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Community backlash halts playground demolition

A community backlash against a council plan to demolish the "Pelican Park" playground at Fishermen's Wharf, Woy Woy, with only 24 hours' notice seems to have temporarily saved the park.

More than 3000 people signed a petition opposing the demolition after Fishermen's Wharf Restaurant was told on that the playground would be demolished the next morning.

The number had grown to 6500 by Friday evening.

A protest was held at the park on Saturday morning.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said she had been given an assurance there would be a temporary stay in the demolition, after approaching Central Coast Council Administrator Mr Rik Hart.

Ms Tesch said on Wednesday, June 23: "Mr Hart has advised that the Council has halted tomorrow's plans to demolish the park until its replacement opens in July."

She called on both the Council and the State Government to save the park and "ensure the voice of the people is not lost".

On Friday, she said she had written an "urgent letter" to Premier Ms Gladys Berejiklian and Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Mr Rob Stokes, requesting that they provide the funding necessary to save Pelican Park.

"Whilst we have a NSW Government-imposed Administration, and no local government democratic

representatives, I'm calling on Gladys Berejiklian to step in to ensure our Pelican Park is saved," Ms Tesch said.

"The Berejiklian Government funded \$10 million for the Gosford Park and almost \$3 million on the Terrigal Boardwalk recently.

"The cost to save this park would be significantly less but would be highly valued by so many in our community."

Ms Tesch said that "in just two days over 6000 people have signed the petition to save our park", with many also signing a hard copy at Ms Tesch's office, Woy Woy Fisherman's Wharf and other surrounding businesses.

Central Coast Council claimed the heritage listed tree is too costly, with the roots causing ongoing maintenance issues, she said.

"If Council says that the park isn't up to Australian safety standards, then we need to get it up to those standards, not just knock the whole thing down."

Ms Tesch says the community had paid their rates and deserve, at the very least, for their much-loved park to remain standing.

"Pelican Park is not just any park.

"It is an iconic destination, where families from across the Coast unite, with ample playing equipment and seating, located next to the water and the lovely pelicans.

"It's one of the many attractions Woy Woy is known for."

"Replacing a park with a smaller

one right next to a main road is a huge disservice to the community and feels more like a punishment, not a solution."

"The Berejiklian Government needs to get to the root of the problem to ensure our Pelican Park lives on for the many more memories waiting to be made right there."

Ms Tesch said she was certain that, unlike the "Sydney-based Administrator", local councillors – democratically elected representatives – would understand the importance of this park and fight to save it on behalf of all of us.

"All we need is for the root of the problem to be fixed, to ensure Pelican Park's future is secured, at the very least, until democracy returns to the Coast with a newly-elected council, whenever that may be."

"In the meantime, it is my job and the job of the Berejiklian Government to ensure the community is heard and receive what they deserve."

Ms Tesch urged community members to write to Council and to sign the petition.

She was also asking residents to show their support for the Pelican Park by using the hashtag #SavePelicanPark and posting pictures and drawings of their memories on her Facebook page.

SOURCE:

Social media, 23 Jun 2021
Fishermen's Wharf Restaurant
Media releases, 23-25 Jun 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Interested in forming a residents' association?

Peninsula News is interested in hearing from people who would like to have a Peninsula Residents' Association to represent the views of the local community.

If enough interest exists, the newspaper would promote a formation meeting.

"There is a feeling that the Peninsula needs a well-organised residents' association to speak on behalf of the community across a range of issues," said Peninsula News editor Mr Mark Snell.

"While we have various resident groups around the Peninsula, most have been formed in response to specific issues or interests and none have a charter to represent the Peninsula community as a whole.

"Most of these groups simply

exist informally on social media and do not have regular open democratic meetings."

Mr Snell said residents' associations in other areas had shown they could effectively advocate for the community to authorities and the media.

Such an association could be well placed to propose actions to protect and enhance the Peninsula, and not just oppose council actions that threatened residents' quality of life, he said.

The newspaper was prepared to help form the association, Mr Snell said.

Anyone interested in being part of the association should express their interest by email to editor@peninsula.news.

SOURCE:

Media release, 25 Jun 2021
Mark Snell, Peninsula News

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Mark Snell, 28 Jun 2021



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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.

Readability

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

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

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

Forum letters

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

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

Contributors are asked to keep their

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

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

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

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

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

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Woy Woy lawyer accepts keys to new medical school

Woy Woy lawyer Mr Paul Tonkin has accepted the keys to the new Central Coast medical school as chair of the board of the Central Coast Local Health District.

A "handing-over of the keys" ceremony was held at the Central Coast Clinical School and Research Institute, opposite Gosford Hospital.

Central Coast Parliamentary Secretary Mr Adam Crouch and Federal Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks presented the keys to the Central Coast Local Health District and the University of Newcastle.

"In just 31 days' time, we will see the first students walk through the doors," said Ms Wicks.

"This means local students will have more options to complete all levels of their education - primary, secondary and tertiary - right here on the Central Coast."

"The clinical school will provide 850 places for students to complete their nursing, midwifery and medicine degrees, and expand the opportunities we have on the Central Coast to undertake



important research and continue to improve healthcare," said health district chief executive Dr Andrew Montague.

"The project is jointly funded by the NSW Government, the Australian Government and the University of Newcastle," he said.

