



Bollywood at Blue Wave

Both residents and staff got into the swing when Blue Wave Living in Woy Woy held a day featuring Bollywood and Indian culture..

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Aug 2021
Kylie Scott, Bluewave Living



Four residents with Covid-19

Four residents in the 2256 and 2257 postcode areas have tested positive to Covid-19 in the past two weeks.

And three exposure sites on the Peninsula have been listed in the same period.

Three cases, apparently from the same household in the 2257 postcode area, were reported on August 10, 15 and 20, according to the NSW Government's Covid-19 Cases by Location web page.

One case was reported in 2256 postcode area on August 12.

Following the August 10 case, Central Coast Local Health District issued a media release, without identifying the locality, implying the case was "currently in isolation. The source of infection ... is under

investigation".

It listed Coles in Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy, as an exposure site on Monday, August 9, between 8.30am and 9am.

Following the August 12 case, it said that case was "one of two new cases in isolation, with the source of infection under investigation".

On August 14, Woolworths in Peninsula Plaza, Woy Woy, was listed as an exposure site on Sunday, August 8, between 1:10 and 1:55pm and Deepwater Plaza was listed as an exposure site on Wednesday, August 11, between 11:40am and 12:20pm.

Following the August 15 case, Health District staff stated: "Central Coast Local Health District confirms one local resident has tested positive to Covid-19. The case is a household contact of a

previously identified case and has been in isolation for their entire infectious period."

Following the August 20 case, Central Coast Local Health District advised that one Central Coast resident, described as "local", had tested positive to Covid-19.

"The case was a household contact of a previously notified case and had been in isolation for their entire infectious period."

None of the Local Health District media releases stated whether the cases were on the Peninsula or elsewhere in the region, and Health District staff did not confirm that the statements in the media releases applied to the Peninsula cases.

SOURCE:
Media releases, 11-21 Aug 2021
Central Coast Local Health District

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These items are normally included in Peninsula News EXTRA, which is an electronic supplement to printed edition.

Due to the lockdown, there are not enough items to produce a supplement this time, but they will be included on the website.

Please keep an eye out for the next issue of Peninsula News EXTRA due out on August 26.

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SOURCE:
Mark Snell, 8 Aug 2021



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Tesch calls for 'case transparency'

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has called for "case transparency" with public announcements of local coronavirus cases.

Ms Tesch said there was a strong public interest in notifying the community of where the cases are from.

"It is concerning to hear that the community had to do their own investigating to get to the bottom of where the cases were from."

Ms Tesch said that she was also concerned at the delays in local notifications.

"There are growing reports where those in contact with an infected person were not made aware and informed to get tested

for up to 10 or more days after contact.

"People need the correct information in a timely manner.

"It is not good enough that we have potentially infectious people in the community not made aware of their exposure to such a serious disease, who then potentially continue to interact with family, colleagues and community.

"It is more important than ever that residents be extra cautious and go about their business with the assumption that those around them may have Covid, and act accordingly."

Ms Tesch said: "With Covid-19 spreading across NSW and case numbers rapidly growing, contact tracers are unable to efficiently

identify all those who have come into contact with positive cases.

"Labor has recognised the immense workload contact tracers are dealing with, and have implored that the Liberals increase their tracer numbers to keep the community safe and informed.

"The situation is out of hand due to early failures in decision-making by the Berejiklian Government, and we cannot hope to be out of lockdown anytime soon unless they deliver on such basic requests as more contract tracers to monitor this unfolding pandemic.

"This is beyond politics. This is about people's lives."

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 Aug 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

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At its heart, Peninsula News is a community effort.

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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.

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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.

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Old pipes cause tree root invasion, says GUST

The Grow Urban Shade Trees group has claimed that old pipes are usually the cause of tree root invasion, rather than the trees themselves.

"Trees often get a bad rap when it comes to broken pipes and, frustratingly, precious trees are needlessly removed," said group member Ms Jenny Wilder.

She quoted advice from North Sydney Council: "Tree roots don't invade pipes unless they are leaking and water and nutrients are seeping into the soil."

"Most old sewer pipes, usually clay pipes, are in sections and are in aged condition."

"They start leaking at the joints

and fibrous roots penetrate pipes, expand and block them."

Ms Wilder said: "Be sure to educate yourself and others on the reality that pipes crack when they are old and only then will roots become opportunistic."

"This problem is resolved by replacing old clay pipes with new PVC pipes or re-sleeving the line."

"It must be remembered that removing the tree does not fix the hole in the pipe and other vegetation is likely to capitalise on the opportunity for moisture and nutrients."

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Aug 2021
Jenny Wilder, GUST



Old trees are important, says GUST. This old banksia provides a nest for rainbow lorikeets.

Central Coast becomes Covid region

NSW Deputy Premier Mr John Barilaro has acknowledged the Central Coast as a region for the purpose of Covid-19 restrictions.

"This is a huge win for the Central Coast and a significant step forward in our fight to have the Central Coast recognised as a stand-alone region with Gosford as our capital city," said Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks.

"The reclassification of the Coast as part of regional NSW means if the case numbers on the Central Coast remain low, and if the health advice allows, we will come out of lockdown with the rest of regional NSW."

