



Large range of tea cosies displayed

Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club held its "best ever" Tea Cosy Expo at the Umina Surf Club over the June long weekend.

Exhibitors provided a large range of high quality tea cosies

and the general public responded, with the expo being well-patronised over each of the three days, according to club treasurer Mr Greg Head.

Pictured are tea cosies in the general section (above left) and in the "Luck of the Irish" section

(above right).

The club plans to continue the annual event on next year's June long weekend.

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

Actions of first Administrator should be examined - CEN

The Community Environment Network has written to Minister for Local Government Ms Shelley Hancock asking for the terms of reference of the Central Coast Council inquiry to be extended to cover the period of the first Administrator in 2016.

"A change to accounting practices adopted by the first Council Administrator in 2016 was disastrous for the new council and must be examined as part of the Public Inquiry," said Network chair Mr Gary Chestnut.

"The current terms of reference exclude anything that took place before September 2017.

"Prior to the September 2017 council election, Administrator Mr Ian Reynolds and CEO Mr Gary Noble approved the accounting change that meant restricted water funds were reported as unrestricted and available to spend

within the Council's consolidated general fund.

"In other words, it looked like the Council had hundreds of millions of dollars more cash to spend on capital works projects than it really did," he said.

"This policy was adopted by the Central Coast Council and its executive leadership team and has never been rescinded.

"It has been undetected and unchanged by a number of chief executive officers, acting chief executive officers and chief financial officers and was never explained to the elected councillors.

"Council's internal auditor, its audit risk and improvement committee, the NSW Audit Office and consultant auditors all subsequently failed to question the practice which significantly eroded Council's restricted funds and contributed to a cash crisis in 2020.

"The NSW Crown Solicitor

has recently provided advice to the NSW Auditor General which further complicates this issue by finding that the spending of those funds was legitimate.

"This advice by the NSW Crown Solicitor may change the financial position of Council considerably.

"The Public Inquiry must be able to examine whether the additional \$150 million borrowed since the councillors were suspended was necessary and whether it was reasonable or just to blame the councillors for the organisation's financial weaknesses given the Crown Solicitor's advice has legitimised the spending of restricted funds.

"The ongoing mis-reporting of restricted reserves cannot be overlooked as one of the core reasons for the Central Coast Council's financial failure.

"It must be examined by the inquiry."

SOURCE:
Media release, 9 Jul 2021
Gary Chestnut, CEN

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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 71 articles, of which we have to fit 38 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.

Offers of assistance in the production of Peninsula News EXTRA would be welcome:

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Mark Snell, editor
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A sign of brighter days ahead

A local hospital has posted a picture of a rainbow on its social media page.

"Our staff at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital were welcomed by this beautiful sight this morning," said chief executive Ms Debba Ritter.

"We just had to share as there is nothing like a

rainbow start to the day.

"It's also a lovely reminder that even during rain and grey skies that there are brighter days ahead."

SOURCE:

Social media, 29 Jun 2021
Debba Ritter, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital

Clean4shore to hold annual meeting

The Clean4shore waterways clean-up group plans to hold its annual general meeting at 2pm on Saturday, July 24.

It will be held at the MacMasters Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

Members and pending members may attend the meeting.

The meeting will fill the positions of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

The Clean4shore Financial and

General Report for the year will be presented at the meeting.

SOURCE:

Social media, 10 Jul 2021
Graham Johnston, Clean4Shore

Little rain for start of July

Less than one 10th of month's average rainfall has fallen on the Peninsula in the first nine days of the month.

Only 5.5mm was recorded by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

July is one of the three driest months of the year, with an average rainfall of 66mm.