Pictured, Mr Tonkin (right) received the keys from Central Coast Parliamentary Secretary Mr Adam Crouch and Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 18 Jun 2021
 Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson
 Social media, 18 Jun 2021
 Andrew Montague,
 Central Coast Health

Tribute paid to outgoing president

The incoming president of the Rotary Club of Brisbane Water, Ms Cherie Simpson, has paid tribute to outgoing president Mr Peter Mote.

She said Mr Mote had taken a group of people with similar aims to a fund-raising, community-aware, award-winning Rotary Club.

As the club's new president, she said: "I am especially thankful that I am not in this alone."

"Directors, chairs, members and friends are going to keep our club moving in the direction that Peter has steered the club."

"Brisbane Water Rotary is going from strength to strength and we are all part of it."

SOURCE:
 Newsletter, 27 Jun 2021
 Cherie Simpson, Rotary
 Brisbane Water

Jackie Pearson moves on

The secretary of the association which owns Peninsula News has resigned for personal reasons.

Ms Jackie Pearson said she had not found the time she felt was needed for the role.

She also said she wanted to increase her work as a freelance journalist, without that conflicting with her role at Peninsula News.

Peninsula News editor Mr Mark Snell said the committee was appreciative of Ms Pearson's significant contributions to the newspaper both as a journalist and as a member of the committee of The Peninsula's Own News Service Inc association.

"We are sad to see her go, and wish her well with her future endeavours."

Ms Pearson said: "Peninsula News was the first local paper I read when I moved to the Coast in 2001."

"I have such respect for Mark Snell who founded the paper and has been its editor ever since," she said.

"Mark made the difficult decision last year to break away from Central Coast Newspapers and continue to publish Peninsula News on behalf of The Peninsula's Own News Service Inc."

"It was a privilege to help with that process and I am sure Mark and the association will continue to

provide a strong news service for the Peninsula.

"I am returning to contribute to Central Coast Newspapers which no longer has a connection to Peninsula News."

"I wish Mark and The Peninsula's Own News Serve every success for the future."

"Many local newspapers are closing down and leaving a void of local news for their communities, so it is reassuring to see that the Peninsula's community-owned local news source is continuing to provide local news during times when it is most needed."

SOURCE:
 Email, 24 Jun 2021
 Jackie Pearson, Pt Clare

Month's rainfall less than a third of average

The Peninsula has received less than 30 per cent of the average June rainfall this month.

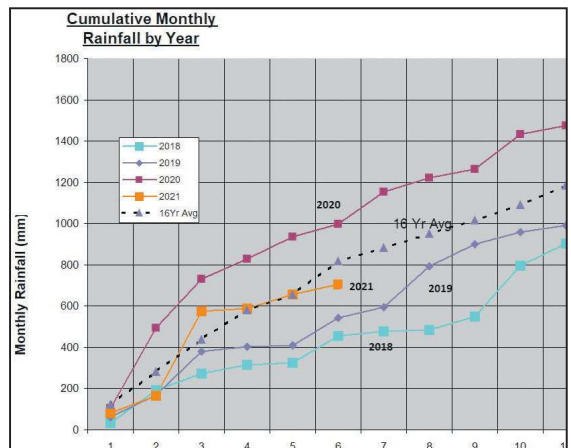
Rainfall has totalled 47.6mm for the month as at Friday, June 26, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

June is normally the wettest month of the year with an average rainfall of 162mm.

More than half of the month's total, 25.8mm, fell in the eight days to June 25.

The cumulative total for the year is 705.5mm, which is 13.9 per cent less than the half year average of 819mm.

SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 25 Jun 2021
 Jim Morrison, Umina



Planning panel supports 17m high beachfront rezoning

The Central Coast Local Planning Panel has supported a proposal that would see building heights on beachfront allotments in Ettalong Beach raised to 17 metres.

The panel agreed with "the proposed intent to prepare a Planning Agreement alongside a Planning Proposal" for 43-49 The Esplanade, Ettalong Beach.

The proposal will go to tomorrow night's Central Coast Council meeting, based on an application by Parform Pty Ltd, listed as owner of the Ettalong Beach Motel at 46 The Esplanade.

The proposal, which covers separately-owned land at the corner of Picnic Parade, would see the building height of the beachfront allotments increase from 11.5 metres to 17 metres.

The floor space ratio would increase from 1:1 to 1.75:1.

The council agenda states that a single development on six land parcels from 43-46 The Esplanade "could achieve five storeys in height, involving up to 38 residential units and commercial floor space of 1100 square metres"



and basement parking for 66 cars.

The matter was not listed on the Panel's agenda for its June 10 meeting, but appeared in the meeting minutes.

The Panel minutes reported that it considered "the report on the matter and the material presented by Council officers at the briefing meeting".

The report and material presented to the Panel were not publicly available.

The proposed changes would affect Lots 117-122 (numbers 43-46) The Esplanade and "increase the maximum building height

and floor space ratio on 49 The Esplanade to be consistent with the planning controls approved as part of the State Significant Project Approval (MP 09_0121) for the site.

The Panel supported "the strategic intent of the proposal for redevelopment of this key site and considers that it has site-specific merit.

It stated that 43-46 The Esplanade, Ettalong Beach should be developed as one consolidated lot.

The Panel requested that consideration be given to "public

benefits such as affordable housing, through site links and public realm improvements along The Esplanade and Picnic Parade".

"Standards relating to minimum allotment size, minimum frontage and site consolidation must be included within the Local Environment Plan.

"The proposed controls rely on detailed urban design controls being developed in a future Development Control Plan, which should preferably be exhibited alongside the Planning Proposal.

"If this is not possible, then the

Development Control Plan should be finalised prior to the gazettal of the amending Local Environment Plan."