"While this is an important step forward, there is still more to do to ensure the Central Coast is treated like a stand-alone region by various departments and agencies, across all levels of government."

SOURCE:
Media release, 20 Aug 2021
Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson

Now a summer festival

The Coastal Twist Festival has gone from being a spring festival to a summer festival.

Organisers have announced new dates for the festival, Wednesday, January 19, to Sunday, January 23.

They said anyone interested can join a mailing list for the first opportunity to buy tickets.

Raffle tickets were available to support the festival from the

Coastal Twist website.

Proposals were being accepted from visual artists for the festival art exhibition.

Organisers were also calling for volunteers to help with the festival.

Further information is available on the festival website at coastaltwist.org.au.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Aug 2021
Glitta Supernova, Coastal Twist Festival

More objections are lodged

Another 18 objections have been lodged to a proposed three-storey development at 302-306 Ocean View Rd, Ettalong, after a second public comment period for the application which closed on August 13.

The development application for a \$5.4 million mixed use development with shop-top housing and serviced apartments on the corner of Ferry Rd was first lodged in October last year.

The proposal includes "under-croft parking for 23 vehicles,

retail shops at ground level, three serviced apartments, nine shop-top housing units, and roof-top terrace area including pool.

A public comment period in November attracted seven submissions.

Revised plans were submitted in July.

Objections include it not complying with local planning limits, such as height and floor space ratio.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Aug 2021
Residents for Responsible Ettalong Development

The Peninsula has another dry month

Only 4.6mm of rain has fallen on the Peninsula in the first three weeks of August.

Without further rain, this month would be the fourth driest August in 16 years.

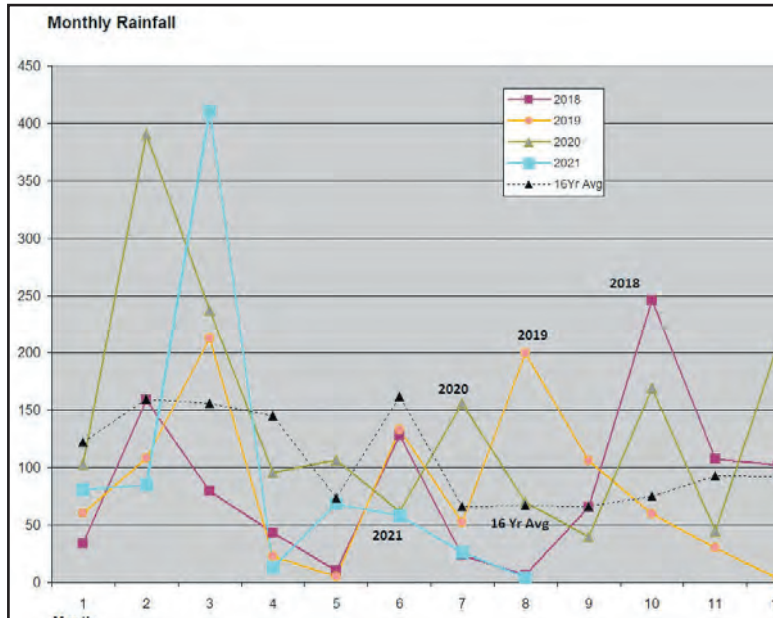
This follows a dry June, which recorded just 40 per cent of its average rainfall.

The driest August on local records was in 2005 when just one millimetre was recorded, according to figures provided by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

If it were not for a wet month in March, which recorded falls totalling 410.7mm, this year would be one of the driest.

Using the average rainfall of 156mm for March, the year-to-date total would be 492.6mm - the second driest year at the end of August.

Only 2018 had less rain, with a cumulative total at the end of



August of 484.7mm.

The total rainfall so far this year, including the actual March figure, was 747.3mm.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 20 Aug 2021
Jim Morrison, Umina

First vaccination rate may be 80 per cent for Umina elderly

Figures of vaccination rates released by the NSW Government last week imply that as many as 80 per cent of people in the 2257 postcode area over the age of 50 have received their first coronavirus vaccination.

According to the NSW Government's "Find the facts about Covid-19" website, about two thirds of people ("60-69 per cent") over the age of 15 in the Peninsula postcodes of 2256 and 2257 have had a vaccination by August 19.

About one half of those people have had a second vaccination.

It stated that a total of about 22,500 vaccinations had been given in the 2257 postcode area, which had an "eligible population"

over the age of 15 of about 25,000.

About 16,500 vaccinations were given to people over 50 and 6500 to people under 50.

Based on the Peninsula's population profile, this could mean that around 80 per cent of people over 50 in the 2257 postcode area had received at least one shot and 40 per cent of people under 50, with the figures for two shots being half these rates.

In the 2256 postcode area, 12,500 vaccinations had been given to an eligible population of 13,600.

About 8500 vaccinations were given to people over 50 and 3500 to people under 50.

This could mean that around 75 per cent of people over 50 and 40 per cent of people under 50 in the 2256 postcode area had

received at least one vaccination, with figures for two shots being half these rates.

The website does not give a precise breakdown of the numbers.

Percentages vaccinated are listed in 10 per cent ranges, eg 60-69 per cent.