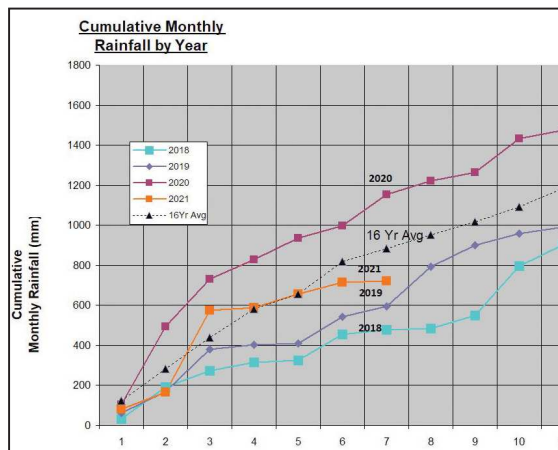
The other two months are August with 67mm and September with 66mm.

The cumulative rainfall figure for the year to end of June was 716mm.

While this was more than half of the annual average of 1278mm, the average figure at the end of June is 819mm.

SOURCE:

Spreadsheet, 9 Jul 2021
Jim Morrison, Umina



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Wicks wants the Central Coast 'a stand-alone region'

Federal Liberal Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks has started a petition "to make the Central Coast a stand-alone region".

"The Central Coast needs to be declared a stand-alone region with Gosford as its capital city, not as part of the Greater Sydney, Newcastle or Hunter regions."

However, State Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said the petition was unnecessary.

"NSW Labor declared the Central Coast a stand alone Region in 2010.

"It just needs government departments to implement the policy that's already there."

Ms Wicks said: "The Central Coast needs to be declared a stand-alone region with Gosford as its capital city, not as part of the Greater Sydney, Newcastle or Hunter regions."

"The extended Covid-19 lockdown has highlighted the need for the Central Coast region to be excluded from the Greater Sydney catchment definition.

"Central Coast businesses are suffering under this extended lockdown and, while I applaud the NSW Government for prioritising lives and keeping people safe, it has really highlighted the challenges of being lumped in with Greater Sydney.

"The Central Coast has a unique identity.

"We are now one Central Coast Council and home to over 340,000 residents, a population larger than Wollongong, Geelong and Hobart.

"I have faith that the Premier can require the NSW Government to agree to a common definition for the Central Coast and declare Gosford as our capital city and I am calling on the state government

to do so."

Ms Tesch said it had been Liberal Governments which had "watered down our status" and had "reverted back in education, tourism, planning and development"

She said the region was recognised in the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, but Central Coast Tourism, Central Coast Development Corporation and the Central Coast Education Region had all gone.

"It's been a deliberate policy of State and Federal Liberal governments.

"Now those same politicians who supported the watering down of our regional status are complaining."

SOURCE:

Social media, 9 Jul 2021
Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson
Social media, 10 Jul 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



A new sign is on display at the entry to Pearl Beach.

It was noticed by the Grow Urban Shade Trees group, which posted it to social media.

Group member Ms Melissa Chandler commented: "They sure are."

SOURCE:

Social media, 9 Jul 2021
Melissa Chandler, GUST

Grants program opens with \$900,000

Central Coast Council's 2021-22 Community Grants Program is open with \$900,000 in annual funding available.

The grants are "to support local community groups and organisations to deliver worthwhile projects, programs and events that strengthen our community", according to council's community service director Ms Julie Vaughan.

Applications close on July 31. She said the grants aimed to "enhance community connection and quality of life".

"While some changes have been made to the structure of the program this year, Council is thrilled to be supporting the community through this important funding platform.

Council Administrator Mr Rick Hart said: "Unlike in previous

years, there will only be one round of grant applications over the 2021-22 financial year for the Community Development and Events and Place Activation Grants programs."

Community Development Grants offer funding of up to \$20,000 per project.

Community Events and Place Activation Grants offer funding up to \$20,000 per financial year, per activity.

Community Support applications remain open throughout the year, with funding of up to \$5000 per project, per financial year.

More information is available at the council's website at www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/grants.

