



Dance performances scheduled

Ettalong Public School has scheduled a number of dance performances for the rest of the year, following the cancellation of the Central Coast Dance Festival last Wednesday.

The dance troupe is pictured at their dress rehearsal for the festival.

The dance troupe and their teachers were "devastated" when the festival was cancelled, according to school principal Ms Lynn Balfour.

"A number of performances are scheduled for the rest of this year, so there will be other opportunities to see the girls perform," she said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Jun 2021
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School

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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 68 articles, of which we were able to fit 35 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.

As you see, this is produced with the same layout as the print edition, but is in PDF form only, published on the Thursday following the print edition.

As advertising support allows, these pages will be included in the print edition.

We expect Peninsula News

EXTRA will normally have eight pages.

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

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SOURCE:
Mark Snell, editor
19 Apr 2021

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Playground demolition on hold: Not our finest hour - Hart

Central Coast Council has put the planned demolition of the Pelican Park playground, Woy Woy on hold, "to enable further consultation and engagement with the broader community".

Administrator Mr Rik Hart told a resident speaking at the Council's public forum ahead of Tuesday's council meeting: "I don't think it was our finest hour".

In an unattributed media release issued on the day of the council meeting, Council general manager Mr David Farmer said: "Council's plans to remove the existing play equipment followed an audit on playspaces that was conducted by an independent assessor.

"The audit identified that a number of components in the park did not meet current Australian standards and that the play equipment had passed its useful life.

"The key concerns relate to the tree roots from the taxodium tree

located adjacent to the playspace that are currently impacting the existing playspace.

"The taxodium tree's roots grow in an upward direction which impacts the playspace's softfall level of cushioning and are creating potential hazards.

"The tree roots also hinder new work from being undertaken without impacting the tree's health and would also require a high level of financial investment to mitigate the issues."

Mr Farmer said the playground was safe to use in the short term and would remain open.

"Council is listening to the community and acknowledges the community's concerns and questions around the playspace and other projects as part of Woy Woy's masterplan, which will be addressed as part of upcoming engagement to consult with the broader community."

Mr Farmer said details of the timing for the consultation would be released soon and

"all opportunities for community participation in engagement activities will be promoted".

He said the "Let's Talk Woy Woy" project had received more than 422 formal submissions from 294 stakeholders, with more than 100 community members attending its drop-in information sessions.

"This valuable feedback informed Council on a range of highly-anticipated projects including the development of the new Woy Woy Wharf, road and infrastructure improvements, place activation projects, and a Woy Woy Town Centre Strategy.

"Two years on from its major community consultation project, Central Coast Council has completed a range of major works, upgrades and improvements throughout the Woy Woy town centre, with more projects currently underway."

SOURCE:
Media release, 29 Jun 2021
David Farmer, Central Coast Council

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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.

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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.

The following descriptions are used:

Media Release - unsolicited contributions.

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

Insulation is being installed

The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association is having insulation installed in its hall.

"Our insulation and soundproofing is coming ahead," said branch president Ms Rikki McIntosh.

"We appreciate the fact that installation is being worked around the use of the hall.

"Soon we will be able to hear each other easily."

SOURCE:
 Social media, 15 Jun 2021
 Rikki McIntosh, CWA Umina Beach



Aged care volunteers receive recognition

A Umina aged care home has thanked its volunteers with a two-course meal and the presentation of service awards.

"We recently held a beautiful thank you lunch for our amazing volunteers to recognise their invaluable contribution to Peninsula Villages," said chief executive Mr Shane Neaves.

Members of the board, incoming

chief executive Mr Fred Van Steel and executive team members were present at the lunch held at Ettalong Diggers.

"Our volunteers enjoyed a two-course meal, speeches and a presentation of their service awards.

"It was a lovely day."

SOURCE:
 Social media, 22 Jun 2021
 Shane Neaves, Peninsula Villages

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.

