



PUBLIC VIEW OF THE OPENING: Central Coast Council administrator Mr Rik Hart and Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch cutting the ribbon.

Woy Woy wharf opened in front of invited guests

The Woy Woy wharf was opened in front of invited guests on Monday, October 25, with ribbon-cutting by Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch and Central Coast Council administrator Mr Rik Hart.

"What a beautiful day to officially open Woy Woy town centre's new wharf," Mr Crouch said.

"After 14 months of construction, today marks the first day of the new wharf being open to everyone in our community.

"The project features a floating pontoon, dedicated fishing area, boardwalk, new seating benches including smart benches with mobile phone charging capability, banner poles and landscaping.

"It was fantastic to see the new

wharf in action today with Central Coast Ferries already putting it to good use."

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said: "The wharf has been a long journey for the community and it is the community who deserved to open the wharf and witness this historical event."

"This has been in the pipeline since 2011 and in 2018 we pushed the NSW Liberal Government to give us our wharf when 4000 people signed our petition."

"Today after three months of sitting and waiting, despite the wharf being complete, the fence was taken down for the official ribbon cutting ceremony to which the community were not invited."

For the official ceremony Ms Tesch invited 91-year-old local historian Ms Gwen Dundon as

well as Australian Ferry Society president Mr John Bennett.

Ms Dundon said: "I am so happy for the ferry owners that come in here because it really has been terrible for them at high tides for so many years, with the old wharf often going under the water."

"This wharf is a huge improvement and can only bring more tourists to Woy Woy. The wharf has always been of importance to Woy Woy in the past, and in the present to some extent."

Ms Tesch said: "It is a shame our community were not able to enjoy this facility during lockdown and I hope that other community resources are not put on hold again for ribbon cutting and formalities."

"Today people were already fishing off the wharf, riding their bikes along the path, enjoying their morning coffee on the benches and looking at the magnificent view off our wharf."

In a social media post, Central Coast Ferries thanked Ms Tesch, Mr Crouch and Central Coast Council "for this \$5.65 million project to replace the old wharf with a more modern floating pontoon wharf that will greatly improve accessibility for our disabled and elderly ferry passengers".

SOURCE:

Social media, 25 Oct 2021
Adam Crouch, Member for Terrigal
Media release, 25 Oct 2021
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford
Social media, 25 Oct 2021
Central Coast Ferries



WHAT INVITED GUESTS SAW: Central Coast Council administrator Mr Rik Hart and Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch cutting the ribbon.

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Peninsula News EXTRA resumes

With this issue we resume publication of Peninsula News EXTRA, our electronic supplement.

Published on Thursday, the EXTRA will report the outcome of the Local Planning Panel's consideration of multi-dwelling proposals for Farnell Rd, Woy Woy, and Ferry Rd, Ettalong, both recommended for refusal by council planners.

It will have a report about the Umina supermarket boom gate proposal which is currently open for public comments, as well as an application to install a manufactured home at Patonga.

It will contain details of the Fishermen's Wharf restaurant project, which won St Hubert's Island building designer Ms Louise Williams a national award..

It describes a number of events in Pearl Beach: Arboretum life memberships, Christmas carols, a Christmas lunch and dinner, and gourmet platters and a picnic organised by the Rotary Club of Brisbane Water.

There are also plans for a second Words on the Waves writers' festival in Umina next year.

-SOURCE:
Mark Snell, 1 Nov 2021

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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.

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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.

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Researcher holds native bee workshop

Sydney University native bee researcher Dr Francisco Garcia Bulle Bueno will present a second native bee workshop at the Pearl Beach Arboretum on Sunday, November 7, at 1pm.

Dr Bulle Bueno studies at the Behaviour and Genetics of Social Insects Laboratory at the School of Life and Environmental Science at the University of Sydney

"Since the native bee workshop we held in June was received so well with requests to run another one, the Pearl Beach Arboretum are pleased to announce that Francisco will be returning to the Arboretum," said Arboretum vice-

president Ms Ann Parsons.

"We invite our members, friends and the general public to attend the event, Covid restrictions permitting.

"To cover our costs and to raise funds, we are asking non-members to contribute \$20 per person.

"For members, it's free and there is also an option to make a donation."

For further information and bookings, visit the arboretum website at www.pearlbeacharboretum.org.au.

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Oct 2021
Ann Parsons, Pearl Beach Arboretum



'Engagement' exercise about Pelican Park

Central Coast Council plans an "upcoming engagement" to "address" the community's concerns and questions about the Pelican Park playground in Woy Woy.

Other projects which are "part of Woy Woy's masterplan" would also be included.

In a media release last week, council community services director Ms Julie Vaughan claimed: "Council is listening to the community and acknowledges

the community's concerns and questions."

"More information on upcoming projects as well as timing for the Pelican Park consultation will be announced by Council when ready.

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

"Until then, the playspace continues to be open for use."

SOURCE:
Media release, 26 Oct 2021
Julie Vaughan, Central Coast Council

Rotary Cup fundraiser

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy is selling Melbourne Cup Trifecta tickets until the race starts tomorrow, Tuesday, November 2.

Tickets are available for \$1 from the club's stall in Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy, and raise money for Rotary charities.

"Woy Woy Rotary is excited to be back out in the local community again," said president Ms Julie Jones.

She said the trifecta tickets would "start our fundraising ball rolling" after the relaxation of coronavirus restrictions.

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Oct 2021
Julie Jones, Rotary Woy Woy



Information wanted on flat fire

Police are appealing for public assistance following a house fire in Neptune St, Woy Woy, on Tuesday, September 28.