SOURCE:
Website, 1 Jul 2021
Julie Vaughan, Central Coast Council

MPs call for more government support for business

Local politicians are calling on State and Federal Governments to take more action to support local business during the extended lockdown.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch joined Senator Deborah O'Neill in calling on the NSW Liberal State Government and their Federal Liberal counterparts to expand small business support as a priority during this extended lockdown.

"Too many small businesses are excluded from financial assistance," she said.

"The Liberal Party claim to be the party of small business, so why haven't they backed Central Coast small businesses?"

Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch has called on the State Treasurer Mr Dominic Perrotet to ask the Federal Government for more assistance for workers whose hours have been cut.

"I do not believe that the current

one-off payment of \$325 for workers that have lost less than 20 hours of work, and \$500 for workers that have lost more than 20 hours of work are sufficient.

"While the community's health and safety must always be our number one priority, we also need to keep people in jobs and help businesses stay in business."

SOURCE:

Social media, 8 Jul 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford
Social media, 8 Jul 2021
Adam Crouch, Member for Terrigal

Shops offer online ordering

A local shopping centre has listed eight of its shops offering online ordering and contact-free pick-ups.

Deepwater Plaza centre

manager Ms Marcelle Proper said the eight stores at the shopping centre were Caffé Cherry Beans, Caffé DMR, Dragon Lin Asian Food, Gloria Jean's, Marar Indian, Phat Chicken, Tokyo Sushi and

Wendy's.

"Simply place your order online, then pick-up in store," she said.

SOURCE:

Website, 5 Jul 2021
Marcelle Proper, Deepwater Plaza



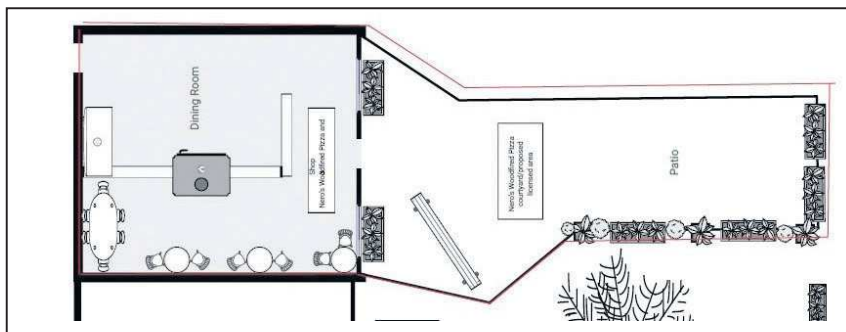
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Liquor licence applications considered

NSW Liquor and Gaming have considered eight liquor licence applications from the Peninsula over the past two months.

Four were for new on premises licenses, one was for a new bottle shop licence and three were for licence transfers.

Three have been approved or "provisionally approved" and the others are "under assessment".

An application for a new licence for Pizza Peddlers Cafe and Restaurant at 46-48 Picnic Pde, Ettalong, was approved for 46 patrons and hours from 10am to midnight Monday to Saturday and 10am to 10pm Sunday.

The licensed area included both the shop and the public footpath for "footway dining".

An application for the Italian Sandwich Company at 311 Trafalgar Ave, Umina, covers 17

patrons seated within the shop and in an outdoor sail-covered area.

The application for hours from 11am to 9pm Thursday to Sunday and 11am to 5pm on Tuesday and Wednesday is "under assessment".

Also "under assessment" is an application from Nero's Woodfired Pizza at 35-39 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, for 30 patrons both in the shop and in an outdoor courtyard.

The proposed hours are 10am to midnight Monday to Saturday and 10am to 10pm on Sunday.

Another application proposes the same operating hours for up to 48 patrons at 19 The Boulevard, Woy Woy, both in the shop and on the public footpath.

The application is under assessment.

An application is also under assessment for a bottle shop at Shop 9, 48-48 Picnic Parade, Ettalong.

It would have hours from 10am

to midnight Monday to Saturday and 10am to 10pm on Sunday, and be in the name of Upstairs Wines Ettalong.