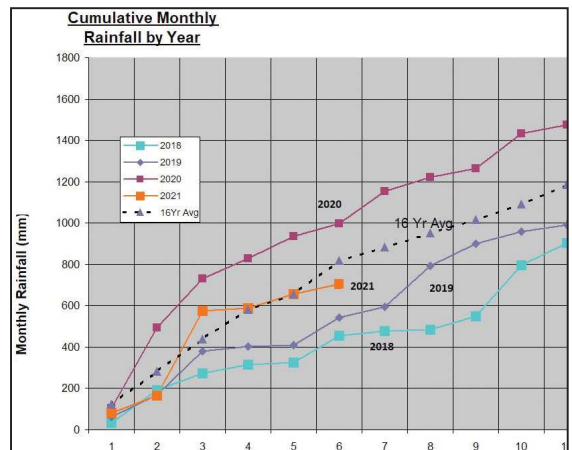
Rainfall has totalled 47.6mm for the month as at Friday, June 26, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

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



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Council capital works budget adjusts Peninsula projects

Central Coast Council has adjusted the budget for capital works projects on the Peninsula in adopting the draft Operational Plan at the June 29 council meeting.

Staff reported that "the capital works program was reviewed taking into consideration submissions received during public exhibition, consideration of projects continuing from 2020-21 and confirmation of grant funding".

This has resulted in an increase to the total capital budget by \$1.5 million.

Among the changes to Peninsula projects was the

Peninsula Leisure Centre heating ventilation and air-conditioning replacement, which was increased from \$3.2 million to \$3.854 million, due to the "project continuing from 2020-21".

The building renewal of the Rogers Park sports ground amenities building at Woy Woy was increased from \$1.050 million to \$1.33, also due to the "project continuing from 2020-21".

The Woy Woy Bay wharf replacement was \$395,000 to \$480,000, due to a "change in scope or cost estimates".

The Woy Woy wharf upgrade, which was to be allocated nothing, was allocated \$100,000, due to the

"project continuing from 2020-21".

The Ocean Beach-Rawson Rd intersection upgrade was reduced from \$1 million to \$940,000 "to match the Central Coast Roads Package Funding Agreement".

The allocation to Sydney Ave access road upgrade and car park was reduced from \$720,000 to \$595,000, due to a "change in scope or cost estimates".

The Everglades catchment drainage upgrade was allocated \$900,000, due to the "project continuing from 2020-21".

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council agenda 2.1, 29 Jun 2021



Pre-schoolers learn about nature

The Grow Urban Shade Trees group has welcomed the use by pre-schoolers of the recently-opened Guyangil Park in Australia Ave, Umina.

"It's so delightful to see the preschoolers learning all about nature and the beauty of plants and trees at Guyangil Park," said group member Ms Debbie Sunartha.

"Today I was lucky to have time to chat to the youngsters to find out what they think of the park."

"They love the paper daisies, the smell of acacia, and know that birds, butterflies and bees can visit here."

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Jun 2021
Debbie Sunartha, GUST

Central Coast Greens circulate demerger petitions

The Central Coast Greens have launched petitions to recreate the Gosford and Woyong Shires.

Media officer Ms Chantelle Baistow said the petition was politically neutral.

The wording for the petition stated that "the undersigned hereby propose the constitution of the new Local Government Area of Gosford City, whereby this new area is to have the same boundaries as the former Gosford City Council immediately prior to 12 May 2016".

The petition is addressed as "A proposal to the Minister for Local Government, New South Wales, to create the new Local Government Area (Council) of Gosford City in accordance with the provisions under Section 215 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993".

Residents were being asked to download the petition template, print out the page, and return it for collection when completed.

Ms Baistow said the Greens were inviting the community "to rethink the Council's

amalgamation, consider the petition, and take ownership over collecting signatures".

"A sustained community effort will be needed to make this happen."

"The success of the proposal collection will depend on the level of enthusiasm in the community and the volunteers involved."

Ms Baistow said: "The Central Coast Greens have expressed ongoing concern about the lack of consultation with the community before the amalgamation of Woyong and Gosford Councils."

"There was a poorly subscribed survey in the lead-up to the 2016 amalgamation, and, as we know, many submissions to the pre-amalgamation Inquiry were ignored."

She said that, for a demerger to proceed: "At least 25,000 signatures from residents enrolled to vote will be required in total across the two new Council areas of Woyong and Gosford."

"We envisage that it will take up to six months to collect such a large number of signatures."

"Once sufficient signatures

have been collected, the proposals will be presented to the Local Government Minister."

"The minister must then decide on the creation of a Boundaries Commission Inquiry into the potential demerger of Central Coast Council."

"The Boundaries Commission Inquiry will then take submissions and hold public hearings."