NSW Fire and Rescue was alerted after an anonymous telephone call reported a fire at the detached granny flat on the property.

Upon arrival the premises was found to be well alight and subsequently was completely destroyed by fire.

Brisbane Water detectives are investigating the incident with enquiries continuing.

Police are appealing for anyone who witnessed the incident, or who may have any information about suspicious activity in the area at the time, to come forward.

They should call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, quoting E86373086.

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Oct 2021
Brisbane Water Police

Just two millimetres' rain in two weeks

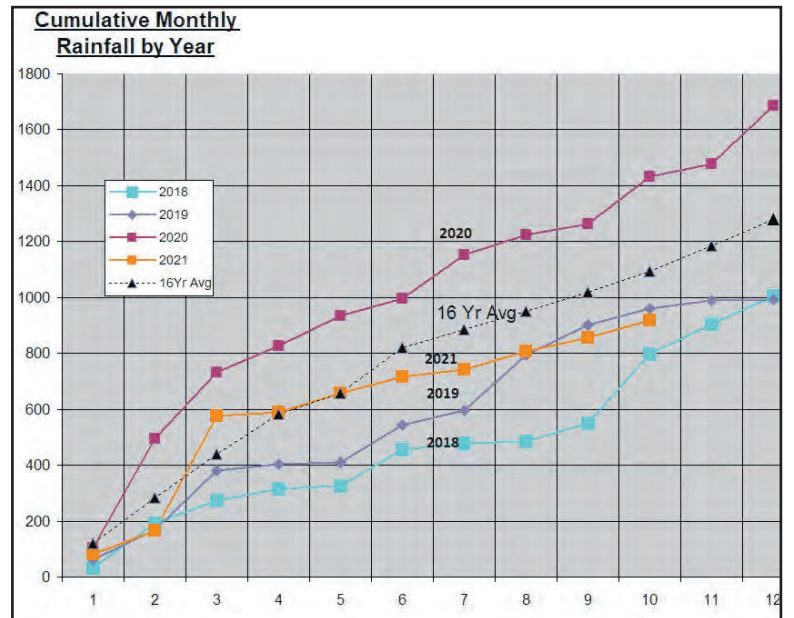
Just two millimetres of rain have fallen on the Peninsula in the last two weeks, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

Total rainfall for the month to October 29 was 60.4mm, 19.5 per cent less than the October average of 75mm.

The median, or typical, rainfall for October is 60mm.

The year-to-date rainfall is 916.4mm, 16.2 per cent less than average for the end of October of 1093mm.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 29 Oct 2021
Jim Morrison, Umina



Wicks blames council for recreation precinct delays

Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks has blamed Central Coast Council for delays in upgrading the Peninsula Recreation Precinct.

She said the funding agreement for the upgrade was with Council waiting to be signed and "funding should be available to the Council shortly".

Ms Wicks said initial council designs did not provide the two separate clubroom facilities requested by local sporting groups.

"The Morrison Government is absolutely committed to seeing the \$8.25 million upgrade of the become a reality.

"This year alone, I've met with Central Coast Council 10 times regarding the delivery of this commitment and to advocate on

behalf of local sporting groups, including the Umina United Eagles Soccer Club, Umina Bunnies Junior Rugby League Club and the Southern Spirit Cricket Club.

"These clubs have made it clear that they want two separate facilities, each with a club room, storage facilities, change rooms, toilets and a canteen.

"That's exactly what I intend to help deliver.

"Many of the initial designs we received from the Council didn't meet these requirements and simply weren't good enough.

"After numerous changes to the scope of this development, we're now at the stage of getting what our community wants and deserves.

"These buildings are much more than simple amenities.

"They're places where the local community can gather and belong.

"That is what this project is about.

"That is why I have fought so hard to get this project right, and I'll continue to advocate until it is delivered and used by all in our community."

Ms Wicks' statement follows criticism from Labor candidate for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid and Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch calling for the money to be released.

"Almost three years after being promised, the Umina Recreation Hub Project has not yet attracted a single cent from the Federal Government," said Dr Reid.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Oct 2021
Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson



Rules stop disaster relief in CWA grounds

The Central Coast Disaster Relief group will be unable to operate from the grounds of the Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association because the grounds are not classified as public open space, according to CWA branch president Ms Jane Bowtell.

"Because we are not classified

as an open space, every person that walks through the driveway gates is required by law to show a green tick," she said.

"As an emergency service, Central Coast Disaster Relief does not require visitors to show proof of vaccination."

She said the service operated this way in Gosford.

"This means hosting them would break both the current directive

from our state office as well as the Public Health Order

"We are very saddened that we cannot host the service at this time, but are bound by the current rules that are in place.

"We have been and will continue to support them with donations any way we can."

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Oct 2021
Jane Bowtell, CWA
Woy Woy Branch

Mingaletta announces three new projects

Mingaletta has announced on the day that it will deliver three new projects over the next three months.

The announcement was made at a celebratory morning tea and barbecue on Monday, October 25, as the group met for the first time after the relaxation of Covid rules.

These are cooking for connectedness, storytellers staying connected and healing spirit healing country bush tucker garden.

The group has received funding to deliver the projects in partnership with the Australian Centre for Work Education and the Coaching College.

"There is an opportunity for elders and for the younger community including students to

be involved as a volunteer," said organiser Auntie Di O'Brien.

Volunteering jobs include website and video editing, graphic design, photography, work placement, gardening, word processing, barista training and cafe work.