The panel stated that the proposal should limit the overshadowing of the beach, public open space and bushland in the area.

It should allow for view sharing to the water from other B2 zoned land in the centre.

It should providing for "acceptable" building separation and setbacks, the panel said.

However, the panel gave no indication of what it regarded as acceptable.

It said that any development should incorporate "active street frontage provisions" and a transition in height to the adjacent low density areas.

It also requested "design excellence", but did not explain what it meant by that.

The minutes reported that panel member Mr Stephen Leathley "did not participate in this matter due to a declaration of a significant non-pecuniary interest".

SOURCE:

Central Coast Local Planning Panel minutes 4.1, 10 Jun 2021

Services Australia agent appointed in Ettalong

Peninsula residents now have access to Centrelink and Medicare services with the opening of a Services Australia agent in Ettalong, Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks has said.

"This has been an important focus for me after hearing from locals who have been inconvenienced by the forced closure of the Ettalong Services Australia office in February," she said.

"The AimBig office in Ettalong will now have an agent who can help with advice, using self-service equipment and uploading documents.

"This means the Ettalong community has the choice to



access even more services locally," said Ms Wicks.

SOURCE:

Social media, 22 Jun 2021
Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson

'Best' tea cosy expo

Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club has held its "best ever" Tea Cosy Expo at the Umina Surf Club over the June long weekend, according to club treasurer Mr Greg Head.

Mr Head said: "While anticipating a good event, we could not have imagined the response we would have from our exhibitors and the general public over the whole three days.

"Our records indicate that this was our best-ever expo.

"The weather was great as was the venue at Umina Surf Club, looking out from the first floor level to Lions Island .

"We had TV crews from Channel 2 Artwork show and they ran a coverage of the expo on their Sunday night show and were blown away by our event."

However, the coronavirus pandemic has cost the club more

than \$20,000 in lost income, and the club still had a shortfall of close to \$10,000 to make up.

Mr Head said the club needed funds raised at the Expo "to survive".

"We have some major running costs to pay over next couple of months.

"We will disburse monies over the next couple of months to various organisations that we have supported for many years.

"As we continue to raise more monies, we will make these disbursements."

Mr Head said the tea cosy expo would be back on the long weekend in June next year.

"Watch out for notices in this newspaper starting next May."

SOURCE:

Media release, 17 Jun 2021
Greg Head, Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club

Leading causes of death

Heart disease and dementia are the leading causes of death on the Peninsula, according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

The institute has released statistics for the Peninsula at the request of Peninsula News.

The data shows that there were 451 deaths on the Peninsula in 2019, 234 male (51.9 per cent) and 217 female (48.1 per cent).

The median age at death was 82.0 years (81.7 years nationally), with a median age for men of 77.0 years (78.8 years nationally) and 85.0 years for women (84.8 years nationally).

SOURCE:

Media release, 24 Jun 2021
Elise Guy, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

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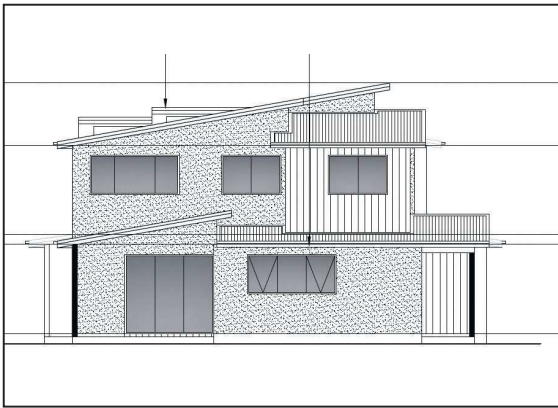
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Application for four-unit development in Warrigal St

Central Coast Council has received a development application for a four-unit multi-dwelling development on a 904.2 square metre site at 2 Warrigal St, Blackwall, costing \$500,000.

Public comments are being received from June 18 until July 16.

The proposal to erect four three-bedroom townhouses with front courtyard fencing.

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

The development fails to meet planning provisions for a rear setback of six metres, with only 1.85 metres provided at ground floor level.

Side setback requirements of 3.5 metres are not met, with as little as one metre allowed.

The 25 metre maximum depth of a building is also exceeded, with a building length of 38.48 metres.

Three of the four units do not have the minimum open space provision of 50 square metres,

having only 40 square metres.

Planning consultants Clarke Dowdle and Associates cite 18 precedents of "recent approvals of multi-unit development with the same design scale, height, setbacks, site cover and parking".

Their application says: "The public interest is well served by the proposed development. In view of the careful nature of the design.

"It is considered that the health and safety of the public will not be affected.

"The proposal provides the local area with new dwellings on a site that is inherently suitable for such development.

"The proposed multi-dwelling development is consistent with the objectives, planning strategies and controls applicable to the site.

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

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 25 Jun 2021
DA62002, Central Coast Council

Dual occupancy application for Hood St

A development application has been submitted to Central Coast Council for an attached dual occupancy development costing \$400,000 at 20 Hood St, Ettalong.

This application was prepared Clarke Dowdle and Associates, based on plans provided by the designers Knight Mapleton Design Partners.

The 696.1 square metre site contains a dwelling-house and ancillary structures, according to the application.

"Each dwelling would include a garage, bedrooms, a living room, kitchen, dining area, bathroom, ensuite and adjoining patios or courtyards.

"The development would obtain access to their garages via a driveway running along the northern boundary from Hood St.