"Finally, the Minister must consider the findings and recommendations contained in the Commission's final report before reaching a decision."

The proposal templates and signature pages are available at <https://bit.ly/35JHIFe>.

Ms Baistow said: "We guarantee that any information provided by the signatories (name and address) will be held in confidence and only be used to submit the de-amalgamation proposals."

For further information, email secretary@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

SOURCE:
Media release, 23 Jun 21
Chantelle Baistow, Central Coast Greens

Council staff defend four-year intersection upgrade

Central Coast Council staff have defended its plan to upgrade the intersection of Rawson Rd with Ocean Beach Rd over four years.

A submission was received for the Council's operational plan requesting the project "be fast tracked rather than over four years".

Council staff recommended "no change to the draft plan".

"This intersection upgrade project has been staged over four years."

"This entire project timeframe

comprises of initial works, property acquisitions, utility relocation approvals as well as the physical construction works.

"It is anticipated that physical construction works will be carried out over 18 to 24 months."

"Council is aware of the traffic volumes that pass through this intersection and endeavours to carry out the works in a staged manner to minimise the disruption to motorists," the staff report commented.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council agenda 2.1, 29 Jun 2021



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Beachfront rezoning would allow 'step-down transition'

Rezoning of beachfront land at 43-49 The Esplanade, between Memorial Ave and Picnic Parade, would bring the planning provisions into line with the approval for the "five and seven storey residential-commercial" Atlantis development at number 49.

It would "allow for appropriate building setbacks, building separation, and a stepped-down transition to the low-density residential development to the east", according to a report by council planners.

Central Coast Council decided to proceed with the rezoning at its meeting on Tuesday evening.

In a planning proposal assessment, council planners reported the strip also contained "an older style two-storey Ettalong Beach Motel on number 46, an existing single storey residence on no. 43, while no. 44 and 45 are currently undeveloped".

"There is a pedestrian laneway between 46 and 49 The Esplanade connecting The Esplanade with Ocean View Rd.

"The planning proposal seeks to increase the permitted maximum building height from 11.5 metres (approximately three storeys) to 17 metres (approximately five storeys), and the permitted maximum floor space ratio from 1:1 to 2:1 to enable improved lot consolidation and development outcome.

"Details of the envisaged development scheme, indicate a single development on six parcels, No 43-46 The Esplanade, comprising of one level of basement parking, a ground floor of predominantly commercial areas, and four storeys of residential units in two small towers.

"Under proposed development controls, the development could achieve five storeys in height involving up to 38 residential units and commercial floor space of 1100 square metres.

"Vehicle access to a single level basement of 66 car spaces is provided at the rear access lane and includes an at-grade loading bay with a separate access.

"The planning controls in this waterfront location are intended to limit overshadowing of the beach and public open space, allow for view sharing to the water from other B2 Local Centre zoned land, and provide a transition to the lower density residential land to the east.

The council planners stated: "Following initial staff comments, a set of revised concept plans accompanied by the design quality statement, prepared by a registered architect, was submitted."

The design statement was not contained in the council agenda documents.

However, the council report said that design statement outlined how the proposal satisfied design quality principles and was considered by council staff to

be generally consistent with the objectives.

"The concept plans indicate a floor space ratio of 1.74:1, not 2:1 as requested in the planning proposal.

"The density of 1.74:1 appears to allow for appropriate building setbacks, building separation, and a stepped-down transition to the low-density residential development to the east.

"Based on this, an increase in the maximum to 1.75:1 can be supported.

"The concept plans indicate a shortfall in the provision of carparking for the commercial floorspace.

"The carparking contributions plan is oversubscribed and is currently not accepting contributions in lieu of carparking.

"As such the required carparking spaces will need to be accommodated on the subject site."

The report said that 49 The Esplanade formed part of the planning proposal but was not included in the concept plans of the envisaged development.

"The planning controls for this lot will also be reviewed as the current controls do not reflect the existing approved development.

The applicant was listed as Parform Pty Ltd, described as owner of the Ettalong Motel on lots 117, 118, 119 at number 46 The Esplanade.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council
agenda 2.6, 29 Jun 2021



Construction certificate delay for men's shed

An application for a construction certificate for the new Umina Beach Men's Shed appears not to have been determined three months after it was lodged.