"There are variety of skills to learn and share beginning November 15 through to February."

Briefings for each of the projects will be held this afternoon at the Mingaletta hall in Sydney Ave, Umina.

Auntie Di is pictured cutting the "Welcome back" cake at Monday's celebrations.

For further information, call Mingaletta on 4342 7515.

SOURCE:
Social statement, 25 Oct 2021
Di O'Brien, Mingaletta ATSC

Residents elect committee

The Peninsula Residents Association has elected its first committee at its official inaugural meeting held on Friday, October 22.

Secretary Mr Julian Bowker said that, now officially appointed, the committee was keen to get on with the job.

"The association aims to serve as a non-partisan forum and give the Woy Woy Peninsula community a collective voice on matters affecting its quality of life," he said.

"It is committed to protecting and improving the Peninsula's liveability and sustainability including its social and environmental aspects."

The committee was encouraging residents to join the association and to raise their concerns with the committee.

Mr Bowker said, as coronavirus restrictions eased, it was anticipated that the association would have regular meetings in person, open to its members and to the public.

Annual membership has

been set at \$20, and application forms can be found on the association's website at www.peninsularesidents.org.au/

Among those appointed to the committee were chairman Mr Mark Snell and deputy chair Ms Sally Jope, as well as secretary Mr Bowker.

For further information, email thepeninsularesidents@gmail.com.

SOURCE:
Media release, 30 Oct 2021
Julian Bowker, Peninsula
Residents Association



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Dual occupancy planned for Sydney Ave

A development application to build a two-storey dual occupancy estimated to cost \$400,000 at 16 Sydney Ave, Umina Beach, has been lodged with Central Coast Council.

Clarke Dowdle and Associates
The application seeks consent for driveways to access double garages from the front and the rear of the lot.

Each dwelling would include a

double garage, three bedrooms, a living room, kitchen, dining area, bathroom, ensuite and adjoining patio courtyards.

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

The application does not comply with planning provisions for a rear setback of three metres, having just a one metre rear setback.

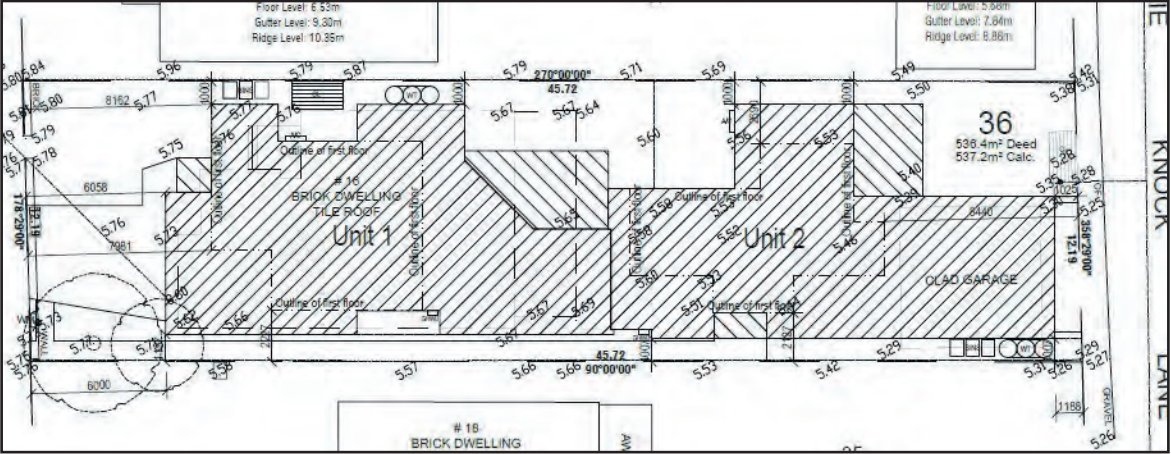
Its unarticulated external wall length does not comply with the

eight metre maximum, being 17.6 metres in length.

Neither unit meets the 75 square metre minimum open space requirement, with one unit having 65 square metres and the other 70 square metres.

The application is on exhibition for public comment from November 5 to 26.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 29 Oct 2021
DA63260, Central Coast Council



Proposal for four town houses on Flounder Rd site

Central Coast Council has received a development application to build four town-houses with front courtyard fencing at a cost of \$1 million at 13 Flounder Rd, Ettalong.

Vehicular access is proposed via a driveway located along the western boundary to separate garages provided for each unit in the gun-barrel development.

The two-storey three-bedroom dwellings would be founded on re-enforced concrete slab, timber framing with a mixture of external cladding, according to

the application by Clarke Dowdle and Associates. The proposal does not comply with minimum side boundary setback requirements of 3.5 metres or six metres for the rear setback.

It exceeds the maximum depth for a building of 25 metres.

The proposal provides less than the minimum open space of 50 square metres in three of the four units, with 43, 37 and 31 square metres respectively.

The application is open for public comment between November 5 to December 3.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 29 Oct 2021
DA63374, Central Coast Council

Multi-dwelling DA claims to meet ‘leafy garden’ purpose

A development application for six three-bedroom townhouses at Booker Bay claims to meet the purpose of setback provisions for multi-unit housing.

These aim to surround each development with leafy gardens that conserve prominent trees.

The development proposal estimated to cost \$1.785 million at 386 Booker Bay Rd, Booker Bay, was lodged by Mr Doug Sneddon of Doug Sneddon Consulting on behalf of the Motian Group Pty Ltd.