A licence transfer has been provisionally approved for Made Brus Mexican Restaurant at 11 The Boulevard, Woy Woy, from Ms Mataitirangi Susan Taulillo to Mr Mark Nobert Dennis.

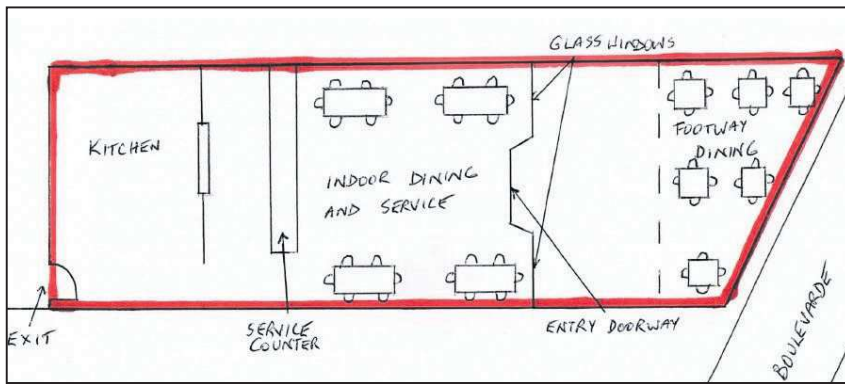
Also provisionally approved is a licence transfer for The Grand Pavilion at 46 Picnic Pde, Ettalong, from Riaz Valanchery to Sapala Foods Pty Ltd.

The Southern Spirit Cricket Club has also applied for a licence transfer at its Rogers Park Clubhouse in Dunbar Rd, Woy Woy, from Mr David John Gemmell to Mr Paul Robert Wright.

The application is under assessment.

SOURCE:

Website, 9 Jul 2021
NSW Liquor and Gaming



Request lodged to review six-storey Ettalong refusal

Central Coast Council has notified objectors that it has received an application to review the refusal of a proposal to build a commercial development in Ettalong with 26 shop-top dwellings.

The proposal was refused by the Local Planning Panel in February, against the recommendation of

council planning staff.

The \$9.6 million six-storey development was proposed by owner Jedaclew Pty Ltd over three lots at numbers 227, 231 and 233 Ocean View Rd, adjacent to the old Centrelink site.

"The applicant has submitted additional information aimed at addressing the previous reasons for refusal," the council letter told previous submission writers.

"The development application, details and plans are available for inspection online at <https://plan.gosford.nsw.gov.au>."

However, an objector has reported: "It appears that no documents have been added or updated since Local Planning Panel determination in February."

SOURCE:

Letter, 12 Jul 2021
DA57779, Central Coast Council

CWA still waiting for compensation for wharf land use

Central Coast Council has not paid compensation to the Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association for land used for the wharf upgrade.

"Council are yet to compensate us for the land they took from our grounds when our boundary had to be moved for the wharf upgrade,"

according to branch president Ms Jane Bowtell.

The branch has been waiting for more than six months for contact from the council, since the branch applied for compensation and was promised contact from a Council representative, Ms Bowtell said.

SOURCE:

Social media, 28 Jun 2021
Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy

Three-unit development proposed for Bowden Rd

An application has been lodged with Central Coast Council for a three-unit multi-dwelling development in Bowden Rd, Woy Woy, with an estimated cost of \$600,000.

The application was lodged July 6.

It will be open for public comment between July 16 and August 13.

No details of the application had been posted on the council planning portal at the end of last week.

SOURCE:

DA Tracker, 9 Jul 2021
DA62214, Central Coast Council

Media release ignores facts of playground strategy

Central Coast Council justified its decision in June to remove the Pelican Park playground, without acknowledging that just a month earlier it had adopted a 20-year strategy which identified it as one of the parks to be retained.

The strategy made no mention of a playground in Anderson Park or the demolition of the Pelican Park playground or its relocation to Anderson Park.