The new facilities at 90 Osborne Ave, Umina Beach, include reception, carpark and storage, with an estimated total cost of \$170,000.

Lodged on April 7, the site assessment was completed on April 14, but the council's planning portal does not show that it has been "determined".

It is understood that negotiations are continuing to allow work to proceed on the council-owned land.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 29 Jun 2021
DA57593, Central Coast Council

No character review before next year

A review of planning "character statements" applying to the Peninsula is not likely to occur before the end of the year, according to staff notes in an attachment to this week's Central Coast Council agenda.

Character statements are used to assess whether a proposed development "is compatible with the desired future character of the zone" as required by the planning provisions.

The staff comment was in response to a public submission for the Draft Operational Plan about the development of local character statements.

The staff member claimed: "The value that the community place on the character of their area and the role it plays in the creation of neighbourhoods and the identity of places is fully recognised by Council."

The comment stated that character statements had not been prepared for former Wyong Shire area and that would start this year.

"Once these have been completed", the "former Gosford" character statements would be reviewed "to update them and bring them into line with the new State Government legislation and requirements".

"It is considered that community participation is essential to ensure that character is planned for and consistent with the community's view of the desired future character of their area.

"The community is encouraged to be involved in the preparation of the local character statements and to tell us what they see as important to the character of individual areas throughout the Central Coast.

"A comprehensive community consultation plan will be prepared as part of the process and interest and community groups will be invited to participate," the staff notes said.

The notes said: "The NSW Government is amending planning controls across NSW to allow for better consideration of local character within the strategic planning and detailed planning for our areas.

"Councils are being encouraged to prepare Local Character Statements to further support this process.

"Information about this can be found at <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Local-Character>."

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council
agenda 2.1, 29 Jun 2021

Heart disease and dementia leading cause 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 deaths data covering a period from 2015 to 2019 for the two "level two" statistical areas which cover the Peninsula, at the request of Peninsula News.

Normally, the data is only available for the level three area which is the whole of the former Gosford local government area.

"Deaths data are a vital measure of a population's health, and provides information on patterns of diseases that cause death, by population groups and over time," the Institute stated in releasing the data.

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).

This compared to a split nationally of 52.2 per cent male

and 47.8 per cent female for the same year.

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).

The five leading causes accounted for more than 40 per cent of all registered Peninsula deaths (35.7 per cent nationally).

For the years 2015 to 2019, the leading cause of death on the Peninsula was ischaemic heart disease, 286 deaths (12 per cent) of a total of 2344 for the five-year period.

Dementia was the second leading cause of death with 199 deaths (8.5 per cent).

Cerebrovascular disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and lung cancer were the next leading causes.

Influenza and pneumonia was the 10th leading cause.

Leading causes differed substantially by gender, with the leading cause of male death being

coronary heart disease (13.6 per cent) and the leading cause of female death being dementia (11.0) per cent.

Coronary heart disease was the second leading cause for women at 10.8 per cent, while dementia was only the fourth leading cause for men at 6.1 per cent.

Nationally, dementia was the second leading cause of death for men in 2019.

The second and third leading causes for men were cerebrovascular disease and COPD, with the fifth leading cause being lung cancer.

For women on the Peninsula, the same diseases were third, fourth and fifth leading causes on the Peninsula.

Prostate cancer was sixth on the list for men (4.0 per cent) and breast cancer was eighth on the list for women (2.5 per cent).

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

Budget ‘huge disappointment’ - Tesch

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has described the State Budget a “huge disappointment” after it contained no new funding for local schools, roads, hospitals or health in this year’s State Budget.

“We need a budget that invests in West St in Umina not George St in Sydney,” she said.

“I will continue to fight for investment in our community.

“It’s definitely time for Gladys to finally give us our fair share in roads funding.”

Ms Tesch said Ms Berejikian had re-announced promises she had already made in the last few budgets like the Manns Rd

upgrade.

“Gladys Berejikian revealed that there was not a single cent to fix our ailing schools, crumbling roads or over-stretched local health system” said Ms Tesch.

“Nurses at Gosford Hospital are struggling to keep up with the increase in demand with fewer staff.

“Our nurses are over-stretched and our patients are suffering because of it.

“Gladys didn’t offer anything more to staff our hospitals properly.