Landscaping would cover 434.1 square metres, or 30.7 per cent, of the 1415.6 square metre site area. The floor space ratio of the proposal is 0.497:1.

The application contrasts with many multi-dwelling applications on the Peninsula which do not attempt to satisfy the setback purposes, but seek exemption on the basis that the setbacks are unreasonable and onerous and not financially-viable for developers to meet.

Mr Sneddon said that the planning provisions required all multi-unit buildings to provide deep soil along all boundaries, with a minimum of two metres next to side boundaries and a minimum of six metres front and rear.

He said deep soil of 1.0-2.73

metres was proposed on the western side boundary and 0.4-1.5 on the east.

The front boundary would vary between 5.4 and 7.0 metres and the rear boundary between 3.4 and 6.0 metres.

“Council is requested to agree to the proposed development’s non-compliance with these guidelines as the proposed development achieves the purpose of the setback guidelines,” he said.

The planning provisions list six purposes for the setbacks.

These include “to limit the intensity of new developments”, “to ensure that new developments are compatible with ... the desired character of (its) neighbourhood” and “to conserve important elements of scenic quality, in particular any prominent trees ... near a site’s boundaries”.

Mr Sneddon quoted the desired character of the area as “Booker Bay 1 – Mixed Density Foreshores”, which was for “new developments of detached and multi-unit dwellings that are surrounded by leafy gardens, and improved standards of amenity and urban design quality”. It was also desirable to “conserve existing trees that are visually-prominent, particularly tall bushland remnants” and to “plant clusters

of shady trees and shrubs that are mostly indigenous throughout all gardens”.

Mr Sneddon said the proposed development was not unreasonable intense, was compatible with the buildings and gardens in the locality and would retain existing mature trees and shrubs along the boundary.

Other listed purposes of setbacks are to have sufficient deep soil to accommodate intensive landscaping, and “to provide reasonable amenity for both existing and proposed dwellings”.

Mr Sneddon said: “The proposed deep soil areas are suitable to accommodate suitable new landscaping.”

“The proposed building setbacks provide for reasonable amenity for the occupants of both neighbouring dwellings and the proposed town houses.”

The final listed purpose of setbacks was “to encourage amalgamation of narrow sites in order to achieve the most efficient use of lands that permit multiunit residential developments”.

Mr Sneddon said: “There is no opportunity to amalgamate the subject land with neighbouring properties in order to achieve an alternative development outcome.”

The application was also non-compliant with exterior wall setback requirements, which required an average setback of four metres with a minimum of 3.5 metres.

Mr Sneddon said: “Because of the prevailing lot widths in the locality, it is not possible to strictly comply with the DCP guidelines for setbacks to exterior walls along all boundaries.”

“The proposed variable side boundary building setbacks largely match existing building setbacks on the subject land.”

He said the non-compliance was also reasonable “having regard to the non-compliance demonstrated by other contemporary multi dwelling developments in the vicinity approved by Council in recent years”.

Development applications by other consultants have claimed that Council planners have all but abandoned the setback provisions for multi-dwelling applications, which provide the opportunity of “surrounding multi-unit dwellings with leafy gardens” and landscaping.

The council has yet to determine two applications for adjacent three-unit multi-dwelling developments at 16 and 18 Warrah St, Ettalong, to which the setback “purpose” of encouraging amalgamation could

apply.

The applications, DA61592 and DA61194, were both submitted by planning consultants Clarke Dowdle and Associates, both based on plans and information provided by Knight Mapleton Design Partners.

In both applications, the consultants stated: “Council in its planning assessment has conceded that the prescriptive requirements outlined within the Multi-Unit Housing and Residential Flat Buildings chapter are unrealistic for medium density development to occur within the Peninsula area.”

“The economic feasibility to consolidate allotments and provide such little yield due to the loss of land available in regards to the required setbacks is onerous.”

“The assessment of multi-dwelling style development has taken into account the context of what is been established and recently been approved by Council.”

It is unknown when these two applications will be determined.

The comment period for the proposal at 386 Booker Bay Rd closes today, November 1.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 29 Oct 2021
DA63169, Central Coast Council

Wicks confirms opposition to PEP-11

Federal Liberal Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks has confirmed her continuing opposition to PEP-11.

She reaffirmed her commitment after Labor candidate for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid and State Labor Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch expressed their "deep disappointment" that she joined the Government to "vote down the Stop PEP-11 Bill".

Dr Reid said: "Lucy Wicks, who says she is opposed to oil and gas drilling off our coast, voted against bringing on a debate on the Stop PEP-11 bill."

He claimed that Ms Wicks was "saying yes to PEP-11" with "the risks to thousands of jobs and our environment".

Ms Wicks said: "The motion put forward by the Member for Warringah (Ms Zali Steggall) on Thursday was not a vote on PEP-11."

"It was a procedural motion on the suspension of standing orders."

"I contributed to that debate and I made it very clear that I am incredibly supportive of the views of my community that PEP-11 does not go ahead."

Ms Wicks said she announced on April 24 that, "under a Morrison Government, PEP-11 will not go ahead".

"This commitment has not changed."

"The Prime Minister has said no to PEP-11."

"My community has said no to PEP-11, and I'm saying no to PEP-11."

"The Prime Minister has made a promise to the Central Coast to not let this happen."

"I have made that same promise to the Central Coast."

"You can trust our promise."

Ms Wicks said that Parliament was considering an application is for an extension of a license that has been around for 50 years.

"The application that is before the Parliament is not for an oil rig."

"It is not for an exploration well."

"It is not an application to go drilling for oil and gas."

