Beryl Lowry, John Aldersley, Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman 10, 44.65, 3-0-1, 0.48.

5. Kathryn Ivits, Alma Van Der

Walt, Trish Byrnes, Jurate Laisve 5, 41.05, 1-0-3, 0.16.

6. Marie Purkiss, Diane Nichols, Henrietta Hohnen, Elizabeth Lawrence -4, 38.44, 2-0-2, 0.32.

7. Felicity Fane, Heather Brown, Elaine Hume, Peter Hume -14, 35.26, 2-0-2, 0.32.

8. Susan McCall, Pamela Joseph, Robyn Scallill, Judy Wulff -36, 33.37, 2-0-2, 0.32.

9. Blair Glass, Ian Newton, Helve Beale, Linda Cunningham -24, 30.85, 1-0-3, 0.16.

10. Meg McGregor, John Jensen, Lynne Rainford, Hilary Owen -83, 14.66, 0-0-4.

SOURCE:

Website, 10 Jun 2021
Brisbane Water Bridge Club



Former Woy Woy bowlers take out Everglades Pairs

Former Woy Woy Bowling Club players Terry Abbott and Dave Higgins have taken out the Everglades 2021 Men's Major Pairs final held in blustery conditions on Sunday, May 23.

They were playing Anthony Mansour and John McInness.

Mansour and McInness got away to an early 8 - 2 lead, but by

the halfway mark had evened out.

With three ends to go and the scores level, Abbott and Higgins picked up a five and managed to win the championship by three shots, 25-22.

Pictured are Terry Abbott and Dave Higgins, with John McInness and Tony Mansour.

SOURCE:

Social media, 3 Jun 2021
John Orme, Central Coast Bowls

Netball results

Results of Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association competition played on June 5 were:

Senior Blue round 9: Margaritas def Stingrays, 36-15. BW Swordfish def by Fever, 22-55. EE Spirit def by UB Rosellas, 31-45. EE Harriers def by TKT Ruby Reds, 28-41.

Senior Green round 10: EE Carawas def by BW Dolphins, 26-57.

Senior White round 10: EE Falcons def by BW Sharks, 26-43. TKT Pearls def Jaguars, 30-26.

IJ Blue round 10: EE Griffins def by EE Osprey, 30-53. TKT Sapphires def EE Hawks, 52-17.

IJ Green round 10: WWPNA 11'S Development def by TKT Gems, 0-0. Lynx def EE Imperials, 25-24. UB Echidnas def by Tigers, 0-25.

Junior Purple round 6: EE Aquila def TKT Jades, 31-22. UB Devils def by TKT Opals, 5-7.

Junior Blue round 6: EE Stellars def BW Blue bottles, 58-6.

SOURCE:

Website, 5 Jun 2021
Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association

Soccer goalposts repaired

Soccer goalposts at Umina oval used by the Umina United Soccer Club have been repaired, after they were damaged on two consecutive nights at the end of May.

Witches hats were placed where the holes were for the posts.

The goalposts were fixed by Central Coast Council a couple of days later.

SOURCE:

Social media, 1 Jun 2021
Umina United

Umina Major Pairs games

Results of recent games played in the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club's Major Pairs Championship were:

Larry Johnston and Terry Brown defeated Benny Bennett and Rob Andersen.

Roger Twells and Colin Mew defeated Tony Potter and Lee Cribbs.

Phil Sillick and Gary Jones

defeated Paul Trigg and Shane Waddell.

Larry Johnston and Terry Brown defeated Allan Rhodes and Mark Hogden.

The following games are to be played on or before Saturday, June 19.

SOURCE:

Social media, 7 Jun 2021
Peter Springett, UBMBC