“Our local schools need serious fixes and upgrades.

“So many teachers and parents come to me and tell me that our schools are in dire need of repair and resourcing.

“Gladys offers nothing for those parents and teachers.

“When it comes to roads, this Budget promises \$6.6 million in planning money for a road upgrade they’ve been promising for years.

“This is like rewrapping a gift card you got for Christmas and giving it to you again for your birthday.”

Ms Tesch said Ms Berejikian had left first-responders like paramedics short-changed and completely undervalued.

“Dominic Perrotet announced that they would offer a 2.5 per cent pay rise.

“This represents a 0.3 per cent pay rise after inflation which is currently projected to be 2.2 per cent annually.

“NSW paramedics are the lowest paid in Australia.”

Ms Tesch said: “Gladys Berejikian is always quick to stand up at a press conference and say our first responders should be saluted for their brave response to the pandemic but when she gets a chance to pay them properly she is nowhere to be seen.

“It is time Gladys Berejikian put her money where her mouth is and pay our brave first responders for the sacrifice and service they have shown our community.”

SOURCE:
Media release, 22 Jun 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Dunecare teams gather buckets of weeds

The work of the Umina Community Group’s dunecare teams has continued over the past fortnight.

“It was a spectacular and productive morning on the dunes with several buckets filled with weeds,” said dunecare member Ms Alison Winch.

The program in Umina runs every Wednesday morning 9am-11am along the beach.

Meeting points are at Ocean Beach Road on the first Wednesday of the month, at Berith St (second Wednesday), at South St (third and fourth Wednesdays)

For more details, email contacts@UminaCommunityGroup.

“If you would like to join our dunecare program please send us a message.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Jun 2021
Umina Community Group

Weekend planned at Canowindra

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy is planning a “social weekend away” at Canowindra from Saturday, September 11, to Monday, September 13.

“We are heading out to the Central West town of Canowindra, and returning home via Orange,” said club president Ms Joan Redmond.

“We are hoping to do some

fossil digging of our own this time, maybe see some sheep shearing, have a great time with our fellow club members and of course a stop at the fabulous Canobolas Chocolate shop in Orange.”

The group would drive to the top of Mount Canobolas while there.

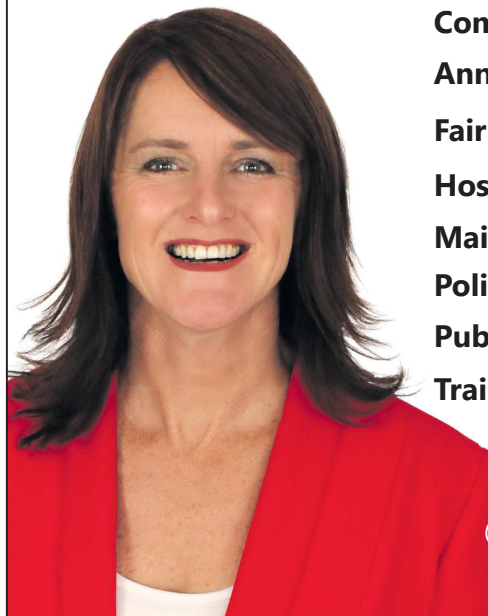
SOURCE:
Newsletter, 22 Jun 2021
Joan Redmond, Rotary Woy Woy



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Member for Gosford

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Outgoing club president gives final report

Woy Woy Rotary club's president for the past year, Ms Joan Redmond, has given her final report as president to the club on handing-over to incoming president Ms Julie Jones.

"We were fortunate to have an in-person Changeover event," said Ms Redmond.

"The last Rotary year began with a Zoom Changeover followed by the lockdown being lifted, but has sadly ended with us having to mask-up again.

"There's no disputing it was a challenging year, but our club continued to do the best we could to serve the community and help to advance the lives of others, near and far.

"By year's end, we had achieved

more than I thought possible, and I thank those who supported me in my efforts to take a fresh look at who we are and what we do.

"Full details of the year's achievements will appear in the annual report available in the next few weeks."

Club treasurer Mr Wayne Jennings and Ms Debra Reynolds from Mary Macs were awarded Paul Harris Fellowships.

Honorary memberships were bestowed on Mr Barry Freeman and Mr Vic Brown.