However, a media release by Council Administrator Mr Rik Hart issued on Saturday, June 26, claimed the new Anderson Park playground "reflects the recently-adopted Central Coast playspace strategy developed with community input".

He said it would complement the soon-to-be-completed Woy Woy Wharf opposite this reserve and the periodic events held at this foreshore site, such as markets and other community activities.

The media release suggested the relocation had been planned "since October 2019".

"The completion of this new playspace has been timed to coincide with the unfortunate need to soon remove the ageing but much-loved playground unit 75 metres away at Pelican Park," he said.

"This removal is required due to a safety audit showing that the equipment no longer meets current Australian safety standards.

"With the roots of the adjoining mature tree continuing to cause safety hazards, this site was not suitable for a new playspace to be built.

"However, the site of the existing Pelican Park playground will remain as a public open space area, with the existing shaded picnic tables and fencing to remain and the area that currently has the play equipment being freshly turfed."

Mr Hart said the Council had been improving Woy Woy Town Centre for the community and have been in discussions with local businesses and residents on plans since October 2019.

However, at the council meeting, the following Tuesday, June 29, Mr Hart decided to put the playground demolition on hold "to enable further consultation and engagement with the broader community".

The Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation has called for details of the reports which led to the proposal to demolish the Pelican Park playground.

SOURCE:

Media release, 26 Jun 2021
Rik Hart, Central Coast Council

Guide dog puppy raising is 'giving back to community'

Booker Bay resident Mr Graeme Hutchison says Guide Dog puppy raising was a way he could give back to the community with his time rather than money.

In a talk to the Rotary Club of Woy Woy, he said that he had had his 11 month old guide dog puppy Bowie since he was eight weeks old.

Bowie will be going back to the Guide Dog Centre at Glossodia near Windsor for his assessment in September, Mr Hutchison said.

He said he was able to continue, even though Covid meant he now had a restricted income, because most of the costs were covered by NSW Guide Dogs.

This included dog food; preventative medications for fleas, worms and heartworm; veterinary costs; collars; leash; grooming equipment; and food bowl.

Mr Hutchison said he loved the sound of four paws around the house and the pup gave a lot of joy to the family.

He also said that it was a great way for his children to learn about community service.

Graeme filled us in on the requirements necessary to be a puppy raiser.

He said puppy raisers were



families or individuals who ensured that new puppy recruits got the best possible care, in a loving home environment while receiving necessary training.

He said a good puppy raiser was someone who was caring, patient and responsible and able to give a 12-month commitment.

The puppies became a part of their household, interacting with household members.

They attended weekly training sessions.

Puppy raisers taught some basic skills, including sitting nicely when being groomed, walking nicely on

a lead, good house manners and providing regular socialisation experiences, establishing good toileting, feeding sleeping and walking routines.

They were expected to be home for most of the day.

The puppy must not be left alone for more than four hours at a time without supervision and human company.

It must be walked each day and be allowed to sleep and spend time indoors.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 10 Jul 2021
Julie Jones, Rotary Woy Woy

Use vouchers with local businesses, Tesch urges

Local residents should use their Dine and Discover vouchers with local businesses, according to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

"We have loads of great local businesses who have quickly transitioned to offer many delicious menu options to take away in a Covid-safe way," she said.

The Dine and Discover program had been extended to August 31.

"Dine and Discover will now also be available to use for takeaways delivered to your home, although third party delivery services are not included," Ms Tesch said.

"Let's use this initiative to invigorate our local economy."

"For many local businesses the current lockdown feels a lot like last year's, losing huge amounts of income, which is only added given school holidays is one of the busiest times of the year."

"To ease the blow to their pockets, we can ensure we are pumping our vouchers back into our community and using this time

working from home to pick up our coffees locally too."

Ms Tesch a small business support package had been announced which included grants of between \$5000 to \$10,000 for small businesses depending on the percentage of loss incurred during the restrictions.