"In fact, the last time that an application for drilling was approved in the PEP-11 Permit

area was under the former Labor Government in 2010 by the then Member for Watson Mr Tony Burke."

"This issue is too important for playing politics."

In a social media post, the Save Our Coast group, which has been campaigning against PEP-11, said: "We welcome Lucy's support but we wonder why her government even needs to 'promise' something they could just actually do right now."

"Surely promises are for Oppositions and governments should be judged by their actions."

"Lucy could have just supported the bill to stop PEP-11."

SOURCE:

Social media, 23 Oct 2021
Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson
Social media, 24 Oct 2021
Save Our Coast



Clean4Shore seeks volunteers

The marine clean-up project Clean4Shore is seeking volunteers in anticipation of field trips on the Hawkesbury and in Brisbane Water, once restrictions are fully lifted.

"Community volunteers and groups are needed for our ongoing waterway clean ups," said co-ordinator Mr Graham Johnson.

"Volunteers are required under Landcare NSW Covid 19 guidelines to be fully vaccinated,

with a QR code now on the vessel."

Last week, the group removed 13 "very full bags" of small litter items, mainly plastic bottles and polystyrene pieces, mixed in the bamboo flood debris within Cobar Bay and the surrounding foreshores of Berowra Waters.

Mr Johnson said 500kg of rubbish was delivered to Woy Woy tip.

SOURCE:

Social media, 27 Oct 2021
Graham Johnson, Clean4Shore

Christmas card competition

Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks has opened her 2021 Christmas card competition.

"I'm inviting all primary school students in the electorate of Robertson to enter our Christmas card competition," said Ms Wicks.

"The winner will have their artwork placed on the front of my Christmas card that's sent to

homes and businesses across the Central Coast."

Prizes will be awarded to the winner and place getters.

This year's theme is "Ways we celebrate Christmas".

The competition closes at 5pm on Friday, November 5.

SOURCE:

Social media, 20 Oct 2021
Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson



Liesl Tesch MP
Member for Gosford

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Forum

Other promises have not been met

The Umina skate park isn't the only 2019 election promise that hasn't been met and seems as far from reality as ever ("Labor candidate calls for release of skate park money", PN 530).

Does anyone recall the Woy Woy carpark that was going to provide 140 new spaces "in Woy Woy station" but that has yet to see the light of day?

Bizarrely, Ms Wicks is still touting this non-existent carpark, in full-page local advertisements, as an achievement of the SloMo government, whereas it has gone no further than a \$5 million study (incomplete after two years) and relies on a contribution from the state government that has not been included in any state budget.

Luckily, it means that all these goodies can be promised again in the next election campaign at no extra cost - an example of Morrison-style frugality.

This is, of course, leaving aside the fact that the Woy Woy carpark was one that came under the closest scrutiny in the Auditor-General's damning report on the misuse of public funds for political purposes at the 2019 election.

So it takes some nerve for Ms Wicks not only to be supporting it but bragging about it as one of her signature achievements.

It is notable that she promised a final announcement would be made about this project some months ago but that nothing has been heard from her since, so it seems like another example of achievement-by-promise that has been an outstanding feature of the current government's operation.

Perhaps, the Liberals don't see the seat as being worth fighting for any more, so who cares whether promises are kept?

SOURCE:
Email, 26 Oct 2021
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

So long, Ettalong

Pretty little Ettalong with your sea and sparkling sands, How sad to see you fall into the developers' hands: No more the little village that we all used to know; You are firmly in their sights so now you'll grow and grow:

Seven storeys sounds just right, it is really not too high: Why up there on the Gold Coast they build them to the sky! "Coolangatta of the South," "New Terrigal" in the making, Just another plum for picking, a prize for the taking!

It aint no use protesting because now it is too late, The Government won't listen and the Chamber says it's great! Though the thing I'd like to know, and I suspect it puzzles you: Where do old developers go; where do they retire to?

SOURCE:
Email, 26 Oct 2021
© Vic Jefferies, St Huberts Island

Will dishonoured pledges be rolled out again?

Pledges made by Ms Lucy Wicks in the lead-up to the Federal election in March 2019 have not been honoured (Peninsula News 530).

Will these pledges be rolled out again in the next Federal election?

As recently as mid-October, I was assured by Ms Wicks' staff she opposed mining off the Central Coast coastline.

Ms Wicks was given the opportunity to honour this pledge in Federal Parliament last week and failed to comply.

In a recent interview regarding this matter, Ms Wicks was more interested in the next election and promoting the career of Prime Minister Mr Scott Morrison.

This is all about politics with negligible interest in the opinion of the electorate.

Are you satisfied with the Member for Robertson's response to your inquiry or did you expect a better result?

Scott Morrison has been Prime Minister for more than 900 days without taking serious action on climate change or PEP-11.

Bring on the next Federal election before the Federal Government creates more havoc for unfortunate constituents.

It's a battle between those who care for the electorate and the party machine.

The future of the party machine is at stake and the associated power.

If PEP-11 is dead as claimed, why not end it?

SOURCE:
Letter, 22 Oct 2021
Norm Harris, Umina

Health

Vaccines at 85 per cent

The full vaccination rate on the Peninsula has reached about 85 per cent, with a first vaccination rate of about 95 per cent, according to an analysis of figures on the NSW Government's Covid data website.

There is now little difference between 2256 and 2257 postcode figures and between vaccination rates for under-50s and over-50s.