Ms Redmond said the induction of the new president was an all-female event with club member Marie Armstrong acting as MC, and district assistant governor Ms Christine Owen joining them at the "top table".

The club appointed its board for

the coming year.

Pictured, from left, are vice-president and vocational service director Mr Don Tee, secretary Ms Sue Tee, Rotary Foundation director Marie Armstrong, community service director Ms Kaye Walker, president Julie Jones, club service and administrator Ms Jan Steele, and treasurer Mr Wayne Jennings.

"With another lockdown looming, I am so thankful we could have an in-person event when larger events such as district changeover have been cancelled.

"It has been an honour to lead the Rotary Club of Woy Woy this past year."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 29 Jun 2021
Joan Redmond, Rotary Woy Woy

Council rationale for land sales explained

Central Coast Council staff have explained their rationale for some of the proposed sales of Council land on the Peninsula.

The explanation came in response to submissions about the Council's Operational plan, to support the recommended adoption of the plan on Tuesday night, June 29.

The response was made to "questions and commentary" in six submissions about Umina car park, and Anglers Land and Austin Butler Oval in Woy Woy.

Staff recommended no change to the draft operational plan on these proposed sales.

They commented: "The site on Anglers Lane has been considered as the land would achieve increased use as residential housing sites.

"It is proposed to rezone this land to R2 Low Density Residential similarly to adjoining land.

"It should be noted that there is alternate open space within close proximity.

"This land will need to go through a rezoning process and lodge a planning proposal to reclassify certain parcels of land.

"The process for a planning proposal will take approximately 12-18 months to complete.

"As part of the process, Council will be required to undertake formal public consultation.

"For the reclassification process, Council is also required to undertake a public hearing which will be convened by an independent facilitator.

"The outcomes of the public hearing will be required to be reported back to Council. "Ultimately, the NSW Department of Planning, Industry, and Environment will decide the outcome of any planning proposal submitted by Council."

In relation to the Austin Butler Oval, council staff commented: "The site has been considered as it would provide better economic use of the land and ensure the ongoing viability of Peninsula Plaza.

"This upgrade to the plaza would also ensure the long-term security of the existing 95 jobs and allow for

an expansion to approximately 120 jobs."

Feedback received on the Asset Sale Program will be reviewed and a report based on this feedback along with recommendations on next steps will be reported to Council.

To date, Council has met with many community groups to understand their concerns and to work with them on solutions to issues that have been raised. This consultation process has already provided many positive outcomes for Council and the community.

The staff report commented about inclusion in the sale list of the Bullion St car park in Umina.

"It has been considered as the land is under-utilised as only carparking."

The council staff commented that it had "potential for improved economic use as a commercial development site which could activate the area".

They said that property being considered for sale was assessed against Council's Community Strategic Plan, strategic planning issues as well as whether the property could be better utilised or its potential better realised by the private sector.

"Some of the asset sales are also expected to provide additional benefits for our region and the community, such as local jobs and a boost to the economy, due to the planned land use and zoning.

"Due diligence and a sound strategic approach has been undertaken in the asset sale program to ensure the best short and longer term outcomes are achieved for Council, the region and the community," the council staff claimed.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council
agenda 2.1, 29 Jun 2021

Book fair raises \$2000 for PCYC

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has raised \$2018 for the Umina PCYC through its book fair held at the PCYC on Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13.

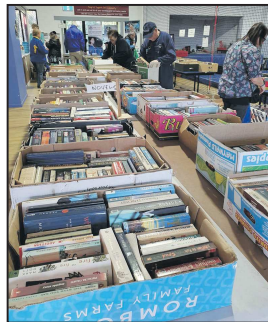
"The PCYC is delighted with the funds raised and thank us for our support in running the event," said club president Ms Joan Redmond.

She said that "lots of happy customers ... spent a sunny but chilly winters day, finding a book or two by their favourite author".

"While attendance and proceeds were down on previous years, the results were pleasing considering that this year's long weekend was choc-full of new event offerings on the Peninsula."

Ms Redmond gave special mention to member Mr Vic Brown for giving up precious weekend hours to organise the book fair to help our local youth.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Jun 2021
Newsletter, 22 Jun 2021
Joan Redmond, Rotary Woy Woy



Store donates \$1000 to Rotary club

A Woy Woy store has donated \$1000 to the Rotary Club of Brisbane Water.