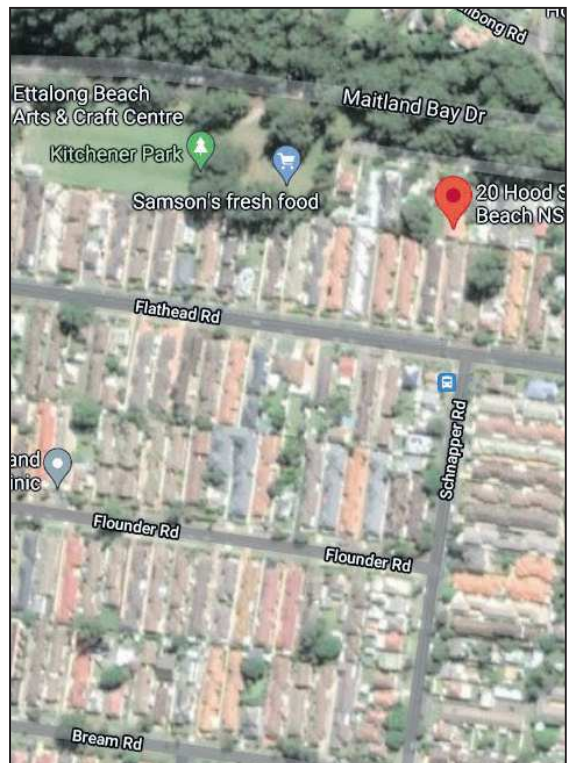
"Each unit would include an open space area adjoining each dwelling which incorporates a patio and clothes drying areas.

"The proposed units provide sufficient areas to store mobile waste collection bins away from the street and from the courtyard areas within the site.

"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 proposal complies with front and side setback requirements but not the 3m rear setback requirement, where the proposal has a rear setback as low as 1.29 metres.

The unarticulated external wall length requirement of eight metres



is exceeded with an 15.56 metre wall length.

The public open space requirement of 75 square metres is not met for unit two, which has only 50 square metres.

The application concludes: "The proposed dual occupancy development is consistent with the objectives, planning strategies and controls applicable to the site.

"The proposal provides increased housing density which

is well designed to meet residential needs and is commensurate with the character of the surrounding area."

It said the development would not have "adverse environmental, social or economic impacts".

The application is open for public comment until June 9.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 25 Jun 2021
DA61871, Central Coast Council



The only document on the Council's portal for this application is a public submission.

Comment period opens without proposal details

A development application for a six-unit residential flat building costing almost \$3 million is open for public comment without any detail being available on the Central Coast Council planning portal.

block of flats built at 75 Brick Wharf Rd, Woy Woy, for a cost of \$2,944,000.

The advertising period started on Friday, June 18, and ends on Friday, July 16.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 25 Jun 2021
DA61806, Central Coast Council

The proposal would see the

Springwood St proposal 'has drive access from Hood St'

A template application submitted to Central Coast Council for a dual occupancy development at 141 Springwood St, Ettalong, has stated that it has driveway access from Hood St, 1.7km away.

The application prepared by Clarke Dowdle and Associates appears to use the same template submitted for an application for a dual occupancy at 20 Hood St.

Both applications state they are based on plans provided by designers Knight Mapleton Design Partners, with the developments both estimated to cost \$400,000.

Both applications state that each dwelling would include a garage, bedrooms, a living room, kitchen, dining area, bathroom, ensuite and adjoining patios or courtyards.

They also both state that: "Each unit would include an open space area adjoining each dwelling which incorporates a patio and clothes

drying areas.

"The proposed units provide sufficient areas to store mobile waste collection bins away from the street and from the courtyard areas within the site.

"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."

Both applications also state: "The development would obtain access to their garages via the driveway running along the northern boundary from Hood St."

The proposed development is on a 623.6 square metre allotment at 141 Springwood St, Ettalong Beach, "on the north-western side of the intersection with Palm Street and contains a dwelling-house and ancillary structures".

The proposal does not comply with setback requirements on the south side, allowing only 1.6m where a 3m setback is required.

It also does not comply with the rear three metre setback requirement, providing only a one metre setback.

It has an unarticulated external wall length 8.2 metres, exceeding the eight metre requirement.

This proposal, similar to the Hood St proposal, also does not comply with the public open space planning provisions with the second unit offering only 50 square metres, compared to the 75 square metre requirement, according to the application.

The application uses the same justification as the Hood St application, stating it "is consistent with the objectives, planning strategies and controls applicable to the site".

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

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 25 Jun 2021
DA62069, Central Coast Council

Shane Neaves retires from Peninsula Villages

Mr Shane Neaves has announced his retirement as chief executive of Peninsula Villages.

"It has been a wonderful community to work with and for, and my time here is reflective of the happiest and most satisfying period of my professional life," Mr Neaves wrote in the Village newsletter.

"I would like to acknowledge the support that I have had from the board, the leadership team, the fine, talented and caring staff, the community, the volunteers, and you - those learned and loved older Australians, full of life experiences and kinship.

"I believe that over the past five-plus years we have achieved many great things for our community and residents.

"Peninsula Villages is a progressive community organisation with a real purpose, a happy place where each person contributes to the general wellbeing of others.

"I feel privileged to have been an integral part since my earlier stay in 2010 and my return in 2015.

"However, the time has come to hand the baton over, knowing the



Mr Shane Neaves (left) with Mr Fred Van Steel

organisation is well prepared for the coming years.

"My replacement has commenced.

"His name is Fred Van Steel, and we are currently working towards the official handover.

