



Putt putt regatta expected to return in October

The Davistown Putt Putt Regatta and Wooden Boat Festival is expected to return in October after a break of two years due to the pandemic.

The regatta is expected to include a Heritage Ferry Challenge

between Woy Woy and Gosford on Saturday, October 29, in aid of the Kids with Cancer charity.

Central Coast Ferries has announced it will be "sprucing up" its historic ferry, the Codock 2, for the festival.

Other events include the Putt

Putt Regatta Charity Dinner on Friday, October 28, at the Davistown,

The festival itself will be held on Sunday, October 30.

Planning for the event is subject to NSW Government regulations relating to Covid-19, approvals

from Central Coast Council, NSW Police, Roads and Maritime and our ability to raise funds from sponsors.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Feb 2022
Davistown Putt Putt Regatta and Wooden Boat Festival

Planners resist public comment before rezoning assessment

Council planners have resisted changes proposed under the State Government's new approach to rezonings that would give the public an opportunity to comment before planners have assessed rezoning proposals.

The current process initially excludes the community, while the council and planning panel assess the rezoning request ahead of a "gateway determination", only after which is there "public consultation".

Critics of the Ettalong foreshore rezoning proposal have said that council planners and the planning panel are unlikely to want to be seen to have got their initial assessment wrong or to change their mind simply as a result of community submissions.

With the new process, there would be no "gateway process" and the public would get to see proposals and make submissions before council planners decided whether to support a rezoning or not.

Central Coast Council's strategic planning unit staff have reported that they want to retain their role in making a strategic assessment before the rezoning proposal is released to the public.

"Under the new approach, all rezoning proposals will be exhibited

so long as the study requirements are met," they said in a report to Tuesday's council meeting.

"Publicly exhibiting all proposals, regardless of strategic merit, could create unrealistic expectations for both the proponent and community.

"It may also be misleading and imply Council's support of a proposal which may not be the case.

"This has implications on both proponent's and Council's time and financial resources.

"Proponents will be required to spend both time, money and resources upfront on a proposal that may have no strategic merit.

"These proposals will be required to be publicly exhibited irrespective of whether they have strategic merit."

The report recommended that the council make a submission to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to implement a process that "requires consideration of alignment with planning strategy (the strategic merit test) before the exhibition phase and the ability to dismiss rezonings that do not align with strategy".

The report described the main differences between the current system and the new approach.

The report said the new approach would provide "private proponents with ownership of the

rezoning application, throughout the process".

It would provide "mandatory scoping / pre-lodgement meetings with State agencies".

It would remove "gateway review and determination as part of the rezoning process".

"All rezoning proposals would be exhibited, assessed and determined, irrespective of strategic merit.

"Exhibition is to commence immediately upon lodgement."

The new approach implemented "maximum timeframes for referrals and assessment".

It enforced refunds "if Council does not meet the assessment timeframes".

It introduces "new categories for planning proposals based on level of complexity, including different fees and assessment timeframes.

It allows councils "to approve some inconsistencies with Ministerial directions rather than notifying DPIE".

There are "changes to the roles of various parties in the rezoning process".

It introduces "a new class of merit appeals in the Land and Environment Court for planning proposals".

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council agenda 2.11, 22 Feb 2022

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

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SOURCE:
Mark Snell, 1 Nov 2021



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Softball wins for Peninsula Ducks

The Peninsula Ducks Softball Club had a number of wins n Round 7 played on February 5.

The Teeball side won 15-5 against Thunder Bears.

Modball had a 10-all draw with Mingara Blue.

Junior Softball had their first win 13-10 against Mingara.

The Division 4 Ladies won their first game of the season 13-9 against Wingers.

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Feb 2022
Peninsula Ducks Softball Club



Three new staff start at Woy Woy

Three new staff have started at Woy Woy Public School.

They are Stage 1 relieving assistant principal Mr Blake Rosewarn, classroom teacher Ms Meg Evers and aboriginal education officer Mr Patrick Pumpa.

Principal Ms Ona Buckley said: "They've all settled in beautifully and will be assets to an already-strong teaching team here at Woy Woy Public School."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 14 Feb 2022
Ona Buckley and Dan Betts, WWPS

Little Theatre play continues until March 6

The Woy Woy Little Theatre held its opening night for Spirit Level by Pam Valentine on Friday, February 18, at the Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy.