"For those who see a 30 per cent decline \$5000 will be provided, while those with a 50 per cent decline will be given \$7000 and a 70 per cent decline will be handed \$10,000 to ease the loss."

"To be eligible the business must have a turnover of over \$75,000 per annum and below the tax threshold of \$1.2 million for the previous tax period."

Ms Tesch says local businesses should apply as soon as possible.

"These grants can be applied for through Service NSW and I encourage all small businesses who are eligible to apply as soon as possible."

SOURCE:

Media release, 2 Jul 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Liesl Tesch MP
Member for Gosford

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News

Tribute paid to 'learned older Australians'

Retiring chief executive Mr Shane Neaves has paid tribute to the residents of Peninsula Villages during his time in the role.

"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."

"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."

"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."

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

"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."

"However the time has come to hand the baton over, knowing the organisation is well prepared for the coming years. I wish you all every success."

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Jul 2021
Shane Neaves, Peninsula Villages



Umina Rotary hears about Clean4Shore success

Manager of waterways clean-up project, Clean4Shore, Mr Graham "Jono" Johnston, has told the Rotary Club of Umina Beach about the success of his project.

Mr Johnston said the aim was to remove rubbish from the Central Coast waterways while educating high school students to become environmental warriors.

He said engaging young

students was the measure of the program's success and that he had seen a significant improvement and cleanliness in the local estuaries.

The Return and Earn program for redeeming cans and bottles for cash had also contributed to less tidal estuary rubbish.

However, recently students collected 1320 plastic bottles washed up on an island in Phegans Bay, he said.

Mr Johnston said the floods in

February and March resulted in a huge amount of rubbish floating down the Hawkesbury River.

He said most of the rubbish, which included such items as fridges, lounges, containers, trees and even caravans, ended up on the local beaches and estuaries.

Mr Johnston said Clean4Shore had been operating since 2011 and currently had student involvement from seven high schools up to Lake Macquarie.

The project expanded into the Hunter River last year and retrieved thousands of bottles, corks, styrofoam containers and other general rubbish from around the Hexham Bridge.

It completed around 110 field trips each year with "community partners" providing skips for rubbish collection and Council assisting with tip fees.

Clean4Shore recently received a \$250,000 Government grant to offset costs of fuel and maintenance of the boats and to purchase personal protective equipment for the participating students and volunteers.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 7 Jul 2021
Bruce Croft, Rotary Umina Beach

Six topics identified for church purpose statement

Ettalong Baptist Church has identified six topics to be encapsulated in a purpose statement as part of its "revitalisation" exercise.

They are Discipleship, Love people, Pray, Glorify God, Spirit-filled and Mission.

The church held a family forum on Sunday, June 20, which discussed the list.

It was agreed that the purpose statement should be based on the words: "Walking together in

Christ's steps."

The values were discussed and a draft statement of the church's most distinctive values will be presented at the next forum on Sunday, July 18.

The forum will be held after the morning service over lunch.

The question will be asked: "Where is God leading us?"

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 8 Jul 2021
David Gilchrist, Ettalong Baptist Church

The Bays group registers for QR code

The Bays Community Group has registered as a "Covid-safe business" so that people can check in at the community hall with a QR code.

"As a community hall, there never has been a requirement to officially register as a Covid-safe business or have a QR code," said group president Ms Gwynneth Weir.

"However as time has progressed, and people have become used to signing in using a QR code, the committee decided

that for the convenience of those entering the hall it would be good to have a QR code.

"So, we are now officially registered as a Covid-safe business and have a QR code."

"We hope this will make entering the hall more efficient for everyone."

"If you do not have the app on your phone, you will still be able to enter the hall by signing the book, as before."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 8 Jun 2021
Gwynneth Weir, The Bays Community Group

Date for fete at Patonga

A date has been set for this year's fete at Patonga Community Hall.

This year, it will be held in spring, between 9am and 1pm on Saturday, October 2, on the Labour Day long weekend.