"I am sure you will all find him a pleasant and approachable person with a strong community focus.

"I wish you all every success.

"There are many occasions when I reflect on the pride I have felt at seeing our residents enjoy their later years.

"It has been a joy and privilege to be part of this organisation's journey and I thank you all for entrusting me with your care and lifestyle.

"My last day at Peninsula Villages is July 2.

"It is with much gratitude, for all you have given me, that I truly wish you all good health and every success into the future."

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 22 Jun 2021
Shane Neaves, Peninsula Villages



New petrol station opens

A new petrol station has opened in Woy Woy.

The 7-Eleven branded Mobil service station opened at the corner of Rawson and Ocean Beach Rd on June 16.

On Sunday, e10 petrol at all five stations on the Peninsula was priced at 134.9 cents, while at Tuggerah 7-Eleven, United and Woolworths were all 127.9 cents.

Premium diesel at 7-Eleven was

143.9 cents at both Woy Woy and Tuggerah, more expensive than Woolworths at Umina which had a price of 140.9.

However, Premium 98 petrol at 7-Eleven Tuggerah was 147.9 cents, compared to its Woy Woy price of 154.9 cents, which was the cheapest on the Peninsula.

SOURCE:
Website, 27 Jun 2021
7-Eleven

Don't panic buy – Crouch

There is no need for panic-buying during the lockdown, according to Central Coast Parliamentary Secretary Mr Adam Crouch.

"There is absolutely no reason to panic buy," he said.

"Shops did not shut during the last lockdown in April 2020 and they will remain open right

throughout this current lockdown."

Mr Crouch said: "I'm asking everyone to think of others, and be considerate of people who can't get to the supermarket as regularly as you can.

"We're all in this together."

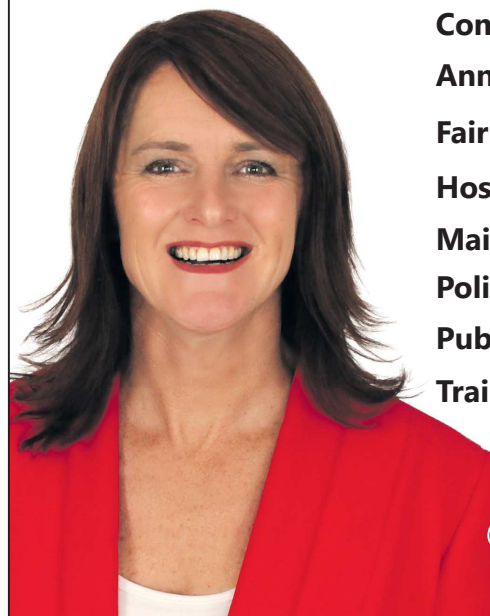
SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Jun 2021
Adam Crouch, Central Coast
Parliamentary Secretary



Liesl Tesch MP
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Non-compliance issues are damaging our community

The article in Peninsula News 520 ("CEN criticises 'excessive' approval of non-compliance") gives us opportunity to voice our concerns.

Having been hemmed in by new developments in our formerly quiet King St, I was relieved to read that Council has begun to look into non-complying developments.

When we enquired at Council about the plans for each of the developments, on either side of our home, we were informed that the plans were acceptable, although in several areas the proposed development "does not comply with".

The following relates to the units on one side of us:

Articulation: The proposed Residential Flat Building would have an overall length of 53.6 metres which does not comply with the prescriptive 25 metre requirement outlined in Clause 3.3.3.4.2 of the DCP.

Setbacks: The proposed side and rear setbacks of the multi-unit housing buildings do not comply with the prescriptive measures outlined within the setback clauses within the DCP.

Private Open Space: Proposed unit two would not comply with the with the prescriptive 50 square metre requirement for the establishment of a private open space area.

On the other side of our property, the approved plans are similar.

There were numerous non-compliances allowed to slip through.

The building of this site was also much harder to live through.

The builders on this site had a very cavalier attitude to us and our struggles with the noise level ... particularly when they were grinding bricks and timber alongside our living areas.

We are not people who would normally complain, but the past 12 months have been particularly difficult for us.

We had to move away for several months while the sawing and grinding was going on outside our living and sleeping areas.

According to the building foreman, it was "more convenient" for the workmen to use the small setback near us than to move the noisy equipment to the front of the building.

Well, I'm guessing that others are going through more difficult experiences than we have.

I do hope that, with your encouragement, Council will be able to address some of the issues that are damaging the well-being of the local community.

I appreciate the work of GUST who are addressing the non-compliance issues of "deep soil landscaping", and the tragic loss of over 30 trees from this small area.

We noticed the increased heat last summer after the shade trees had gone.

SOURCE:
Email, 19 Jun 2021
Jen Kallmier, Umina

A fine example well set

While walking past the Umina Oval around 5 pm last week, my attention was caught by a group of perhaps 20 lads.

They were energetically playing what appeared to be a hybrid game of self-refereed, touch-with a bit of tackle, rugby league.

Some of their plays seemed to be cleverly thought out, practised, fast and skillfully executed.

Also impressive was the inherent discipline in their ready conformity with their own imposed rules or code of practice.

No referee, arguments, histrionics or bad language.

Just stop, hand the ball over and get going again. Although when one fellow's attempted overly flash play was quickly stopped, he was treated to a cheery faced spray of "dickhead". All laughed and the

game quickly moved on.

Apparently, the boys were mainly Year 9 with some from Year 8 from Brisbane Water Secondary College.