Woy Woy Antiques store manager Mr Mitchell Gordon said the money was presented to the club on Thursday, June 3, with president Mr Peter Mote accepting the cheque on behalf of the club.

Mr Gore said the business was established to support charities affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

SOURCE:
Media release, 23 Jun 2021
Mitchell Gordon, Woy Woy Antiques

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

Car Boot Sale
Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club
Jul 25
7am to 1pm
Great variety of stalls ~
BBQ, Tea & Coffee.
Vendors Welcome ~ \$20 per car
Now at Dunban Road Car Park
NB stall sites not open until 6.00am
Cnr. Ocean Beach Road Woy Woy
Always Last Sunday
(no events in April or December)
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Happy Tappers
Dance classes for people with special needs
Every Saturday
At 8:30am-9:45am. Cost \$5.
Tap dancing, jazz, hip hop
East Gosford Progress Hall
Cnr Henry Parry Dr & Wells St
Teachers
Madeline Stephenson
0438 033 039
Emma Kate De Henau 0417 686 665 or
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Gosford electorate gets 15 scholarships

Department of Communities and Justice Scholarship has granted 15 \$1000 scholarships to students in the Gosford electorate who live in social housing or out-of-home care

"The scholarships can be used for education expenses like textbooks, IT equipment and internet access," said Central Coast Parliamentary Secretary Mr Adam Crouch.

"I know that this will help to lift the load for students in their final years of high school or early years

of tertiary education.

"Funding these scholarships is not just a cost – it is an investment in the future of young people growing up in social housing or who are in out-of-home care on the Central Coast.

"The NSW Government is working hard to improve school completion rates, boost vocational and tertiary qualifications and enhance work readiness, so that young people can break the cycle of disadvantage."

SOURCE:
Media release, 3 Jun 2021
Adam Crouch, Central Coast
Parliamentary Secretary



Graduation day for PCYC program

The PCYC at Umina Beach held its graduation day for its Fit to Learn program on Tuesday, June 22.

As part of the day, each participant got presented with a certificate, a gift bag, and these great new jumpers.

The participants and staff are

pictured following their celebratory lunch.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Jun 2021
PCYC Umina Beach



Together for a musical workshop

Student musicians from the Brisbane Water Secondary College stage band, Year 9 elective music and Creative and Performing Arts music streams have taken part in a workshop together.

The students were given some

tips by the Hot Potato Band, about a piece of music they had spent the term working through.

As well as musical tips, they also incorporated some movement.

They were also treated to a mini concert at the end.

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Jun 2021
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina



Former student helps with school landscaping

A man who was a kindergarten student at Ettalong Public School 35 years ago has helped with some landscaping at the school.

The former pupil, Mr Dan Fowler, from Fowler and Sons Excavations Pty Ltd, helped install some sandstone blocks from Gosford Quarries in the K-2 playground.

The blocks will be "part of our

yarning circle redevelopment and creation of our environmental corridors", said school principal Ms Lynn Balfour.

Mr Fowler is shown in the school photo of Kindergarten White in 1986.

"We value our continued partnership with our community."

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Jun 2021
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong
Public School



Pyjama day for Coast Shelter

The Student Representative Council at Ettalong Public School has run a pyjama day fundraiser for Coast Shelter.

"We raised \$564.35, which is enough to provide meals for 200 people at Coast Shelter," said school principal Ms Lynn Balfour.

It would also provide four food

hampers for families in need.

Students wore their pyjamas to school to raise money on the day.

The parents association donated an extra \$100 from the sale of hot chocolates.

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Jun 2021
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong
Public School

Arguing for screen time

Ettalong Public School debating team were set the task of arguing against "parents should only let their kids have screen time on two days a week".

The team lost "by a small margin" in the debate against Umina Beach Public School.

Each student in the team had shown improvement, according to Ettalong principal Ms Lynn Balfour.

"We look forward to upcoming debates in week four next term."

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Jun 2021
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong
Public School



Kinder White - Mrs. F. Godbold.

Sport

New committee for Southern Spirit

Southern Spirit Cricket Club has elected a new committee for the coming season.

President Mr Anthony Clarke said the club appreciated members volunteering their time for our club.

He thanked outgoing committee members Bill Gregg, Mitch Bursle, Jeff Morse and David Ford.