Numbers of vaccinations are listed within a range of 1000, eg 6000-6999.

If the figures were at the high end of the ranges, it is possible that the Umina over-50 first vaccination rate could be more than 90 per cent.

The age profile for Peninsula postcodes was not given on the website, but taken from Bureau of Statistics figures.

SOURCE:
Website, 19 Aug 2021
Find the Facts about Covid-19, NSW Government



Mrs Wilson's Shop heritage property subdivision approved

The Central Coast Local Planning Panel has approved an application for the subdivision of the property containing "Mrs Wilson's Shop" at the corner of Railway and Charlton Sts, Woy Woy.

The determination was made electronically at a "supplementary meeting" on July 27, after an extra report was provided to the Panel on July 2 as requested by the Panel on April 8.

The Panel granted consent to for a two-lot stratum torrens subdivision at 68 Railway St and a subsequent two-lot strata subdivision of the proposed second stratum lot.

In giving its reason, the Panel stated that the proposal involved "subdivision to give effect to previously approved works".

"The Panel supports conservation of the heritage building.

"The Panel wanted to ensure appropriate conservation works



were completed at the appropriate stage, which led to some refinement of conditions.

"The Panel agrees that the written request demonstrates that compliance with the development standard is unnecessary in the circumstances of the case and there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard.

"Further, the Panel considers that the proposed development will be in the public interest because it

is consistent with the objectives of the Floor Space Ratio development standard, the objectives of the minimum lot size development standard and the objectives for development within zone R1 General Residential in which the development is proposed to be carried out.

"While there significant breaches of numerical development standards, the unique circumstances related to prior approval and heritage conservation works were peculiar to this particular application.

"The proposal had been appropriately amended since the original consideration by the Panel from a three-lot to a two-lot stratum Torrens subdivision and strata subdivision.

"The environmental impacts, where they exist, are reasonably managed and mitigated by recommended conditions of consent, as amended."

SOURCE:
Central Coast Local Planning Panel, 27 Jul 2021
DA59637, Central Coast Council

Making quilts while apart

Country Women's Association Woy Woy branch president Ms Jane Bowtell has provided an example of how "we can work together while apart".

Ms Bowtell has been making quilts for the Elsie's Retreat Project.

She has finished seven quilts with number eight on the way.

The quilts will be provided to patients in palliative care at the centre, and gifted to their family once their loved one passes away.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Aug 2021
Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy

Report assesses marina site contamination

A detailed assessment of the former Empire Bay Marina site commissioned by the NSW Government has identified unacceptably high levels of contamination.

Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch said the Government's Crown Lands agency would now take action to ensure the site was safely remediated.

"A detailed site investigation was conducted by Douglas Partners who tested the soil, sediment and groundwater at the former marina," Mr Crouch said.

"The testing has confirmed elevated levels of heavy


metals, antifouling agents and hydrocarbons, as well as asbestos and acid sulfate soils.

"The likely sources of these include fuel, oil and lead-based paint.

"Crown Lands is now liaising with the Environment Protection Authority on the findings and further actions will be undertaken to ensure the site is made safe."

The report recommended remediation of the former marina site including the decommissioning and removal of the fuel tanks.

SOURCE:
Media release, 17 Aug 2021
Adam Crouch, Member for Terrigal



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Objector questions Council censorship of submissions

Central Coast Council has censored submissions opposing a three-storey development at 75 Brickwharf Rd, Woy Woy, according to one objector.

The censorship has resulted in detail being removed or obscured by "redaction" of parts of two objections, according to Mr Frank Wiffen of Woy Woy.

He said a substantial point in his own submission was initially "redacted" by council staff.

"I objected to the lack of shadow diagrams in the documents available with the development application on the council website."

In their absence, Mr Wiffen provided his own shadow diagrams.

However, a part of his explanation of the impact of the shadowing of neighbouring properties was deleted.

Mr Wiffen said he challenged the redaction and his full submission was later published on the council website.

He said that, had he not challenged the redaction, the censored version which affected the strength of his submission would have remained on the council website.

"I am also concerned with another submission, where council staff had removed in its entirety one of the two reasons given for the objection."

No explanation was given on the council website for the "redaction".



"Council staff should not be changing or suppressing objections of the community to development proposals," he said.

"The process should be open and transparent."

"Procedural fairness should require that the community has the opportunity to express its views without interference."

"It should be remembered that the purpose of the public exhibition of development applications is to give the community the opportunity to consider the merits of a proposal."

"Access to the full submissions of others is an important part of that consideration."

"Censorship should only occur in extreme cases, and where it occurs it should be explained."

"Redaction of the substance of objections to development applications only further undermines the current low level of community confidence in the operation of Central Coast Council."

"People can reasonably infer

that council staff are attempting to manipulate the process and its outcome when censorship of this nature occurs, even if that is not the intention."

"In public administration, it is not only important that justice is done, but that it is seen to be done," Mr Wiffen said.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 18 Aug 2021
DA61806, Central Coast Council



Former panel member urges use of draft controls

A former member of the Hunter and Central Coast Regional Planning Panel has urged council planners to use draft planning controls rather than current adopted controls to assess a five-unit residential flat proposal for Booker Bay.