(I did not engage further to obtain more information lest some less-than-well-intentioned person might think I had other than good intentions in my interest in the boys' activity).

A big "well done" to the boys. And another to their parents and the school (teachers).

A fine example well set that the likes of Central Coast Council, Parliament of NSW et al would do well to follow: Play by the rules, play nicely, think your moves through and get on with scoring!

SOURCE:
Email, 18 Jun 2021
Ian Weekley, Umina Beach

Aged care staff member takes leave for Pfizer jab

I note your article (Peninsula News, June 15) lamenting the inability of staff at the Blue Wave Living facility to get vaccinated against Covid.

I know of one staff member who wanted to do the correct thing and get the jab, but it was made much more difficult by Blue Wave Living's policy towards their own hardworking staff.

Being under 50, the nearest

place the staff member could get the Pfizer jab at the time was a hospital in far western Sydney.

Their request to take a day's sick leave to travel to get the vaccination was denied and they were told they had to take a day of their annual leave for each shot, which they reluctantly did.

How is that fair?

SOURCE:
Email, 16 Jun 2021
Bryan Smith, Pearl Beach

Education needed in Civics and Citizenship

In the era of Gosford City Council, a Civics and Citizenship program was managed by the Council with assistance from the Department of Education.

The program honoured the outstanding leadership of a local resident.

This contribution to the community has not survived the test of time.

My enquiries to the Council revealed that there is no information available and there is no reference to Civics and Citizenship on its available information sites.

If High School students are to hear opinions from both sides of

this now challenging issue, they should be given the opportunity to hear from those who regularly attend Council meetings and from those who have spoken in the Public Forum.

This is Civics and Citizenship at the highest level never seen on the Central Coast.

It is obvious that this model is not congenial to both Local and State Governments.

How will this education self-interest model be corrected?

Young students should not have to spend time studying tainted education texts with the purpose of excluding all superficial content.

Do classroom lessons contain clandestine political content?

I have not referred this matter to a student or teacher for a comment.

The events pertaining to local government administration are more than adequate to provide a very realistic overview of the decline of Civics and Citizenship in this area.

The State Government has its disastrous failed local government amalgamation record, and the Federal Government has its disastrous climate change non-action record.

Education, if honestly delivered, would strongly denounce both governments.

SOURCE:
Letter, 18 Jun 2021
Norm Harris, Umina

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with Pearl Beach's Arboretum", and the club's membership director Mr Mitchell Gordon "who has helped grow the two year old club".

Rotary International defines a Paul Harris Fellow as a person who has contributed, or in whose name, a contribution of \$US1000 has been made to The Rotary Foundation.

Recognition of a Paul Harris Fellow is treated as an opportunity to show appreciation for a person, either Rotarian or non-Rotarian, who shares the values of the Foundation.

Mr Mote said: "Rotary is needed more now than anytime in its 100-year history."

He said that the club presented cheques to Coast Shelter and the Iris Foundation on the night.

"A good night was had by all."

He urged anyone interested in joining to "drop us a line if you want to know how this young, innovative club can make you a happy member of the Rotary family".

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Jun 2021
Peter Mote, Rotary Brisbane Water

College is zone athletics champion

Brisbane Water Secondary College has been named zone athletics champion for the first time in over 20 years.

"Gosford High School's dominance has been halted due to an amazing performance by the athletes from Brisbane Water," said Woy Woy campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

The college took 19 students from its Woy Woy campus, along with Umina Campus students to represent the college at Zone Athletics at Mingara Athletics Centre on Monday, June 21.

"Fantastic results came out of the day for our college," said Ms Cooper.

Twelve of the Woy Woy students qualified for the Sydney North Athletics championships which will be held Monday and Tuesday, July 19 and 20, at Sydney Olympic Park.

The athletes who will be participating at Sydney North



championships are: Riley Mowbray in triple jump and 400m dash, Aiden Bycroft in 400m dash, Teakayla Davies in 400m dash, Izabella Jamieson in triple jump, Annabelle Rodgers in discus, javelin and shot put, Joel Manton in discus, Oliver Ham in 3000m run and 1500m run,

Luka Szymanski in 100m dash and 200m dash, Keira Howell in 800m run and 1500m run.

Also competing will be the 16s Boys relay team of Joel Manton, Sebastian Lovell, Luka Szymanski and Riley Mowbray, and the 17s Girls relay team of Izabella Jamieson, Amber Mangan, Teakayla Davies and Yuki Rodden.

From Umina campus, 16 athletes have progressed in individual events to Sydney North: Cooper Ausburn, Mali Batten, Mark Callaghan, Grace Dabin, Jacob Falconer, Layla Graham, Zoe Hansen, Alyssa Haremaker, Euan Murray, Isabella Nicolussi, Jack Ralph's, Will Slater, Alannah Sliman, Hannah Stevenson, Oliver Szymanski and Maren Wilson.

In relay events, the 12 girls and boys, 13 girls and boys, 14 girls, 15 girls and boys 4 x 100m relays all made it through to Sydney North.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Jun 2021
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



Dance group performs

The Stage 3 Dance Group Umina Beach Public School has performed at Central Coast Dance Festival.

"They did an amazing job," said relieving principal Mr Chad Tsakissiris.

He said their teachers were very proud of them.

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Jun 2021
Chad Tsakissiris, Umina Beach Public School

Push-ups raise money for Gosford mental health service

Woy Woy South Public School students have completed 68,729 push ups as the WWS Pusherupperers.