Storeholder places are available at a cost of \$35.

For further information, contact Ms Judy Mack on 0409 378 111.

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Jun 2021
Patonga Community Hall

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Speed camera program raises fines not safety - Tesch

The only success of a new mobile speed camera program was to raise 17 times more revenue in fines, according to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

"One driver is expected to be fined every 38 seconds for low level speeding as a consequence of the new scheme to implement mobile speed cameras without signage," she said.

Ms Tesch said the scheme was only a means to raise revenue, not to initiate safety.

"The only success of this program has been some extra dollars from a revenue raising stunt instead of actually minimising speeding by getting people to slow down."

"It is a cheap and irresponsible grab at NSW pockets, targeting low-level speeding which is often

committed by hard working families who are trying their very best to stay afloat during this already difficult economic period."

Ms Tesch said NSW Labor was opposed to the scheme instead calling for the warning signs to be reinstated and for a boost of police visibility on roads.

"Since the implementation of the new mobile speed camera method fine revenue has risen by an astonishing 1700 per cent, with the number of fines also rising by over 1500 per cent.

"If the scheme really was targeting safety, then I'd like to see the same skyrocketing decrease in accidents and fatalities on our roads, which we are unfortunately yet to see."

SOURCE:

Media release, 7 Jul 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Fellowship awarded to club treasurer

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has presented its treasurer Mr Wayne Jennings with a Paul Harris fellowship.

The fellowship was awarded

for his service to the Rotary Club of Woy Woy and to the Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association at Ettalong Beach.

Mr Jennings is pictured

receiving his pin from Rotary District 9685 Assistant Governor Ms Christine Owen.

SOURCE:

Social media, 29 Jun 2021
Joan Redmond, Rotary Woy Woy



Positions vacant at Baptist church

Ettalong Baptist Church is seeking people to fill a number leadership positions.

"A number of our leaders will finish their term of leadership in August and will need to have a well-earned break," said Pastor David Gilchrist.

Positions to be filled include deacon - property officer, deacon - standards officer, deacon - chairperson and group leaders for Men's Ministries, Women's

Ministries and Welcome.

"We also have need for a volunteer to coordinate our Welcome Roster and Welcome Table," he said.

He said treasurer Ms Colleen Arkapaw would be standing down for family reasons after serving for four years.

"Please be praying that God will raise up the right person, or people, to take over the role of treasurer."

To find out more information or if you know of people who might be suitable or interested in these positions, contact a member of the nominations committee: Wendy Creamer 0431 071 558, Sheila Hooper 0414 790 691 or Helen Brooks 0419 613 098.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 8 Jul 2021
David Gilchrist, Ettalong Baptist Church

Rotary club takes 'Christmas' holiday

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has not met for two weeks and will not meet this week, due to the coronavirus lockdown.

Club president Mr Bruce Croft said: "I am not in favour of setting up Zoom meetings or equivalent unless there is a guest speaker or a presentation that will hold everyone's interest.

"At Christmas time, we usually

have a two-week break, so now we can have a mid-year two week break and celebrate Christmas in July," he said.

Mr Croft said a new board took office on July 1, but was comprised of the same members as the previous year with the same portfolios.

One additional member, Mr Steve Hall, was appointed to the board and took on the portfolio of Community Services.

Mr Croft said that Mr Wayne Dowdle had been named president-elect to become president next year.

The lockdown has meant that the club missed its "biggest night of the year", the Changeover to new president and board.

The club hopes to hold the event once restrictions are lifted.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 7 Jul 2021
Bruce Croft, Rotary Umina Beach

A new theme for a new president

Rotary Club of Woy Woy held its "changeover dinner" on June 25, when the outgoing president for the last year handed over the incoming president for the coming year.

The two presidents were pictured with banners that represented the Rotary International themes for

their year of service:

The theme for the year 2020-21 for outgoing president Ms Joan Redmond was "Rotary Opens Opportunities", while theme for the coming year for incoming president Ms Julie is "Serve to Change Lives".