Mr Michael Leavey, now in private practice as Michael Leavey Consulting, submitted the application for Coast-Style Homes Pty Ltd at 90-92 Booker Bay Rd.

The proposal has side setbacks of as little as 900mm where current planning provisions require an average side setback of four metres and a minimum of 3.5 metres.

"In support of the side setbacks as proposed, Council's draft Central Coast DCP 2018 proposes changes to side setbacks for two-storey residential flat buildings, with an envelope control being proposed that is a minimum 900mm side setback to a building height of 4.5m."

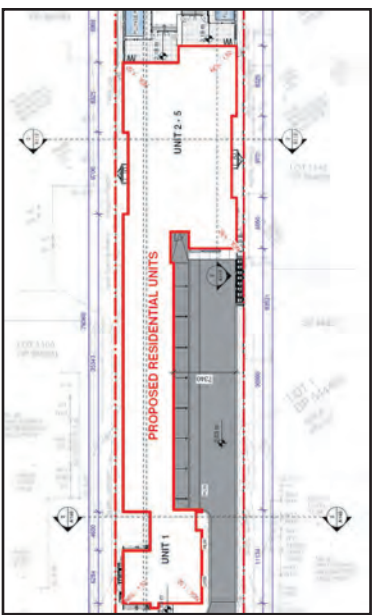
"The proposal would meet the proposed 900mm setback to a building height of 4.5m."

The proposal was for a two-storey residential flat building costing more than two million dollars containing five units, and with ground level, single-storey parking for parking for 10 cars which was "sleeved behind" the front unit.

The units are four three-bedroom and one four-bedroom units.

"The rear, ground level units have covered alfresco areas and small in-ground plunge pools on the water side."

"The building has an elongated form consistent with the shape of the land, and has a contemporary appearance that provides both articulation and separation between building elements in



order to reduce the bulk of the development."

"The maximum height of the building is 8.495 metres, with the highest point occurring at the rear elevation."

"The balance of the development has a lower building height, which steps down towards the front building element."

The site at 90 and 92 Booker Bay Rd, Booker Bay, has an area of 1238.9 square metres, a street frontage of 12.19 metres and frontage at the rear to Booker Bay.

"There are existing dwelling houses on both properties, and a garage structure located on the front boundary of No.92 facing Booker Bay Rd."

"The gross floor area of the development is 678.95 square metres, which is a floor space ratio of 0.548:1."

This exceeds the maximum ratio of 0.5:1 where basement parking is not provided.

The application is open for public comment until September 17.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 20 Aug 2021
DA62725, Central Coast Council

Application for boom gates on supermarket carpark

A Umina supermarket has applied to Central Coast Council to install boom gates on its carpark.

The proposal includes number plate recognition and the removal and replacement of three trees in the Aldi carpark in Trafalgar Ave.

"The purpose of the proposed modification is to enhance site security and to ensure sufficient car parking spaces for customers of the Aldi store and cafe," according to the application prepared by consultants Barker Ryan Stewart.

The application states that the proposal would provide "more queuing space by changing the entry-exit area and extending the landscaping areas".

It includes "modification to the crossover with new kerbs to be installed".

To retain the current number of parking spaces, two planter beds containing three trees will be removed from the car park.

A traffic report submitted with the application stated that the

number plate recognition software would mean that "entering and exiting vehicles will not need to stop, unlike boom gates that issue a ticket".

"The parking survey results demonstrate that for a major part of the day there were ample vacant spaces available in the carpark."

"The highest occupancy occurred at 12pm when only four spaces were available."

"The peak occupancy period coincides with the peak period for traffic entering and exiting between 11.30am and 12.30pm."

"However, on average during the day the carpark was operating at 70 per cent capacity with around 23 spaces available and during the afternoon period from 1pm to 5pm the carpark was operating generally at 60 per cent capacity with an average of 30 spaces available."

"The entry boom gate is proposed to be installed 6.3 metres inside the property boundary and 10.3 metres from the kerb line in

Trafalgar Ave.

The report said the carpark had a peak flow of one vehicle every 33 seconds.

"Since a boom gate with automatic ticket issue is capable of processing one vehicle every 12 seconds, it is unlikely that there will be more than one vehicle queued at the entry boom gate during peak periods."

"This will be especially the case with the boom gates operating under automatic number plate recognition software."

The efficient boom gate operation proposed for this site will require queuing for only one vehicle.

Since, the entry boom gate is proposed to be located 6.3 metres from the property boundary and the allowance for a single vehicle is six metres, one vehicle queueing at the boom gate will not encroach on the adjacent footpath."

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 7 Aug 2021
DA36075, Central Coast Council

Development application claims to be compliant

A development application for a dual occupancy costing \$450,000 at 51A Flathead Rd, Ettalong, claims to be compliant with all development control provisions.

"The proposed building would meet all development-control provisions, including (i) allowable coverage, (ii) allowable floor space, (iii) setback standards, (iv) height standards, (v) ceiling-height requirements, (vi) storage requirements, (vii) outdoor drying space and (viii) private open-space measures," according to a statement submitted with the application.