The students have raised \$2419 for Headspace mental health service in Gosford.

School principal Mr Matt Barr thanked "those parents and community members who have donated to our team and supported us to raise money for Gosford Headspace".

"There's still time to donate if you can spare a few dollars," he said.

"We recognise that the mental health of our students, teachers, staff and parents is as important as their physical health.

"We're proud to be educating our school community about mental health."

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Jun 2021
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School

Book donations sought for remote communities

Ettalong Public School is hosting a Great Book Swap for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

"We are currently collecting quality children's book donations to help bridge the gap, so that children living in remote communities have the same opportunities as those living in urban Australia," said

school principal Ms Lynn Balfour.

"If you have favourite books at home that are no longer used and are in good condition, please bring them to the school and place them in the Great Book Swap box in the library."

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 June 2021
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School

Local hero

Woy Woy South Public School teacher Mr Mark Young nominated for recognition by The Department of Education.

He has been nominated as a "Local School Hero" for his contribution to the school.

A camera crew came to school last week to take footage.

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

First writers' festival 'hugely successful'

The first national writers' festival to take place on the Peninsula, Words on the Waves, has been described by its organisers as a "hugely successful inaugural event".

The festival was held over the long weekend from June 11 to 14.

It had nearly 20 sold-out sessions, more than 40 inspiring authors, a schools program involving as many as 1200 primary school students, and a bookshop run by local independent bookseller.

"This inaugural event was a roaring success," said organiser Ms Angela Bennetts.

She reported a similar response from participating authors, including Ms Nikki Gemmell saying: "This is the most beautiful literary festival in the world."

Ms Bennetts said: "Despite currently having no federal, state, or council funding, plans are already underway for the 2022 festival as well as regular events throughout the year.

The committee's event manager Ms Benny Agius, pictured, commented in her launch speech: "The Central Coast is a thriving, book-reading literary community



that deserves to have a yearly writers festival.

"We have so many talented authors and illustrators.

"We have so many readers that want to celebrate them, and the words that they write.

"We want to have good discussions about why words matter.

"We want to encourage young people to write and embrace creativity and storytelling.

"We want to challenge ideas and create meaningful conversation.

"We want to celebrate and know more about Aboriginal storytelling – and we should be able to do that in our place, this place."

Among those at the launch were members of the MINGALETTA dance group, who danced for the opening in their first performance of the year.

Workshops run by authors Kirri Saunders, Deb Abela and Oliver Phommavanh were held in the Umina Beach Public School hall for students there, as well as with other schools at Umina Beach Surf Club.

Ms Bennetts said: "The main program kicked off on Saturday June 12 with five sessions and then four sessions on the Sunday, after a rousing opening night event with Richard Fidler alongside David Hunt.

"Themes included place, belonging, identity, equity, and our shared environmental future, with authors as varied as OzHarvest founder Ronni Kahn, student climate activist Daisy Jeffrey, literary writer Emily Maguire, local historian Garry Linnell, and crime novelist Candice Fox.

"Festival patron Margaret Pomeranz hosted an intimate movie screening and conversation alongside lauded film and theatre director Neil Armfield on the Saturday evening.

"On Sunday, June 13, Matt

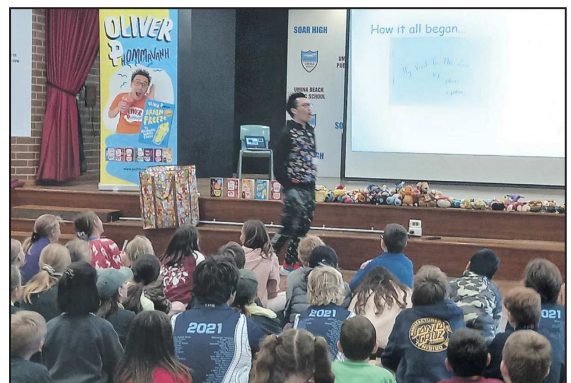


Stanton led a rollicking family fun day, the culmination of a Coast-wide illustration competition for youths.

"The weekend concluded on Monday with a literary cruise through the scenic Brisbane

Waters, led by authors with a tie to the region, historian Grace Karskens and memoirist Vicki Hastrich."

SOURCE:
Media release, 25 Jun 2021
Angela Bennetts, Words on the Waves



Sport



Guard of honour for bowls pennant winners

The Umina Beach Women's Bowls Club held its Grade 4 Pennants flag unfurling on Tuesday, June 22.

"What a great day it was at Club Umina," said men's club secretary Mr Peter Springett who attended the event.

The day featured a guard of

honour and playing "We are the Champions", as well as the flag unfurling itself.

Mr Springett said the day included "marching champions and dignitaries, flag unfurling, sunshine, good bowls, great company, doilies, table cloths, pots of tea, very nice lunch, celebration cake

and after dinner mints, speeches, singing Advance Australia Fair and gifts....sensational".

The runners-up, the Gwando Crabs, were among those who attended.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Jun 2021
Peter Springett, UBMBC

Woy Woy referee named NSW young official of the year

Woy Woy touch football referee Mason Colwell has been named a NSW Community Sports Awards winner.

The 20-year-old was named Young Official of the Year.

The Awards night, conducted at Bankwest Stadium by Sport NSW, recognised outstanding achievements and contributions to community sport in NSW over the past year largely carried out by a volunteer workforce.

He was honoured at the ceremony hosted by NSW Minister for Sport Ms Natalie Ward.

Mason Colwell was recognised for his outstanding achievements and contributions to touch football.