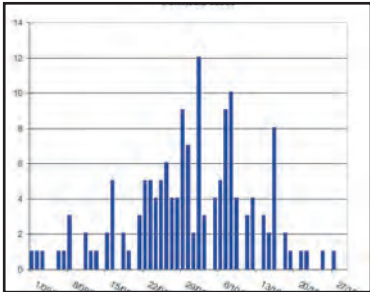
The figures also seem to align with the State average.

Infection rates have dropped, with four cases being recorded in the 2256 postcode area in the last two weeks and three in the 2257 postcode area.

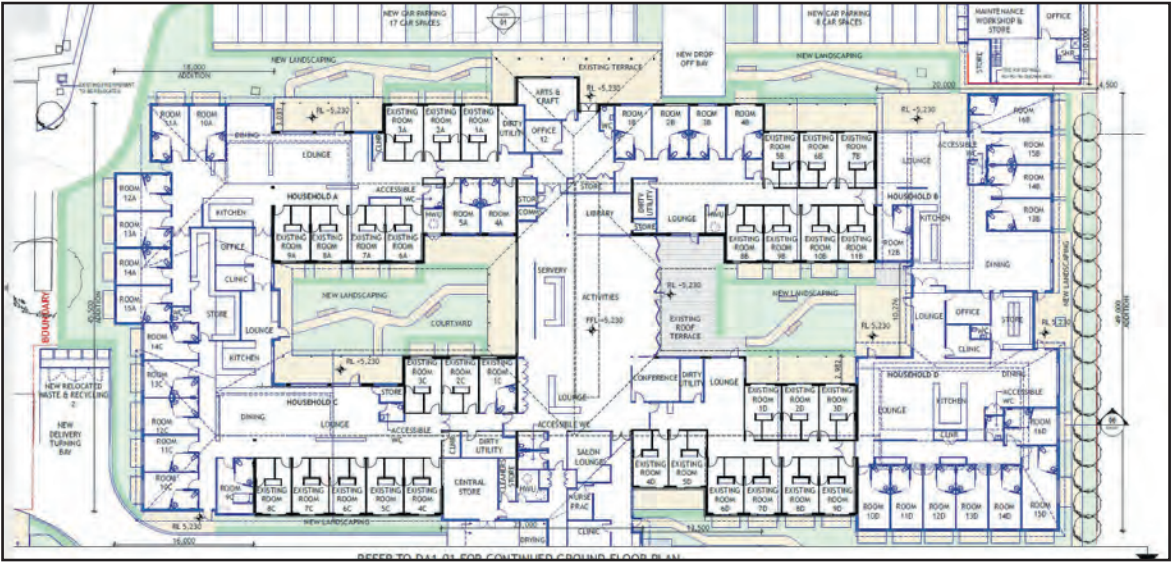
The website reports nine "active cases" on the Peninsula, with five in the 2257 postcode area and four in 2256.

The graph (right) shows cases per day since August.

Population	2256	2257
Eligible	13766	25357
> 50 years	7900	14800
< 50 years	5800	10500
Injections		
Total	24500	45500
> 50 years	14250	26250
< 50 years	10250	19250
Doses/person		
> 50 years	1.80	1.77
< 50 years	1.77	1.83
Percentages		
> 50 years		
One dose	95	94
Two doses	85	84
< 50 years		
One dose	93	97
Two doses	83	87
All ages		
One dose	94	95
Two doses	84	85



SOURCE:
Website, 30 Oct 2021
Covid data and statistics,
www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19



Tender to be let for \$12M aged care upgrade

A Woy Woy aged care facility is expected to appoint a builder this month to start a \$12.25 million upgrade in February.

Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie said: "We are expecting final submissions from the builders tendering for this by mid-November."

The upgrade will add 18 bedrooms for 18 new residents, bringing the total accommodation to 157 residents, according to the development application approved by Central Coast Council last year.

The work will include a new corridor between "The Nursing Home" (front building) and "The Shores" (rear building).

It will involve the addition of bedrooms, lounge rooms, dining rooms, kitchens, and associated support services to the eastern and western wings of "The Shores" building, as well as alterations to existing activities room, associated residents' facilities, and existing bedrooms in "The Shores".

A new outdoor chapel will replace the existing outdoor chapel.

Driveways will be realigned, car parking reconfigured and new landscaping throughout the northern half of the site.

"That will be a very exciting step for us as we progress forward on these major works, involving a significant extension and refurbishment-rebuild," said Mr Downie.

Alterations will be made to the entry foyer, offices, kitchen, laundry, residents' lounge, residents' dining room, and residents' courtyard of "The Nursing Home".

There will be a new delivery yard, laundry reconfiguration and resident support services.

A new maintenance workshop and store "shed" will be built at the north-east of the site.

"It will see us progressively move towards a household model of care, and The Shores building will be transformed into four separate households.

"We expect to make a final decision on appointing a builder at the November board meeting, with a commencement in February.

"One of our key policies around these works will be a requirement for anyone working on site to be fully vaccinated to minimise risk to our elders in care."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 20 Oct 2021
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living

Public Notices

The Peninsula Day Branch of the N.S.W. Labor Party meets the
2nd Monday of each month from February to December

The meetings commence at 1.00pm and are conducted in
the CWA Hall Woy Woy, opposite Fishermans Wharf.

The meetings are well conducted and encourage interesting and diverse conversations.

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Life-long local resident dies - 95 years on the Peninsula



A man who has lived on the Peninsula since 1925 has died at the age of 97.

Mr Thomas Mervyn (Merv) Knight of Gwendolen Ave, Umina, died in hospital on Thursday, October 14, after a short illness.