Car parking (three spaces under cover and one open) and

manoeuvring areas meet the dimensional requirements for access.

"At present, the site is occupied by a single-storey, single-family residence, a storage/laundry/toilet shed and small appurtenant structures."

"The house will be replaced with a two-storey duplex structure, each residential unit having three bedrooms and two bathrooms."

"This would be compatible with the general character of the area and would conform to the goal of providing affordable housing in the neighbourhood."

The application will be advertised until September 10.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 18 Aug 2021
DA62098, Central Coast Council

Amended Mantra resort roof repair plans get approval

Work may start on a long-term solution to polluted roof leaks on the Mantra resort in Ettalong, following the approval of amendments to a development application last week.

A development application was originally approved five years ago on 29 July 2016 for “Rooftop structures to enclose existing communications infrastructure and plant at the Mantra Ettalong Beach”.

The objective was “to enclose and protect two fully exposed plant rooms and partially enclose the communication infrastructure (aerials) on the rooftop of the Mantra Ettalong Beach, which are deteriorating as a result of exposure to the prevailing harsh coastal environment and also from destruction by vermin”.

The “vermin” are understood to be pigeons.

The application for the amendments said: “The proposal seeks a better design outcome that primarily responds to feasibility constraints and the operational requirements of the communication infrastructure.”

“The development (as modified) will continue to provide the

necessary protective structure for the telecommunication infrastructure but with enhanced aesthetic design outcomes.

“The modification pursues a design that is integrated within the current architectural form of the building, reducing visual intrusion and potential adverse amenity impacts.”

The council planning assessment stated: “The unit owners have no control over the roof top structures.

It said they had “claimed that they have experienced water damage caused by telecommunication companies drilling through the waterproof membrane on the roof to anchor various devices”.

The assessment said additional conditions of consent had been imposed to the current proposal.

These included a report by a registered structural engineer certifying that the existing roof-level slab was capable of supporting the proposed addition and any recommendations on the structural upgrade of the existing structure.

They also included the requirement of a certificate of compliance that waterproofing to the roof was in accordance with AS3740.

“The club constructed the

building and operates the club within one section of the building,” the report stated.

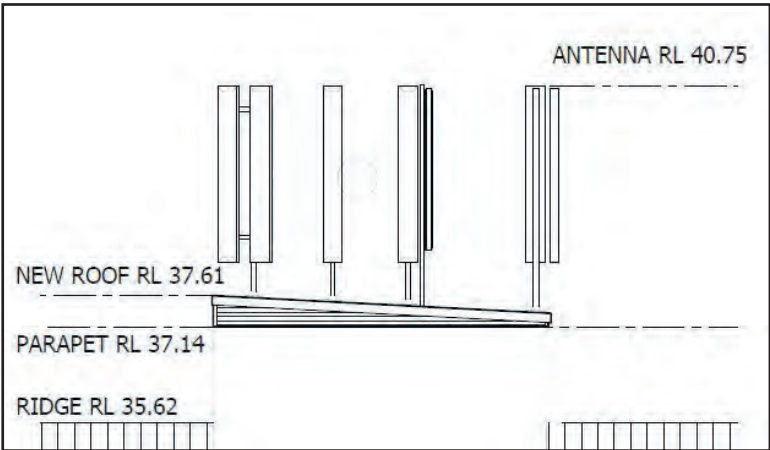
“The resort part of the building was sold and the club retained ownership of the two service towers located on the roof of the Mantra building.

“The Mantra Resort building ... is used for permanent residential and short stay tourist accommodation

“Various telecommunication facilities occupy the two service towers of the roof.

SOURCE:

DA Tracker, 2 Aug 2021
DA49233,002, Central Coast Council



Any time now

Central Coast Ferries have practised docking at the new Woy Woy wharf ahead of its opening.

“Not long now until it is all systems go.”

The wharf was originally expected to open in April this year.

SOURCE:

Social media, 11 Aug 2021
Central Coast Ferries



Three-unit Railway St proposal

A three-unit two-storey development costing almost \$1.4 million has been proposed for 138 Railway St, Woy Woy.

Central Coast Council has received a development application for the site, which has an area of 696.7 square metres with a frontage of 15.24 metres to Railway St and a depth of 45.72 metres.

“The proposed development seeks to demolish all existing structures and removal all 13 trees to enable the development of multi dwelling housing comprising

one three-bedroom and two four-bedroom dwellings.”

The units would be separated into two buildings with the first townhouse built separately in front of the building containing the other two units.

“The proposed multi dwelling housing development comprises three, two-storey dwellings, each with vehicular and pedestrian access via a driveway from Railway Street.

“Townhouse one has a separate pedestrian access from Railway St.

“Each dwelling is provided with,

at ground floor, garage parking for one (townhouses two and three) or two cars (townhouse one), open-plan kitchen, dining and living connecting to a generous private open space, powder room and laundry.

The site area falls short of the minimum 750m2 required.

The separation of the two proposed buildings also falls short of requirements.

A public comment period extends to September 10.

SOURCE:

DA Tracker, 19 Aug 2021
DA62700, Central Coast Council



Diggers Club marks Veterans' Day

The Ettalong Diggers Club has acknowledged Vietnam Veterans' Day on August 18, the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in 1966.