Mr Colwell was a regular referee at four different touch competitions: Peninsula Senior Touch, Peninsula Junior Touch, Central Coast Touch and Berkeley Vale Touch.

He also supported inter-school touch competitions at Loreto Normanhurst and Barker



College plus various gala days and combined high school competitions.

In March this year, Mason Colwell was upgraded to a Level 6 Referee, the highest referee accreditation possible.

This now allows him to be

selected for international touch tournaments, such as Trans-Tasman and World Cups.

He was named as part of the referee team for the State of Origin Touch Tournament (NSW v Queensland) held this month.

This places him in the top 50 referees in Australia.

Sport NSW chairperson Ms Carolyn Campbell congratulated Mr Colwell on his "wonderful commitment to sport" in NSW.

"Sport has the magnetic capacity to draw people together from different cultures and backgrounds within local communities to enjoy active, healthy lifestyles," said Ms Campbell.

"At the heart of community sport has been more than 500,000 selfless volunteers who give up their precious time to ensure sports is played throughout the year."

SOURCE:
Media release, x
Greg Campbell, Prism
Strategic Communications

Bicycle group continues with Tour de Central Coast

Central Coast Bicycle User Group will continue with its Tour de Central Coast series of rides throughout the coronavirus lockdown.

"Officially we are able to exercise outdoors in groups of up to 10 while maintaining social distance rules, and wearing masks when indoors," said group president Mr Alan Corven.

"But please decide for yourselves whether joining group rides is the right decision for you," he said.

The group will hold the Woy Woy to Gosford leg of the Cruise

level of its tour at 8am on Sunday, July 4, starting from Fishermen's Wharf, Woy Woy.

"This is a slow-paced ride along the beautiful coastal cycleway, with great views of Brisbane Waters.

"We ride over Spike Milligan Bridge and through several parks along the way.

"This ride starts at the Fishermen's Wharf, just a few minutes ride from Woy Woy train station and ends back in Woy Woy.

"Opt-out is possible at Gosford waterfront, about one kilometre to Gosford station, for a shorter ride.

"The ride may also be run in reverse (Gosford to Woy Woy

boomerang), starting on the shared path beside Gosford Pool," Mr Corven said.

The ride distance is 25 kilometres with an altitude gain of 120 metres. It is estimated to take two hours and is suitable for "any type of bicycle" and children older than 10 years.

Tickets are available at bicyclensw.buncheur.com/central-coast-bug-ccbug-tdcc-woy-woy-to-gosford.

For further information, call Mr Corven on 0414 538 977.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Jun 2021
Alan Corven, CCBUG

Lions suffer narrow defeat to Razorbacks

The Woy Woy Lions suffered a narrow defeat in Round 10 of Central Coast Rugby Union on Saturday, June 19.

The Razorbacks recorded a 29 points to 22 victory over Woy Woy at Ourimbah Rugby Park in what was another tight tussle, according to Rugby Union president Mr Larry Thomson.

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

"This clash was very tight throughout.

"The Razorbacks went to the early lead and led by 10 points to five midway through the first half.

"Woy Woy came right back onto the scene with two late tries in the first half and went to the halftime break leading by 17 points to 10.

"The match was being played in cold conditions but the rugby was certainly keeping the spectators on the edge of anticipation.

"It was the Razorbacks who took control on the scoreboard early in the second half and it was not long before they had taken the lead in

the match and they had raced to a handy 29 points to 17 lead.

"Woy Woy were not to be outdone and a late try to them saw a close race to the finish.

"However, it was the Razorbacks who were able to hang on for the important victory.

"The win sees them remain in second spot on the competition ladder."

Best players for Woy Woy were flanker Jaz Doak-Stride, halfback Zac Doak-Stride, winger Miteli Tamani and No.8 Phil Shaw.

Tries were scored by Jazper Doak-Stride, Unaloto Tupou, Josh Haskins and Scott Ofahengae and one conversion to Ratu Nagwaru.

Woy Woy remains second last on the points table with 14 points ahead of Warnervale 4

In Premier 2 competition, the Razorbacks 54 held Woy Woy to nil.

In women's competition, Gosford-Woy Woy 29 defeated the Razorbacks 12.

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 Jun 2021
Larry Thomson, CCRU



Umina Fours champions

Umina Beach Bowling Club 2021 Fours Championship was played on Saturday, June 19.

The game was played in "atrocious, cold, wet, windy and gusty conditions", according to club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

The winning side was Lee

Cribbs, Phil Poulton, Tony Potter and Gary Arnold.

It defeated Jim Phillips, Michael O'Sullivan, Ken Harrison and Tom Burgmann 17 - 14.

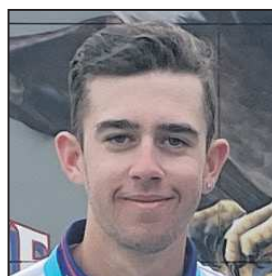
SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jun 2021
Peter Springett, UBMBC
Photo: Jim Phillips

Meti pipped in national titles

Etalung bowler Bailey Meti was pipped at the post in Australian Open Boys Under-18 Singles Championship played on the Gold Coast on Friday, June 25.

Bailey won his knockout rounds of the championship to play in the final, said Bowls Central Coast publicity officer Mr Peter Springett.

He was ultimately defeated by Coffs Harbour's Joseph Clarke in a 27-end marathon with a score of 21-15, even holding three shots before the final winning bowl by Clarke.



SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Jun 2021
Peter Springett, Bowls
Central Coast