"Merv was a resident on the Peninsula since 1925 and was one of the early students at Ettalong Primary School," said his daughter Ms Kerrie Eddy.

"After leaving school at the age of 12, he helped his father George Knight in his butcher shop opposite

Ferry Rd, Ettalong.

"Merv later became a butcher himself, establishing Knights Butchery at South Woy Woy which he later transformed into South Woy Woy Aquarium and Pet Supplies.

"Merv was a member of the Ettalong Fire Brigade for 37 years, being captain for 17 of those years.

"In his retirement, Merv bred quarrions winning many prizes including grand champion both locally and at the Royal Easter Show.

"He was a beekeeper for almost 70 years and assisted at Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus, teaching the students beekeeping skills.

"He was also a keen fisherman.

"Merv leaves his wife Shirley, daughters Kerrie Susan, Maxine, son Philip and their families."

Pictured above (middle) are Mr Knight with his wife Shirley and daughter Kerrie.

SOURCE:
Email, 27 Oct 2021
Kerrie Eddy, Ettalong



Special procedure for early student pick-up

Parents of students at Umina Beach Public School who wish to pick up their children early from school have been asked to follow a special procedure.

They are asked to phone the school to arrange the pick-up time and to call again when they are in Sydney Ave ready to collect their child.

"Phone the office directly on 4341 1630 to request your child to leave early and what time you will be picking them up," said relieving principal Mr Chad Tsakissiris.

"Please do not use 'class dojo' as teachers may not get your message during the day as they are teaching their class.

"Our office staff will contact the

teacher and have your child come to the temporary office and wait for you to pick them up.

"Please call the office when you are at the Sydney Ave gate to collect your child. "Parents/carers are not permitted on the school site.

"Students will be supervised to approach the gate to meet the parents and carers by our office staff.

"All parents must be out of the car and physically sighted at the gate by our staff, before any student will be permitted to leave the site."

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Oct 2021
Chad Tsakissiris, Umina Beach Public School



New student leaders

Brisbane Water Secondary College has announced its student leadership team for next year at Woy Woy campus.

Pictured are captains Jessica Dunn (above left) and Annie

McPherson, and vice-captains Jaxen Daniel (below left) and Zachary Turch. The rest of team is Alexys-Rose Lack, Jeremiah Mullard and Manni Psaila.

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Oct 2021
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

Christmas cakes and puddings

The Lions Club of the Woy Woy Peninsula will have its Christmas cakes and puddings from Monday, November 11.

The cakes and puddings will be available from chemists and other businesses across the Peninsula.

Club president Mr Greg Head said: "We also plan to hold three sale days at Deepwater Plaza Shopping Centre on Friday, November 26, Friday, December 3, and Saturday, December 4.

"We will be located near Wendys and Kmart from 9am to 4pm.

"Cakes and puddings are available for \$13 for a one kilogram cake or 900 gram pudding and \$17 for 1.5 kilogram cake.

"Business orders for staff and clients can be directed to wwplions@yahoo.com.au or mobile 0478 959 895," he said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 30 Oct 2021
Greg Head, Lions Club of Woy Woy Peninsula

Principal tells of rules about riding bikes

Students in Years 3-6 at Ettalong Public School may ride their bike or scooter to school, provided they are wearing a legal bike helmet, relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell has told parents.

"K-2 students are not permitted to ride to school, unless they are accompanied to and from school by an adult," she said.

"It is the responsibility of all students to properly secure their bike or scooter to the racks using

a lock.

"The bike racks are out of bounds to all students at all times during the school day.

"Bike riders are required to walk their bike or scooter in and out of school and while on school grounds, as well as across pedestrian crossings.

"Students who fail to comply with these rules may lose the right to ride to school," she said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Oct 2021
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School



Voluntary ethics teachers wanted at Umina

Umina Beach Public School is seeking voluntary ethics teachers for next year.

"Ethics classes can only be offered as an alternative if we have volunteer teachers," said school ethics co-ordinator Ms Penny Joje.

"Volunteers can come from our parents, grandparents, friends and

local community, from every walk of life.

"Primary Ethics offers full, free training, lesson scripts and teaching support.

"Ethics encourages children to listen closely and to develop their opinions through ethical reasoning.

"Ethics helps kids develop confidence and empathy.

"Why not volunteer at Umina

Beach PS as an ethics teacher!

"If you have an hour a week and want to ensure children at our school can access this valuable program, go to the website at <https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-teacher/>"

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Oct 2021
Umina Beach Public School P-C Association

Information session for bronze medallion course

A Bronze Medallion Course Information session will be held at 10am on Sunday, November 7, at the Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club, open only to fully-vaccinated people.

"This award includes and builds upon the Surf Rescue Certificate, and it is the prerequisite award for many other Surf Life Saving pathway awards," said the club's chief training officer Mr Jordan Smith.

"The Bronze Medallion provides members with skills and knowledge related to surf awareness, aquatic rescue operations, radio operations, resuscitation, emergency care, spinal management, communication, teamwork and patrol operation."

Participants must be at least 15 years of age and be able to swim 400 metres in under nine minutes.

Cost to members is \$50, which includes online manual code, certificate and medallion patrol uniform.

The cost to new members is \$125, which includes registration of active member, online manual code, certificate, medallion and patrol uniform.

Assessment includes a question paper, demonstration of skills and a patrol scenario.

For more information, contact Mr Smith by phone on 0417 898 668 or email education@oceanbeachslsc.com.

SOURCE:

**Social media, 29 Oct 2021
Jordan Smith, Ocean Beach SLSC**

Call for age managers

Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics is "calling out" for age managers for its 2021-22 season.

"Our volunteer age managers are the backbone of our club," said president Ms Christine Murphy.

"Each age group needs one, so we can run competition nights

"Please let us know if you are interested in doing this important job.

"There are resources available on the Little Athletics NSW website and our committee and coaches are also on hand to show you what you need to do.

"It's a great way to get active with your kids or learn some new skills if you are new to athletics."

SOURCE:

**Social media, 26 Oct 2021
Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics**



Bridge club members to wear best hats

Brisbane Water Bridge Club is asking members to wear their best hats to their Melbourne Cup Day celebrations tomorrow, Tuesday, November 2.

They have also been asked to bring their gold coins sweeps entries starting at 11.45am.

Bridge will start at the usual time of 12.30pm

Members will watch the race at 3pm.

Limited liquid refreshments will be provided.

Members have been invited to bring nibbles and wine.

Covid-safe practices will be in place, including social distancing.

With inquiries, phone Peter on 0416 138 698.

The club will hold its Open Pairs Club Championship today and next Monday, November 1 and 8

The championship will double as a State Open Pairs qualifier.

The club's Novice Pairs Club Championship on Wednesdays, November 3 and 10.

Other events in November are the Remembrance Day teams on Thursday, November 11, the Upside Down Pairs on November 18 and the AGM Pairs on Monday, November 22.

SOURCE:

**Website, 28 Oct 2021
Brisbane Water Bridge Club**

Netball coaches appointed

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association has appointed its 2022 representative coaches.

For the 11s development squad, co-coaches Kylie Rayner and Megan Sharpe, with Katie Newman as assistant coach.

For the 12s, coach is Narelle Wilson and Britney Thompson is assistant coach.

For the 13s, Catherine Bailey is coach and Carly Simpson assistant coach.

Donah Elliott and Jodee Skehan are co-coaches for the 14s.

For the 15s, Leesa Edgar is coach and Tiah Santarossa assistant coach.

Coach for the 17s is Ann Duffy and for the Opens is Sandy Watts.

SOURCE:

**Social media, 26 Oct 2021
Tracey Burraston, WWPNA**

Selected for national indoor bowls team

Anthony Van Lierop, from Woy Woy Bay, and his sister Annika Van Lierop, from Kariong, have been selected in the Australian Indoor Bias Bowls Team 2021.

After representing NSW in 2019, the duo overcame Covid lockdowns to secure coveted spots on the Australian team.

They head to Ballarat in January to trial for the Test team playing

against New Zealand next May.

The pair practices at Central Coast Leagues Club, which is home to an indoor bowls club of more than 50 members of all ages.

Anthony is the club president and said he was keen to get back into bowls now that the club has opened up after lockdown.

SOURCE:

**Media release, 30 Oct 2021
Annika Van Lierop,
CCLC indoor bowls**

Sports grants available for local clubs

A total of \$50,000 is available for local sporting clubs in the Gosford electorate through the NSW Government's Sports Grants Program.

Clubs may apply for a grant of up to \$20,000 through the program which is currently open.

Incorporated non-profit grassroots sport clubs whose primary focus is to organise sporting activities, deliver ongoing sporting programs or develop member's skills are eligible to apply.

However, clubs whose activities are considered to be of a recreational nature, such as fishing clubs, are not.

The program's objective is stated: "To increase regular and on-going participation in sport, particularly women, girls and population groups under-represented in participation".

It aims to "address barriers to participation in sport or structured physical activity and to assist sport clubs to provide quality service to their members and meet community needs".

The maximum amounts available to any club are \$2000

for sport development, \$5000 for a sport event, \$5000 for sport access and \$15,000 for a sport facility.

The minimum request accepted is \$500.

Organisations may contribute to the project themselves.

"The greater the contribution the more favourably it will be looked upon," the guidelines state.

"Local Government Authorities are encouraged to contribute."

Applications will close on Friday, November 19.

"Applications must clearly demonstrate an identified need for the project and articulate how the project outcomes will be achieved," the guidelines state.

"The application must include a realistic budget and identify other funding partners, where relevant.

"Applications should identify whether the project may not proceed if the full grant amount requested is not received."

For more information, visit the program's web page at www.sport.nsw.gov.au/local-sport-grant-program.

SOURCE:

**Website, 27 Oct 2021
Local Sports Grants,
sport.nsw.gov.au**

Woy Woy leg of Tour de Central Coast

The Central Coast Bicycle User Group will hold the Woy Woy to Gosford leg in the "cruise" section of its Tour de Central Coast on Saturday, November 6, from 7:30 to 9:30am.

The 25km ride, which is open to the public, starts at Fishermen's Wharf in Woy Woy.

The route will be along the shared pedestrian-cycle path and is described suitable for riders over the age of 10 on "any type of bicycle" and is graded as "easy-average".

"This a slow paced ride along the beautiful Coastal Cycleway (or Point to Pelicans cycleway-shared path), with great views of Brisbane Waters," said group president Mr Alan Corven.

"We ride over Spike Milligan bridge and through several parks



along the way.

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

"The ride may also be run in reverse (Gosford to Woy Woy Boomerang), starting on the shared path beside Gosford Pool.

"Coffee at Woy Woy upon

completion, or somewhere else if a better option is suggested.

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

For further information, contact group president Mr Alan Corven on 0414 538 977.

SOURCE:

**Social media, 18 Oct 2021
Alan Corven, CCBUG**