“We remember the sacrifices of those who died and say thank you to almost 60,000 Australians who served during the 10 years of our involvement in the Vietnam War,” said chief executive Mr Bill Jackson.

“The Battle of Long Tan was a significant moment in Australia’s war in Vietnam.

“On 18 August 1966, in a rubber plantation near the village of Long Tan, Australian soldiers fought one of their fiercest battles of the war.

“The men of Delta Company, 6th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment, faced a force of some 2000 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops. The battle was fought in wet and muddy conditions during a heavy tropical downpour.

“By the end of the day, 17 Australians had

been killed in action and 25 were wounded, one of whom died a few days later.

“This was the largest number of casualties in a single operation since the Australian Task Force had established its base at nearby Nui Dat the previous April.

“On this day, we commemorate all the battles fought by Australians in Vietnam, from large-scale operations to platoon and section-level encounters.

“We remember the sailors of the Royal Australian Navy who supported land operations, and members of the Royal Australian Air Force who served in combat and transport roles.

“At Ettalong Diggers, we value the work done by our local Veterans and proudly support them as they continue to do amazing work in the community.”

SOURCE:

Social media, 18 Aug 2021
Bill Jackson, Ettalong Diggers

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Health

Aged care home residents to be relocated to Umina

A Umina aged care home will take both residents and staff from a Gosford aged care facility which is facing imminent closure.

Peninsula Village has announced it will accommodate 14 residents and employ 12 staff from Presbyterian Aged Care Gosford, following its closure.

They will be accommodated in the "Barrenjoey" wing within Pozieres House, which is currently vacant.

"The transition agreement was negotiated between the two aged care organisations and ensures

that along with the residents, the valued staff are retained and can continue caring for these residents and maintain family relationships," said Peninsula Village chief executive Mr Fred Van Steel.

"Peninsula Villages' ethos is based on investing in our local community and older aged residents and therefore we are proud to offer our facilities to the residents and the beloved staff from Presbyterian Aged Care Gosford.

"Speaking with the families of these residents, continuity of care was important and therefore we are delighted we can accommodate

the residents within one wing in our Pozieres House building."

He said Peninsula Villages had grown into one of the Central Coast's leading not-for-profit aged care providers with more than 450 residents and 300 staff across its three residential care facilities, three independent living villages and one affordable seniors' living village.

The closure of Presbyterian Aged Care Gosford would see Peninsula Villages retain a significant number of skilled staff and the two organisations were pleased to be able to share like-minded values that led to a mutual

arrangement, he said.

Presbyterian Aged Care NSW interim chief executive Ms Olivia Wood: "We recognise that the closure of our Gosford Presbyterian facility will be unsettling and stressful for residents and staff, who have been front of mind in our planning.

"We are, however, absolutely thrilled to have the support of Peninsula Villages, a reputable local provider to ensure a smooth transition for our staff and residents to their state-of-the-art facilities," she said.

Mr Van Steel said: "We wanted to ensure that these residents

and staff were able to relocate collectively as part of the same family unit.

"The Barrenjoey wing within Pozieres House is currently vacant and therefore it made perfect sense to relocate these residents and staff together as part of this state-of-the-art development.

"We look forward to welcoming these new faces and learning more about what they will bring to our colourful and loved village community," he said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 13 Aug 2021
Emily Miller, Brilliant Logic

Forum

Greener places – why not start with trees already there?

They've paved paradise and put up a parking lot.

Yes, lines from a Joni Mitchell song from the 60s, Big Yellow Taxi.

This is exactly the sort of thing the Central Coast Council want to do now, specifically I am referring to the clearing of many melaleuca trees at Austin Butler Ave, Woy Woy, to put up a parking lot.

I see the council have got a Greener Places Strategy for the Peninsula, so why not start by

keeping these trees, which are already established.

We don't need to wait 20 to 30 years.

It could easily be turned into a place for the people, to walk through, sit and enjoy.

Such short-sightedness by the council is inexcusable.

Don't we ever learn?

SOURCE:
Letter, 4 Aug 2021
Michael Wilder, Woy Woy

A lot gets said about the environment and sustainability issues.

However, what the environment and what sustainability means to some, means very little to others.

Similarly subjective is the issue of liveability.

What might be liveable to those in the back blocks and bush blocks of the local government area is not to those who prefer living life in the beachfront dress-circle.

All too often, sustainability and the environment look different depending on what side of politics you are looking from.

But what is not sustainable from any perspective is a Council that spends more than it earns and is not held to account, to the ratepayers, for this mismanagement.

What also is unsustainable is

ratepayers being punished for their money being improperly and wastefully spent while those who were incompetent and presided over the maladministration get off scot-free.

One of the results of this is that we continue to live in an environment where rubbish, weeds and storm water collect and fester in unfinished, poorly designed or unrepaired roadsides, laneways, gutters, drains and gullies.

This eventually washes into and pollutes our waterways and beaches.

We live in an environment where the word of the senior bureaucrats employed to deliver public services to the community cannot be trusted.

We live in an environment of darkness when it comes to Council's dealings with our money.

We live in an environment where there is suspicion about a Council that is made to operate despite the continuing absence of elected representatives to complete the democratic process and keep the ratepayers informed and involved.

This makes for an unpleasant environment to live in.

This is both unsustainable and unacceptable.

To all community groups, associations, chambers and organisations: how about some coordination and cooperation in holding Council, and where necessary the NSW Government, to account for not providing better infrastructure and facilities needed to sustain a better living environment for us all?

SOURCE:
Email, 16 Aug 2021
Ian Weekley, Umina Beach

Ettalong rezoning is part of the planning pandemic

Residents for Responsible Ettalong Development and Peninsula residents are rightly opposed to the rezoning of land on Ettalong waterfront.

This is another pseudo asset sale by the Administrator and Council staff, part of the planning pandemic resulting from the knee-jerk response to the council's deficit.

Has the Administrator researched the area of open space

required to address the health and social needs of increased population density in Ettalong's centre?

In 1995, there was a plan to reclaim part of the estuary for a fast ferry service.

Will the Council propose reclaiming part of the estuary to provide essential open space and recreational facilities?

SOURCE:
Letter, 20 Aug 2021
Norm Harris, Umina

Cash from Austin Butler reserve sale is not significant to Council

The proposed rezone and sale of the public reserve greenspace at No.1 Austin Butler Ave, should not go ahead.

If this reserve is sold for a carpark, it would supply only a comparatively small number of carpark spaces and there is already ample spaces available in the Blackwall Rd, Oval Ave, and Austin Butler sport field car parks, as these parks are never full at the same time.

If sold for other private purposes, then there would be no value to the community.

The value to the community currently is a cool green space, attractive mature flowering trees, attracted native wildlife including

some endangered animals and birds.

This shady reserve supplies respite and a pleasant change to the hot main street retail area and will be more important if temperatures keep rising.

A proposed social media campaign to highlight the possible loss of reserve green space including a Save the Trees boycott of Peninsula Plaza would help inform the community and possibly help save the reserve.

The proposed boycott could unfairly effect the small business owners whom do not all support the proposed loss of community green space.

In comparison to the large rate increases just imposed (my own rates have increased by \$874 per

year), the cash flow from this one off sale will not be significant to future Council revenue.

Not a good result for the community.

Now is not the time to be considering a rezoning and sale of this important community reserve as we have no democratically-elected councillors to promote or protect our requirements.

Progress on this proposal to rezone and sell this reserve would add to the perception that more and more inappropriate developments are being imposed on our community while under administration.

SOURCE:
Email, 15 Aug 2021
Ken Bernie, Woy Woy

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Troubadour cancels August concert

The Troubadour folk club has cancelled its August concert.

"It also looks inevitable that we will not be able to hold the concerts planned for September or October either," said folk club president Mr Michael Fine.

"Sadly, due to the current Covid lockdown, we won't be able to see the Water Runners or Tuppenny Upright at the Troubadour on Saturday, August 28.

"We will reschedule the concert for 2022."

The club has yet to reschedule the September performance with The Highly Strung Rock and Roll Orchestra on September 25.

Mr Fine said the Troubadour was now holding sessions online twice a month.

"Thanks to the untiring energy of the brilliant Hugh Worrell, the Troubadour still holds sessions, online, on the first and third Sundays of the month.

"If you'd like join in, see some of your Troubadour friends and perhaps contribute a song or

verse, contact Hugh directly on 0402 529 474.

"In the meantime, it's a good opportunity to make sure you are fully vaccinated, and a great time to work on practise playing your instrument or to learn a new one, work on your next song, take up a new hobby, and polish up those Zoom skills.

"And of course there is some good viewing online."

SOURCE:
Media release, 16 Aug 2021
Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club



The lockdown version of dining out - picking up takeaway at the drive-through..

Woy Woy Rotary hears about Coast Shelter



Coast Shelter chief executive Mr Michael Starr has addressed the Rotary Club of Woy Woy at a recent online meeting.

Club president Ms Julie Jones said Coast Shelter was a non-profit charity which provided accommodation and support programs for people who were homeless or escaping family or domestic violence across the Central Coast.

"Coast Shelter has been operating for 26 years and provides accommodation to over 200 men, women, families and youth every

night."

Coast Shelter also coordinated the provision of over 1000 free meals every week through the Coast Community Centre.

"They have 10 properties across the Coast and house up to 160 people.

"Due to the latest Covid outbreak, the format of their day-to-day running has had to change.

"The meals are still served but must be takeaway.

"The laundry and shower service that they normally provide has had to close.

"The allied health services,

visiting specialists and GP clinic have had to stop."

"They are still taking in referrals and all refuges are open, as an essential service.

"They are holding online fitness classes, bingo and cooking challenges.

"There has been generous corporate support over the past six weeks.

"Gosford RSL are preparing 100 meals per day for Coast Shelter and delivering takeaway hampers.

"There are about 200 active volunteers who assist with Coast Shelter.

"One program is driving instruction for homeless youths, which in turn allows them to apply for jobs that require a licence.

"The local Year 11 and 12 students prepare cook and serve at barbecues for the homeless people, which is very much appreciated."

Ms Jones said: "There was much interest from our members, with many questions for Michael.

"When things are back to normal we have been invited to visit for a look at their premises."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 17 Aug 2021
Julie Jones, Rotary Woy Woy



Liesl Tesch MP

Member for Gosford

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Sport

Junior cricket coaches announced

Southern Spirit Cricket Club has announced its junior coaches for the coming season.

Youth League coach will be Chris Johnston.

Ian Tomlinson will be coaching the under-16s side and Scott Fisher will be coaching the under-13s and 14s.

The club is still seeking coaches of its under-12s side and a co-ordinator for its Master/Junior Blasters sides.

Bec Tomlinson has been appointed junior vice-president.

For further information, call her on 0404 017 897.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Aug 2021
Southern Spirit Cricket Club



Little aths October start

Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics is planned to start its season in October.

The committee is hoping that the classification of the Central Coast as a regional will mean the plans are "a little more likely".

Athletes can register their interest in keeping up with the latest announcements on season registrations.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Aug 2021
Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics

Hope for more softball teams

Peninsula Ducks Softball Club is hoping to increase the number of teams it fields in the coming season.

Peninsula Ducks entered teams into the Under-9 Teeball, the Under-12 Modball, the Under-15 Junior Softball, Division Four Ladies and had players in Division Three Ladies last season.

"We are looking to build on these teams and enter a Youth,

Mens and our own Ladies Division Three team this season," said club president Ms Di Barrymore.

For further information, contact Ms Barrymore on 0409 125 250 or visit the club website at www.revolutionise.com.au/peninsuladucks/.

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Aug 2021
Di Barrymore, Peninsula Ducks Softball Club

New path between surf club and precinct

A new path has been built alongside Umina Beach Surf Club by Central Coast Council.

It is designed to provide better access between the precinct and the surf club area for bike riders of all ages, pedestrians and dog walkers.

It was fully funded by the NSW

Government as part of the "My Community Project" scheme in 2019.

The projects were chosen by the community and this particular path received the second highest number of votes.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Aug 2021
Umina Community Group

Executive ends netball season

The Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association executive has decided to finish its season without further competition.

Members were told that factors included extension of the lockdown, unknown future community sport restrictions and the impact of resuming competition after a break with no training.

"We also need to hand over the courts to Council for the new building project.

"Trophies for first and second past the post will be provided when Health guidelines allow.

"The full financial impact of this year is still being determined."

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Aug 2021
Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association

Bunnies finish

The Umina Bunnies Junior Rugby League Football Club season has come to an end, with the extension of the lockdown.

"The NSW Rugby League Board has now been forced to accept the heartbreaking reality that community competitions will have to be abandoned in the Greater Sydney Region along with Central Coast," members were told.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Aug 2021
Umina Bunnies JRLFC

Education



Ettalong Public School presents ... Science Week experiments

Ettalong Public School has added science experiments to its "Ettalong Public School presents ..." series of online videos.

Coinciding with Science Week, more than a dozen videos have been added to the school's YouTube channel.

The new videos include: "The Running Man" experiment with Miss Pardey, Mrs Brown making Oobleck, "The Speed Boat Challenge" with Mrs Fabri, "Ice Mover" experiment with Mrs Selwood, Miss Crowther

Making Cloud Dough, Mrs Brown demonstrating Salt Crystal Painting, Mrs Kennedy with the Cinematic Secrets, "The Bean Plant in a Bag Experiment" with Mrs Selwood, "Let's get loud" experiment with Mr Theobald, Mixed up Science with Mr Leary, "Fingerprint Detective" with Mrs Fabri, Miss Harvey with the Circle Challenge, and Mrs Rosano Making Sushi.

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Aug 2021
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

Local Member thanks teachers

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has thanked Peninsula teachers for their service during the lockdown.

"Teachers are among the essential workers overlooked in the pandemic, especially when it comes to putting themselves on the line to go to school and look after essential workers' kids," she said.

"They have spent time changing their lesson plans to accommodate online learning and they have been moving with every single announcement delivered by the

Government."

"As a former teacher I understand the difficulty of teaching under normal circumstances and I know these would only add to the pressure.

"Teachers commitment to students in our community and the encouragement they deliver to kids in our community, jumping on school Facebook pages and making fun videos to keep our students entertained, is something that does not go unnoticed and I cannot thank you all enough for everything you do.

"Without the courage, passion and dedication of our teacher's children across the state would be suffering."

Ms Tesch has urged parents to stay vigilant.

"If you are not an essential worker, please keep your children safe and at home."

"I know it is difficult to help your children learn from home but it is also the safest means right now for everyone in our community."

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 Aug 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Parents asked to fill in survey

Umina Beach Public School is asking parents to fill in an online survey to gain information about home learning.

"We want to know how things are going in relation to Learning at Home," said principal Mr Chad Tsakissiris.

"Some questions are the same as last time plus we have some new questions about Zoom and collecting and marking students completed work.

"We had 72 surveys last time that we used to inform us on decisions of how to meet the needs of families at this time.

"We look forward to using the responses from this survey to continue building these strong partnerships between school and home."

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Aug 2021
Chad Tsakissiris, Umina Beach Public School