"We appreciate their time and many contributions given to the cricket club."

Those elected were president Anthony Clarke, senior vice-president Jamie O'Donnell, junior vice-president Bec Tomlinson, treasurer Sean Dickson, club captain Jamie Doran, child safety officer John Jewiss, canteen

manager Jamie O'Donnell, social media manager Chris Jones,

Mr Clarke said: "We still need more volunteers for our unfilled roles.

"Please jump on board to help grow our club."

Available roles include secretary, senior and junior directors of cricket, women's cricket coordinator, a junior cricket manager and a social events coordinator.

Anyone interested should contact southern.spirit@yahoo.com.au for further details.

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Jun 2021
Anthony Clarke, Southern Spirit Cricket Club



Little aths committee seeks to fill vacancies

The Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics committee has vacancies for a secretary and officers for track and field coordination, for uniforms and for sponsorship.

The little athletics association elected a new committee for the 2021-22 season, but these positions remain vacant.

President Ms Christine Murphy thanked the parents and former Little Athletes "who have stepped up to keep our club organised for another year".

"We are still short for a few key positions," she said.

"If you have an hour or two to spare a month to help with admin or could give us a hand on Friday nights at the oval, you would be very welcome to fill one of the casual committee vacancies still on offer."

Three people were appointed to share the vice-president position: Kylie Brown, Fiona Wadeson and Lisa Holt

Others appointed were treasurer Sylvia Turnbull and registrar Chantelle Sives.

Officer positions filled were records and rankings by Natalie Ham, championships Rochelle Martin, PR and Publicity Christine Murphy, trophies and encouragement Deborah Van Breugal, coaching and education Elana Withnall, technical and equipment Tom Szymanski, First Aid - Fiona Wadeson and member protection Kylie Brown.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Jun 2021
Christine Murphy, Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics

No rise in bowling club fees despite Covid impact

The committee of Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club has decided to keep the annual membership and locker fees the same as last year, despite the impact of the coronavirus.

Green fees normally cover the cost of reducing membership fees from \$90 to \$50, according to club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

However, over the past year due to the pandemic, income from green fees has not been great enough to meet this cost.

"Despite this, the committee has agreed to keep the membership and locker fees the same as last year," said Mr Springett.

"There will be no increase in fees this year."

The membership fee is \$50 and the locker fee \$3.

"The membership fee includes the required affiliation fees to Bowls NSW and to Zone 15 Bowls Central Coast, which the club will still subsidise," said Mr Springett.

He said the fees should be paid by Wednesday, June 30.

"Otherwise, you will become un-financial and not be eligible to play in the remaining club championships or take part in upcoming club events, such as President's Day and Presentation Day.

"We have the cheapest membership and locker fees on the Central Coast," Mr Springett said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jun 2021
Peter Springett, UBMBC

Peninsula netball teams 'put Woy Woy on the map'

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association teams "put Woy Woy on the map" at the Senior State Titles held over the June long weekend, according to association president Ms Sharon Bailey.

"All teams put in, in every game, putting on a show for the spectators," she said.

"Our Opens team definitely put

Woy Woy on the map, coming in an impressive fourth place in the Championship division.

"Despite ongoing injuries throughout the season, our 17s really rallied and came together as a team to come in 12th place in division two.

"The sideline support of this team was second to none.

"The 15s also overcame ongoing injuries to compete and

came in 10th place in division three.

"These girls showed tremendous spirit over the weekend."

Ms Bailey thanked "all of our wonderful supporters".

"Your encouragement was very much appreciated."

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Jun 2021
Sharon Bailey, WWPNA

Caleb was player of the match



Caleb McLeod was won a Player of the Match award.

He was playing for Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club in round seven of competition on Saturday, June 26.

His under-12/1 team had a 34-0 win over Kincumber.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Jun 2021
Woy Woy JRLFC
Photo: S Young

Three teams in NSW futsal

Three under-16s Futsal teams from Brisbane Water Secondary College played in the NSW Futsal School Championships on Friday, June 25.

The Boys' A team came first in their pool, but lost to the Central Coast Sports College in a nail biter, ending 1-0.

The Boys' B team won their first two games, but went down to Narrabeen Sports High School and the Central Coast Sports College.

The girls' team did not make it to the semi finals.

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Jun 2021
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy