



Peninsula residents have 17,000 jabs in a month

Peninsula residents have received around 17,000 coronavirus vaccination injections in the past month, according figures on the NSW Government Covid-19 website.

The website now shows that first vaccinations have gone from below 50 per cent of the eligible population on August 2 to more than 70 per cent in the 2256 and 2257 postcode areas on September 2.

The website only displays approximate figures.

However taking mid-range figures, total injections in the 2256 postcode area have grown from around 8500 to 14,500, while the numbers have grown from 16,500 to 27,500 in the 2257 postcode area.

About 10,250 injections have been administered to people aged over 50 in the 2256 postcode area, an average of 1.33 injections per person for the 7700 people in that age group.

About 19,250 injections have been administered to people in the same age group in the 2257 postcode area, an average of

Population	2256	2257
Eligible	13766	25357
> 50 years	7700	15000
< 50 years	6000	10300
Injections		
Total	14,500	27500
> 50 years	10,250	19,250
< 50 years	4250	8250
Doses/person		
> 50 years	1.33	1.28
< 50 years	0.71	0.80
Percentages		
> 50 years		
One dose	91	88
Two doses	42	41
< 50 years		
One dose	48	56
Two doses	23	25
All ages		
One dose	72	74
Two doses	34	35

1.28 injections per person for the 15,000 people in that age group.

About 4250 injections have been given to people under 50 in the 2256 postcode, an average of 0.71 injections per person amongst the 6000 people in that age group.

About 8250 injections have been given to people in the same

age group in the 2257 postcode area, an average of 0.80 injections per person for the 10,300 people in that age group.

Based on mid-range injection figures, 72 per cent of the 2256 population and 74 per cent of the 2257 population have received first doses.

Only 34 per cent of the 2256 population and 35 per cent of the 2257 population have had a second dose.

The over-50 age group has significantly higher vaccination rates, with 42 and 41 per cent being fully vaccinated in the respective postcode areas.

In the 2256 postcode, 91 per cent have had a first dose, while in the 2257 area 88 per cent have had a first dose.

With the under-50s in the 2256 postcode, 48 per cent have had a first dose and 23 per cent are fully vaccinated.

In the 2257 postcode area for the same age group, 56 per cent have had a first dose and 25 per cent are fully vaccinated.

SOURCE:
Website, 2 Sep 2021
Find the Facts about Covid-19,
NSW Government

Three more residents test positive

Three more Peninsula residents have tested positive to the coronavirus in the past week.

NSW Government data shows that three residents in the 2257 returned positive tests on September 1, 2 and 3.

Four Peninsula residents had previously tested positive between August 10 and 20.

The Central Coast Local Health District has not acknowledged the local cases and did not include the Peninsula in a list of "suburbs where there is mounting evidence

of community transmission".

However, it did list two exposure sites at Ettalong: The Box on the Water cafe and the adjacent beachfront reserve in the vicinity of the Vietnam Veterans' memorial.

The Ettalong Beach waterfront reserve, opposite 59-60 The Esplanade was an exposure site on Sunday, August 29, from 2.10pm to 4.40pm.

The cafe was listed as an exposure site from 3.30pm to 3.45pm.

"Anyone who attended these venues on the dates and times

listed is a casual contact," the health district media release stated.

"Casual contacts must immediately get tested and isolate until they receive a negative result, even if they have had a test in recent days.

"High rates of testing are critical to detecting transmission and preventing further spread of Covid-19."

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 Sep 2021
Central Coast Local Health District
Website, 3 Sep 2021
data.nsw.gov.au



Around the Peninsula over the last couple of weeks, characters made from wooden spoons have appeared: above left under the electronic sign at Umina Beach Public School, above right at Woy Woy community garden.

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Time off for running repairs

As things get older, they tend to need more maintenance.

This applies to the editor of Peninsula News, as much as to anything else.

"I will be having a short stay in hospital following the next issue of Peninsula News for some running maintenance," said editor Mr Mark Snell.

He said he expected he would need some recovery time afterwards.

As a result, the edition of Peninsula News scheduled for October 5 will now be published on October 11.

He said help to produce that edition of the newspaper would be appreciated.

Offers of help should be directed to editor@peninsula.news.

SOURCE:
Mark Snell, 4 Sep 2021

Nothing extra

With the lockdown, there has been less activity for Peninsula News to report.

As a result, we will not publish Peninsula News EXTRA, our electronic supplement, until after the lockdown is lifted.

In the meantime, feel free to scan the code to add your name to the list to be informed when it is next published.

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At its heart, Peninsula News is a community effort.

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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.

Locality

The newspaper's editorial policy reflects a desire to reinforce the Peninsula's sense of community.

To qualify for publication, articles must have specific relevance to the Peninsula. For example, they must be about activities or events happening on the Peninsula or be organised by or involving Peninsula people.

The newspaper is not regional or national in nature, so regional or national issues will not be canvassed except as they affect the Peninsula.

Regional sports will only be covered from the perspective of Peninsula clubs. Regional plans will only be aired in the context of their ramifications for the Peninsula.

Peninsula News aims to be inclusive of as much of the Peninsula community as possible.

Readability

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

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

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

Forum letters

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

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

Contributors are asked to keep their

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

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

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Contributors who do not wish the wording of their letter to be changed at all should make a note to this effect when submitting their letter. In some cases, this may result in the letter not being published.

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

If you believe we have got something wrong, whether an error of fact or interpretation, we ask that you write to us by email with details for publication. These corrections may appear as Forum letters or as news items and should conform to our requirements for news and Forum contributions.

Source lines

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It should not be assumed that the article is a verbatim reproduction of the source. Similarly, it should not be assumed that any reporter listed is necessarily responsible for writing the whole news item. Source lines are not by-lines.

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

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

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

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Media Release - unsolicited contributions.

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Donations collected

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water is collecting donations of second-hand phones and laptops for Peninsula Lighthouse in Ettalong.

"Peninsula Lighthouse is a non for profit organisation working with victims of domestic violence," said Rotary club president Ms Cherie Simpson.

"They are currently looking for donations of second-hand phones and laptops.

"Peninsula Lighthouse cleans the phones and laptops restoring factory settings.

"They then hand them out to victims of domestic violence and at the same time giving them a \$30 starter SIM card."

Donations can be arranged through Rotary club vice-president Ms Jayne Mote on 0405 714 289.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 2 Sep 2021
Cherie Simpson, Rotary Brisbane Water



Clean4shore seeks new members

Waterways clean-up group Clean4shore is seeking new members.

"We would love to get some new members either on the water or in the background," said project coordinator Mr Graham Johnston.

"All ages and skill levels are welcome."

Joining the team is "free and easy".

A membership form can be completed at <https://form.jotform.com/212390594685061>

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Sep 2021
Graham Johnston, Clean4Shore

Car boot sale cancelled

Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club has cancelled its monthly car boot sale and barbecue for the third consecutive month.

The event scheduled for September 26 has been cancelled due to coronavirus restrictions.

Normally, the monthly car boot sales and barbecues are held on the last Sunday of each month except December.

Stallholders start to set up at

6am for a cost of \$20 a car space.

Although there is no booking, stallholders are advised to seek updated information about the effects of coronavirus restrictions by phone on 0478 959 895 or from the club's website at <https://woywoypeninsulalc.nsw.lions.org.au/>

SOURCE:
Website, 1 Sep 2021
Greg Head, Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club

Albert Quilkey dies

Former Woy Woy real estate agent Mr Albert Quilkey died on Friday, September 3.

Mr Quilkey was the first of three generations of the family who have been partners in Wilson's Real Estate in Woy Woy.

He was a long-standing member of the Rotary Club of Woy Woy, and one of its past presidents.

Current club president Ms Julie Jones said: "He served as chairman of the board of Bluewave Living.

"He started the club's Melbourne Cup trifecta fundraiser that we run a version of today.

"Albert had a great community service spirit," she said.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 5 Sep 2021
Julie Jones, Rotary Woy Woy

Raffle for youth program

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water is running an online raffle to put towards a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program candidate.

"Tickets are \$5 each and there are only 100 tickets available," said club president Ms Cherie Simpson.

"The raffle should raise \$500, with \$250 for the winner and \$250 for the club to put towards a RYLA candidate."

Further information is available from Ms Simpson on 0425 222 778.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 2 Sep 2021
Cherie Simpson, Rotary Brisbane Water

Two days' rain makes average month

Two consecutive days of solid rain in the last week of August have brought the monthly rainfall close to average.

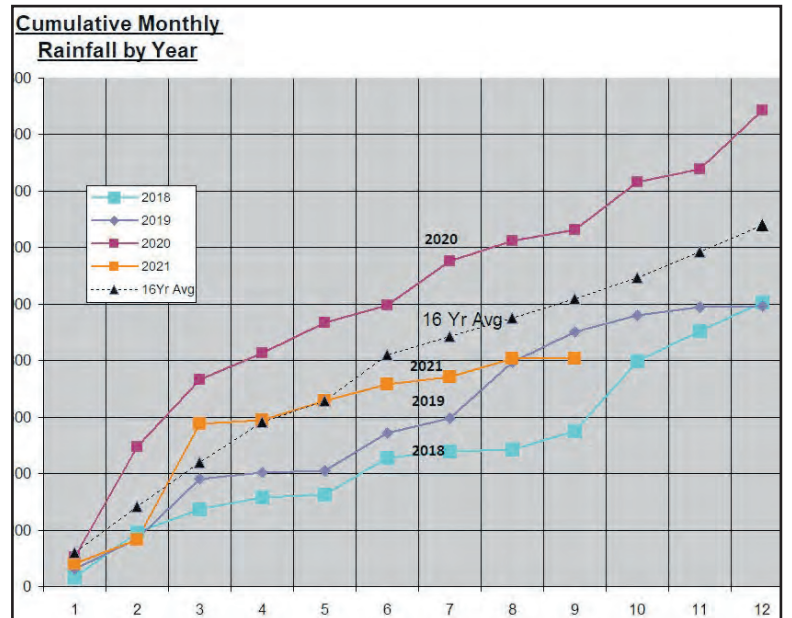
Falls of 36.0mm and 21.5mm on August 24 and 25 brought the monthly total to 63.1mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

The August average rainfall is 67mm.

The balance of the August total was recorded in light rainfall over three days, amounting to 5.6mm.

The cumulative total for the year at the end of August was 805.8mm, 15.4 per cent less than the average of 952mm for this time of year.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 3 Sep 2021
Jim Morrison, Umina



ABC Friends postpone evening function

Central Coast Friends of the ABC have postponed an evening function that was to be held at the Everglades Country Club on September 3.

Guest speaker was to be ABC executive producer Ms Sue Spencer.

“Sue was the executive producer of Exposed: The Ghost Train Fire, winner of the 2019 Walkley Award for outstanding journalism, and executive producer of Four Corners from 2007 to 2015,” said organiser Ms Gillian Telford of Booker Bay.

“It has been decided to defer the function to as early as possible in 2022 and all ticket-holders will be kept advised.”

This is the second time the event has been postponed.

The function was originally planned for June 25, but was postponed with the start of the lockdown until September 3.

“We are grateful for the support of all our Friends and their guests through this time and members have been advised that meetings will continue during lockdown on the second Saturday of every month, via Zoom.”

For further information about “The Friends” group call 0400 213 514 or visit the organisation’s website at fabcns.org.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 1 Sep 2021
Gillian Telford, Central Coast Friends of the ABC



Sorrento replaces Saratoga

The “Sorrento” was used as the ferry for the Davistown service last week while the “Saratoga” was on the slips for maintenance.

The weekday restricted timetable was still in effect while the lockdown continued.

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 Aug 2021
Central Coast Ferries



Pleased with footpath library

The Woy Woy branch of the Country Women’s Association has been pleased with the response to its new “footpath library”.

“We are amazed to see so many new books there,” said branch president Ms Jane Bowtell.

Among the contributions were crocheted brooches and upcycled necklaces.

“We are so lucky to have such a wonderful community around us,” she said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Aug 2021
Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy

Men’s Shed sets meeting date, but not method

The Umina Beach Men’s Shed is planning to hold its annual general meeting on Monday, October 18.

However, it is yet to decide how the meeting will be held.

“The way we hold the meeting is a yet to be determined, being dependant on the Covid rules at that time,” said secretary Mr Vic Brown.

“It could possibly be held at the Shed as in the past, with a barbecue; or with social distancing limitations and group numbers, perhaps in parkland; or via Zoom from home.

“The reality is we have to

prepare for all these possible solutions as the meeting has to take place.

“The standard requirement for attendance is that one has to be a financial member – paid up for this current year July 2021 to June 2022.

“The AGM is an important platform for the ongoing well being of the Shed.

“Members wanting to become committee members and current committee members require your vote, that is if they are prepared to stand for another year.


“So the underlying purpose of an annual meeting is to receive

and accept the annual reports and set or update the committee for the year.

“The paperwork for volunteers to stand and vote for committee positions will be made available in due course, once it’s determined in what format the meeting can be held.

“Wouldn’t it be terrific if we hold the AGM in the style and venue of the past years with all the fellowship and fun and meeting face to face again?”

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 1 Sep 2021
Vic Brown, Umina Beach Men’s Shed



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Double storey dual occupancy proposed for Booker Bay

Central Coast Council has received an application for two double-storey unit dual occupancy development costing \$637,750 on a 627 square metre site at 24 Telopea St, Booker Bay.

The proposal is a mix of single and double storey design.

“The envelope is well modulated and the facade articulated to eliminate long runs of blank wall,” according to a supporting statement submitted by Ms Sandra Trad of Red Apple Design.

“No large gable ends are utilised. The roof is low pitched, with fall directions and heights varied creating an interesting silhouette.

“Eave depths are 600mm throughout to provide shadow casts and further contrast to the facade.

“Unit 1 is provided with dual aspect courtyard areas at ground level, featuring a mix of hard and soft finishes to enhance their livability. These courtyards are each accessible and mated to their corresponding living areas.

“Unit 2 enjoys the site’s full width courtyard directly accessible



from its north-facing living room.

“To the street frontage, mixed material screen fencing is set back behind semi transparent plantings and articulated to avoid long, flat runs.”

The maximum building height is 7.015 metres.

The application acknowledges a minor departure from the required building envelope.

“This encroachment bares no overshadowing or privacy concerns for its neighbours to the north.

“It is argued that strict compliance is unnecessary.”

The application claims to comply

with setback requirements of one metre from side boundaries, three metres from the rear boundary and six metres from the front boundary.

In relation to private open space requirements, the application states: “It is demonstrated these solutions achieve amenity equal to or exceeding the Cause of the numerical standard.”

Public comments will be received until October 1.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 1 Sep 2021
DA62675, Central Coast Council



Dual occupancy application for Norman St

Central Coast Council has received a development application for a two-storey dual occupancy costing \$900,000 at 8 Norman St, Umina Beach.

One unit will have three bedrooms and the other four.

The first dwelling has side entry on the ground floor, which includes a kitchen, dining and living areas, laundry, guest toilet and storage.

The first floor includes a media room, master bedroom, two other bedrooms, linen storage and bathrooms.

A ground floor courtyard would be accessed from the living area,

The second dwelling has entry via a porch on ground floor, which includes a kitchen, dining and living areas, laundry, guest toilet and storage.

The first floor would include

a master bedroom, three other bedrooms, bathrooms and linen storage.

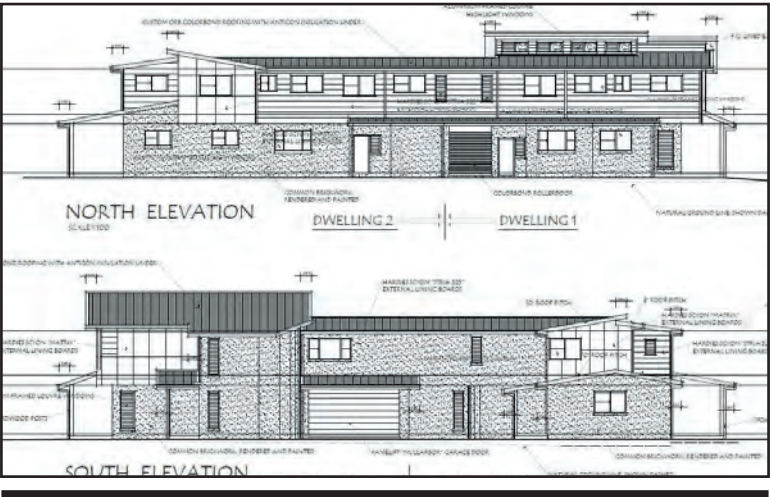
Both units would have two covered car parking spaces provided in an integral double garage with internal ground floor access.

An application prepared by LAW Building Design, reports non-compliance with the required building envelope, with “minor intrusion for a length of three metres on the northern boundary to the rear of the site”.

The proposal does not comply with a three metre rear setback requirement, with a setback of 2.5 metres proposed to a “roofed terrace”.

The application is open for public comment until August 27.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 6 Aug 2021
DA62582, Central Coast Council



Noticeable change expected

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales has told the Rotary Club of Umina that he expects a noticeable change on the Peninsula in the next five years, according to Rotary club president Mr Bruce Croft.

Reporting on the talk, Mr Croft said the change was expected to be particularly evident in medium density residential development.

Mr Croft said that among the points made by Mr Wales was that “there are plans next year to reignite Woy Woy commercial centre with better traffic management and commercial solutions.

“The heavy commuter traffic from around 8000 cars daily to and from the station is causing traffic gridlock and severely impedes local ability to park and shop.

“Council is amenable to relocating the multi storey commuter carpark away from Deepwater Plaza but is unable to find suitable land at a reasonable price.

“Peninsula Chamber of Commerce is in favour of extending existing ground level bitumen commuter parking as it is far cheaper than multi storey construction.

“Council is currently seen as a basket case, unable to solve critical issues. Capital works and maintenance have been cut back and street cleaning contractors are being replaced by Council staff with reduced output.

“The three town centres on the Peninsula need to be redeveloped into ground floor commercial and three to four level residential above the shops.

“A significant upgrade to Peninsula Plaza is about to commence with more commercial space, increased parking and provision for residential development.

“There was no planned future development to the car park behind the West Street shops in Umina.”

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 27 Aug 2021
Bruce Croft, Rotary Umina Beach



Complete tree survey, group urges

The Grow Urban Shade Trees group is urging Peninsula residents to complete a survey about urban trees and liveability.

"Here is your opportunity to speak up for trees," said group member Ms Debbie Sunartha.

"The University of Technology Sydney is conducting a survey in collaboration with Central Coast Council to better understand how residents feel about their neighbourhood's liveability,

particularly with regard to urban trees.

"We'd love you to complete this 10-minute survey to get our message across about how we value trees."

The survey may be completed at <https://forms.office.com/r/L9pBaudW2w>.

Submissions close on Friday, October 1.

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Sep 2021
Grow Urban Shade Trees

Mingaletta Aunties 'spread happiness and joy'

Sisters Together, a program founded by Mingaletta Aunties, is designed to look after not only themselves and other Aboriginal Aunties throughout the Peninsula, but also many other members of the community.

Aunty Elaine Chapman has been knitting happy hats to give to people who are in need of joy during these challenging times.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has been one of the many people to receive some happy hats.

"Aunty Elaine Chapman has been knitting happy hats to give away to people who need some happiness during the challenging times of lockdown," said Ms Tesch.

"As soon as Aunty Robyn Reid delivered some happy hats to me yesterday, I put two of them in the post to send to some of my parliamentary colleagues in the hard lockdown areas of Western Sydney to give out in their community – who are really going through tough times."

While NSW is in lockdown together, there are many



communities in particular feeling the full force of Covid-19 and struggling to find ways to connect, Ms Tesch said.

"People like Aunty Elaine and Aunty Robyn are a fabulous reminder of how simple acts of kindness can bring our communities together during these challenging times."

"Both Mingaletta Aunties should be commended for using their time

and skills to produce hats that spread so much happiness and joy."

"I am so incredibly proud of our locals who continue to think of others and it is heart-warming to hear these positive stories during this time."

SOURCE:
Media release, 27 Aug 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Liesl Tesch MP
Member for Gosford

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Fire up the chainsaws

Remember when you came here? You vowed no more to roam,
you thought you had discovered your forever home.
But now those dreams are shattered, in just one beat,
next door's up for sale. The sign is on the street!

Chorus: Fire up the chainsaws, let them rip!
Send every tree off to the tip.
Bring up the trucks, let the concrete flow,
we're doing it so the economy can grow.

The outcome you fear will soon emerge,
with wallets held high, developers converge.
They'll level the site and clear every tree,
instead of one house there will now be three.

The lot's too small, surely it's a fix?
But no! They've invoked clause four point six.
If you complain, they won't hear your plea,
it seems they're exempt from the DCP.

You will be upset and in shock,
when you see the size of this ugly block.
They'll blot out the sun with a careless shrug,
there will barely be room for a single shrub.

Developers are eager to make a tidy sum,
by transforming every street into a crowded slum.
The council are happy, to them it makes good sense.
The only ones who suffer are the local residents.

Against all the odds, some trees still stand,
but the developers have a cunning plan.
They say to the council "those trees will have to go,
wouldn't you much rather see the colour of our dough?"

Soon there will be no more land to pave,
developers will leave to find the gold they crave.
We'll all be sweating and cursing our mistakes,
the council will blame us and then they'll raise the rates.

SOURCE:
Email, 3 Sep 2021
Frank Wiffen, Woy Woy



Sale of Austin Butler reserve land is unacceptable

The proposed sale of 4130sq metres of public land in Austin Butler reserve to the owners of the Peninsula Plaza is unacceptable.

This area includes over 30 mature melaleuca trees.

Given that Woy Woy has been experiencing the adverse effects of over development with substantial tree loss and heat island effect for many years, it should not be contemplated.

A report commissioned by

Council in 2018 found that the area of tree canopy cover at Woy Woy declined by 173 hectares between 2005 and 2014, while the area of impervious surfaces increased by 84 hectares and unplantable space increased by 113 hectares.

It has only worsened since then.

With Council debt being less than expected to the tune of savings of \$110million, there is no reason for Council to proceed with this sale of public land.

If they believe in their Greener

Places Strategy, they should practise what they preach and save what we already have.

It would take decades to replace the ecological and environmental benefits of these trees and this area could be enhanced to improve urban forest canopy and to continue to provide a shady retreat for people and local fauna to enjoy.

SOURCE:
Email, 30 Aug 2021
Suraya Coorey, Woy Woy

The importance of ABC local radio

Along with the rest of the country, from 2019 onwards the Central Coast has been affected by the disasters of bushfires and the Covid-19 pandemic.

In these situations, it is essential that the community is provided with current and accurate information, for example, about the localities of fires or infections and the numbers of people affected.

At a time when local newspapers have been confronted with closure or reduced coverage through loss of revenue a trusted local radio service becomes vital.

ABC Radio Central Coast provides the local community with invaluable information concerning testing and vaccination rates, locations where infections have occurred as well as the consequences of the lockdown and other restrictions for Central Coast residents.

I have been asked to contribute a small segment My Community each week as a social scientist, after I led the successful campaign during the Covid-19 pandemic to

get soap installed, Operation Soap in Public Toilets.

The Breakfast Team was most responsive to my concern about soap and invaluable in giving me a voice, and Scott Levi's knowledge of the local people and culture, leaders, Council and processes is incomparable.

With media organisations under continued pressure from online platforms such as Google and Facebook, the maintenance of local media outlets has become increasingly difficult.

Given the likelihood that communities will continue to face emergencies on a greater scale and frequency the importance of local media such as ABC Local Radio is more apparent than ever.

We need producers, researchers and journalists with the contacts, knowledge and expertise to provide local audiences with an awareness and understanding of the events and issues that are affecting them.

SOURCE:
Email, 1 Sep 2021
Stephanie Short, Woy Woy

Problem exists when poll results in contrary actions

If the public inquiry into the local government amalgamation fiasco is to be of value its first matter for discussion is Gosford Council's poll of March 27, 2004.

The poll included five questions all relating to the future of the local government area with the most important being "Do you support amalgamation with Wyong Shire Council?"

Voters selected "YES" with 18,846 votes, while the "NO" votes tallied 57,488.

This was a clear indication that residents opposed amalgamation.

Was the poll of any value?

Were there behind-the-scenes actions in 2004 to overrule the public?

The public inquiry is a futile end-of-pipe examination while the most important issues are neglected.

There is a genuine problem with government administration when the poll of March 2004 resulted in contrary actions being taken.

Another question that had similar history is: "What is the maximum number of storeys that you would support for buildings in Gosford CBD - seven or less; eight to 14; 15 to 21; 22 or more?"

SOURCE:
Letter, 30 Aug 2021
Norm Harris, Umina

Public Notices

The Peninsula Day Branch of the N.S.W. Labor Party meets the
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Reclassify reserve as 'community land'

It is really lovely to think that our Memorial Ave reserve has been saved, but of course we all know it is a fragile safety as long as it is classified Operational.

To put it on the same footing as the other reserves, would it be possible to change it to Community land?

I have been told by Council staff that this would be very difficult.

In the case of this little slice of

woodland and its inhabitants, a Community Land classification would give them more security of tenure.

As for the humans involved, we are planning to invest a lot of time and energy into starting a bush care group.

We would never feel secure knowing the reserve can be easily sold off some time in the future.

SOURCE:
Email, 27 Aug 2021
Jane Hendy, Blackwall

St John offers transition to kindergarten program

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School is offering a transition program for children entering kindergarten next year.

"We are excited to be welcoming our 2022 Kinder children to our Kinder Yana Transition Program," said principal Ms Nicole Davies.

"This program comprises of six sessions which run from 9.30am to 11am for both the children and their parents.

"Due to the current lockdown, we have postponed the first three sessions, which normally occur in Term 3 until Term 4.

"These sessions are followed up by one final meeting at night with parents only."

This night provides details of the first weeks of starting Kinder.

"Throughout the transition program we aim to have the students, and their parents, feel

comfortable in the school by getting to know one another, the teachers and the school site.

"The teachers get to know the children and their strengths and challenges, ready for when they begin school.

"Our Yana Transition Program is designed to be engaging and creative.

"The Kinder teachers set up a range of activities to enhance the children's receptive and expressive language skills; fine and gross motor skills along with social skills."

Anyone interested in enrolling a child for 2022 should call the school on 4341 0884 or email sjbwww@dbb.catholic.edu.au for a personal tour of the school with Ms Davies.

SOURCE:
Website, 1 Sep 2021
Nicole Davies, St John the Baptist Primary School



Acknowledgement of Country sign installed

Brisbane Water Secondary College installed an Acknowledgement of Country sign at the front of the Umina campus last week on Indigenous Literacy Day.

Theme of the day was

Celebrating Stories and Language, said campus principal Ms Kerry O'Heir.

Students were provided with links to view stories by First Nations storytellers and other live events happening across the country.

Aboriginal education officer Mr

Maurice Goolagong is pictured with campus principal Ms O'Heir (left) and deputy principal Mr Ash Jackson (right) holding the new sign.

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Sep 2021
Kerry O'Heir, BWSC Umina

Competition to create book covers

The English faculty at Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus has run a competition to "Re-create a Book Cover".

The competition was open to staff and students at the campus.

Participants had to find a book and re-create the cover using whatever materials, people and animals they had at their disposal

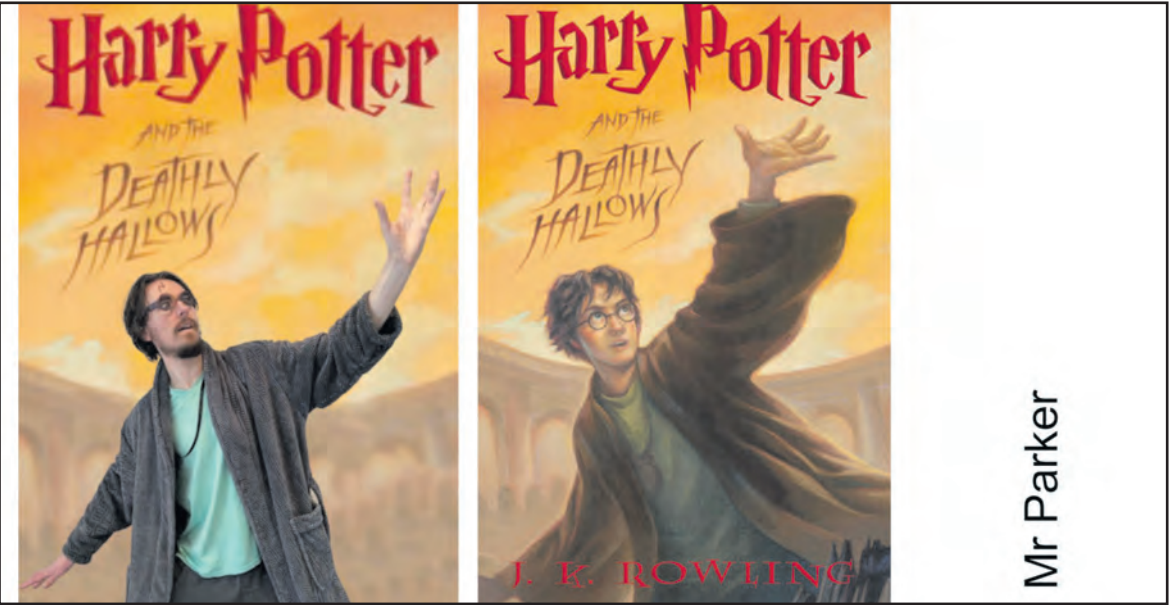
at home.

They were asked to submit a picture of the original cover as well as their re-creation for judging.

One winner will be announced per year group.

Pictured are some of the staff entries.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Aug 2021
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



Health

Local community is commended for actively helping others

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has commended the efforts of the local community in "actively seeking ways to help others" during the pandemic.

She said that there had been an influx of support from the community to help those struggling.

"I am beyond proud of our community and volunteers who have truly stepped up and gone above and beyond to help those who otherwise would be left behind."

She said that Mary Macs Place worker Ms Sally Liedberg had marvelled at the response from the community for the charity that supplied meals to vulnerable members of the community,.

"I am so humbled by the response both this year and last with how much the community comes together in times of need.

"I often have individuals who call me up asking what we need and showing up an hour later with trolleys full of groceries."

However, the St Vincent De Paul's Society at Woy Woy said they were continually in need of food supplies to make hampers for struggling families.

Manager Ms Nikki Willmette had also noticed a large increase in requests for urgent support, across all parts of the community.

"We have identified more people seeking help who have never used our service before.

"I had one lady say to me that she used to donate to us but is now

in need of our services.

"People are doing a marvellous job, be it from local school communities, individuals seeking to help, and from businesses which have been providing essential medicines to those who are currently unable to afford it."

Ms Tesch said assistance remains available from St Vincents for those experiencing domestic violence and homelessness, both by phone and on-site with appropriate mask wearing.

Anyone in need of assistance should contact St Vincent's on 4341 7535.

Donations are also being accepted at Woy Woy.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Aug 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Tesch criticises suspension of BreastScreen services

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has criticised the suspension of BreastScreen services throughout the State, with staff being redeployed to assist with the pandemic response.

"The BreastScreen bus which visits the Woy Woy Peninsula every year will no longer be available."

Ms Tesch said there were grave fears that breast cancer would go unnoticed with "huge implications for the wellbeing of women".

She said cancelling the service was not the answer.

"The fact that so many detections are found through this initiative goes to show that suspending it is certainly not the answer to our issues.

"It is so important for women to

be checked regularly so lumps can be detected early and we can get on top of the cancer quickly.

"Without this prompt response, the outcome for the individual and their family could be so different.

"Putting all other health issues with grave consequences on the back burner is an injustice to all of us.

"Covid-19 is absolutely crucial to be on top of, just like breast cancer."

"Breast cancer is an illness very close to my heart.

"If a situation like this happened to my mother, our experience and our sunset time with her would have been so different."

SOURCE:
Media release, 23 Aug 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Cricket club brothers in car rally for cancer research

Southern Spirit Cricket Club life members, brothers Stuart and Mark Simpson, are taking part in a car rally to raise money for the Cancer Council.

“We will be driving our 1991 Toyota Camry Executive Sedan Limo from Wollongong to Mackay. “Our older brother, Neale, contracted cancer. After a long battle, he passed away in 2021. Mark was determined to promote and raise funds for cancer research and sees the rally as a perfect opportunity. “The rally is the largest community-led fundraiser for the Cancer Council in Australia and is now in its 12th year. “Part of the participation is that all teams have to raise a minimum of \$5000 but most teams raise well above this amount. “These funds go to the Cancer Council and we are extremely proud to be doing our part to support such a worthy charity.”

Mark was a member of Woy Woy Cricket Club for many years, and played, coached and served on the club and district committees. His three boys also played Woy Woy juniors and seniors. Mark, through his business Anytime Fitness, has also been a long-time sponsor of the Southern Spirit club. Stuart has been a member of both Woy Woy and Southern Spirit cricket clubs as a player and serving on committees for both clubs. He and stepson Lachlan McDonald are still active members of Southern Spirit. “Cancer has affected everyone of us in one way or another, and we feel that this is a cause worthy of our time and money.” To support or sponsor the brothers, contact Stuart on 0422 144 972.

SOURCE:
Social media, 2 Sep 2021
Southern Spirit Cricket Club



Representative netball team interest sought

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association is seeking expressions of interest from players wanting to be part of representative teams. Representative Trials will take place as soon as Covid guidelines allow for 11s Development Squad, 12s, 13s, 14s, 15s, 17s and Open teams. The age is taken as the age the player is turning in 2022. Selected representative players must play in Saturday competition for Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association in the 2022 season. As well as recording player

details, the expression of interest form asks for past playing experience. It also asks: “Please provide three attributes you would bring to a WWPNA Representative Team? “Please explain how these three things will not only play a role in the way you play netball but how they will be beneficial to a team environment?” For further information, email wwpna@bigpond.com.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Aug 2021
Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association

Softball club hopes to field men’s team

Peninsula Ducks Softball Club is hoping to field a men’s team in a “relaunched” Central Coast men’s competition. The Central Coast Softball Association is seeking “past, present or future players” for games to be played at 2pm or 4pm at Bateau Bay sports ground.

Players can register through Peninsula Ducks by contacting club president Ms Di Barrymore on 0409 125 250 or direct with the association by contacting its men’s co-ordinator Mr Josh Bugg on 0450 400 347 or email bugg_35@hotmail.com

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Sep 2021
Di Barrymore, Peninsula Ducks

Bowling club cancels RU OK Day

Umina Beach Men’s Bowling Club has cancelled its RU OK Day, which was due to be held at the club on September 9. Club secretary Mr Peter Springgett said: “This is a very important day for men’s mental

health, even more so this year.” “Many of our members live alone and are isolated. “Some are not in the best of health or have partners that are not in the best of health.” He said members had been

asked to call at least two other members to check that they were OK. **SOURCE:**
Social media, 28 Aug 2021
Peter Springgett, Umina Beach Men’s Bowling Club

Festival moves to January with many ways to participate

The Coastal Twist Festival has been moved to January due to coronavirus restrictions, but will continue over the October long weekend in future years, according to organisers. “Pushing the festival out by almost four months meant we could forge ahead and keep everyone safe with adjusted plans,” said creative director Ms Glitta Supernova. This time the Coastal Twist Festival will be “a midsummer five-day, all ages, accessible free and ticketed festival from January 19

to 23”. “It’s important that we continue with the positive momentum already generated toward a more visibly equitable and welcoming community which is part of the planet as global citizens.” Ms Supernova said there were many ways to be involved, through the festival website. “Enlist your pooch in the Puparazzi Pooch Parade. “Enter the surf event. “Become a sponsor or volunteer. “Have a stall at our community fair day. “Apply to enter the art show. “Enter your business in the

window display competition or have your own event as part of our Twisted Experiences.” She said: “This festival is continuing the work for disarming the thinking that difference is somehow bad. “Difference is not only normal but the biological basis of every living and breathing thing. “No matter who you are or where you’re from, we welcome you to sign up, frock up and rock up.” **SOURCE:**
Media release, 2 Sep 2021
Glitta Supernova, Coastal Twist Festival

Surf club registration days cancelled

Umina Surf Life Saving Club has cancelled its registration days. It is asking members to register online through the Surf Life Saving registration page. Parent registration is required

when registering children under 14 years of age. Adults are being asked to register themselves first and then add their child to Umina Surf Life Saving Club. Active Kids vouchers should

be on hand when completing the registration. The registration web page is found at <https://sls.com.au/join/> **SOURCE:**
Social media, 27 Aug 2021
Umina Surf Life Saving Club