SOURCE:

Social media, 29 Jun 2021
Julie Jones, Rotary Woy Woy

Thanks to Rotary club from Uganda

The Pure Joy Women Empowerment project in Uganda has thanked the Rotary Club of Woy Woy for supporting the project over the last five years.

The project which offers training in tailoring and hairdressing has continued to operate, despite the coronavirus pandemic.

"Tailoring has six trainees and hairdressing has 11 women

learning as much as they can when they can," said Rotary club president Ms Julie Jones.

Restrictions during another 42-day lockdown allowed only three people in each workspace.

Pictured is salon manager Ms Susan Lanyero with two young trainees learning hairdressing and beauty.

SOURCE:

Social media, 2 Jul 2021
Julie Jones, Rotary Woy Woy



Sport

Cycling Tour duration extended

The Central Coast Bicycle User Group has extended the duration of the Tour de Central Coast for both the Challenge and Cruise course riders.

Both courses have stages involving Woy Woy.

"With the more stringent restrictions now in place for at least one week, we have decided to extend the time," said group president Mr Alan Corven.

"Cruise riders will be able to attempt stages in their own time provided they record their efforts on Strava and they have joined the CCBUG Tour de Central Coast Strava group.

"It's not too late to join in the fun. "As soon as we can exercise more freely please do attempt more Tour stages.

"We will announce a new end date as soon as we are unlocked.

"In the meantime do keep pedalling around your area as exercise helps both physical and mental health."

Mr Corven said cyclists could still join in scheduled group rides as well.

"Please do follow the NSW Health Covid-19 restrictions and keep yourself and our community as safe as possible."

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Jul 2021
Alan Corven, CCBUG

Tesch congratulates Wimbledon winners



Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has congratulated Ash Barty on her women's singles title win at Wimbledon along with Dylan Alcott on his Wimbledon quad wheelchair singles title win.

"Congratulations Ash Barty and

Dylan Alcott on your remarkable wins at Wimbledon," she said.

Ms Tesch posted a picture of her with Dylan Alcott on their way to the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Jul 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Oval availability welcomed

Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics president Ms Kylie Brown has welcomed the availability of the McEvoy oval for exercise during the

lockdown.

"Training and exercise is that extra bit special during this holiday lockdown," she said.

"I'm so grateful our local ground

is open.

"And good to see our community out there making the most of it."

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Jul 2021
Kylie Brown, WWPLAC



Tribute paid to Freddy Querruel

A tribute has been paid former Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club member Mr Frederick (Freddy) Ernest Querruel who died on June 22.

The tribute written by club member Mr Kevin Bettridge said: "Freddy and his wife Joan were both Erskinsville people and mad 'Blue Bag' supporters.

"Freddy won a singles title at Erko and two major pairs titles at Umina, with his old bowls.

"Whenever he got on a fast green, he was very hard to beat.

"Freddy and his good mate Kevin Bettridge played triples together for nearly 20 years, first with Joe Brown and then later with Ross McIntyre.

"Fred loved a bet, beer and bowls, in that order.

"Thursday bowls will never be the same without Freddy.

"Fred's best time of the year was when he, Mark Speerin, Ken Harrison and Vic Gauci went to



Foster.

"He couldn't wait for it to happen.

"Fred also had his own table on a Thursday...the one closest to the bar and tab.

"He will be sorely missed."

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Jul 2021
Peter Springett, UBMBC

New infrastructure for soccer field

Southern and Ettalong United Football Club has taken delivery of "new infrastructure" for Field Four.

The permanent soccer goals for the 10s and 11s teams "are ready for our young Lions to score lots of

goals in", said club president Mr Glen Balneaves.

He said the new goals would end "years of heavy and awkward set-up and pack-ups".

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Jun 2021
Glen Balneaves, SEUFC