The play has sessions this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, as well as the following weekend.

Matinee performances on Sunday, February 27, Saturday, March 5, and Sunday, March 6 are sold out.

Tickets are still available for performances this Friday, February 25, and Saturday, February 26, as well as Friday, March 4, and

Saturday, March 5.

The play, described as a heart-warming comedy, is directed by Graham Vale

Acting in the play are Geoff Hay, Judi Jones, Frank Wiffen, Robert Alexander Maxwell, Josie Ginty, Jenna Arnold and Fran Kendall.

All bookings and payments are to be made online.

For further information, email boxoffice@woywoylt.com.au or phone 4344 4737.

SOURCE:
Media release, 14 Jan 2022
Graham Vale, Woy Woy Little Theatre

Eight days of rain in two weeks

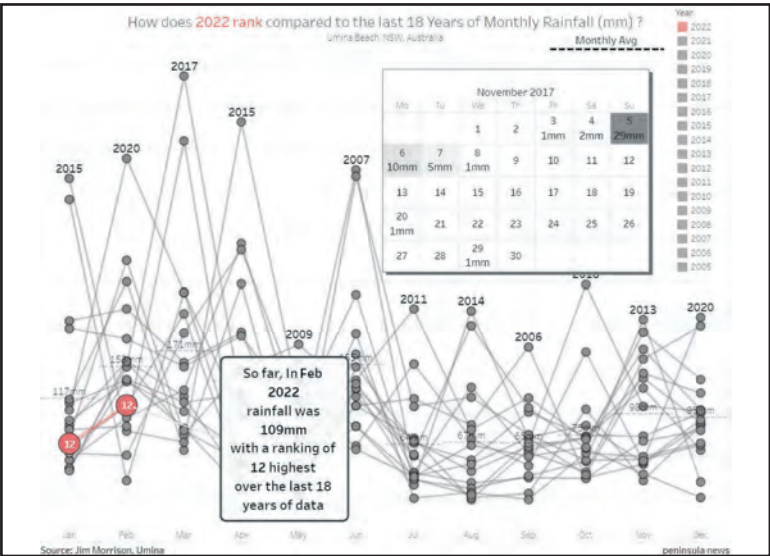
With eight days of rain in the past two weeks amounting to 47mm of rain, February's total rainfall stood at 108.6mm on Friday, February 18.

The heaviest fall was 23.5mm recorded on February 12, with the next highest fall being 8.4mm recorded on February 7.

The total is 46.4mm below the monthly average of 155mm.

The year-to-date rainfall total is 173.4mm, which is 37 per cent less than the end of February average of 275mm.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 18 Feb 2022
Jim Morrison, Umina



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School plans Mingaletta Aunties Program

Woy Woy Public School has planned its Mingaletta Aunties Program for Wednesdays over the coming year.

"The Aunties are a valued part of Woy Woy Public School, generously giving their time each week to impart their cultural knowledge," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"They will be visiting each K-6 classroom several times this year and will be visiting Guliyali Preschool and our Special Education Unit every week."

"They will also be adding aboriginal perspectives to our Stage 2 history and geography lessons."

Mr Patrick Pumpa is the school's aboriginal education officer.

"He will be working across the school from Preschool to Year 6, supporting students in class with literacy and numeracy, working with the Aunties and community members, and organising cultural activities."

The school has a cultural dance group open to all students including non-indigenous students to join.

"During these sessions, students learn local aboriginal dances, including a welcome song and a women's dance."

"Students will perform these during Naidoc Week, at special assemblies and at special events in the community."

SOURCE: Newsletter, 14 Feb 2022 Ona Buckley and Dan Betts, WWPS



The big Scrabble sculpture has been removed from the Koolewong waterfront.

"I'm calling on Central Coast Council to seek a solution to repair

and reinstall this small piece of art," said Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

"We don't have that much around."

"Let's keep and protect the ones we do have."

SOURCE: Social media, 18 Feb 2022 Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Sponsors sought for Jazz in the Arboretum

Organisers of Jazz in the Arboretum to be held at Pearl Beach on Saturday, November 12, are seeking sponsors for the event.

The event will be jointly presented by the Pearl Beach Arboretum and the Pearl Beach Progress Association.

It will feature Emma Pask and Ian Cooper with an ensemble quartet performing jazz, soul and gypsy swing.

It is expected they will pay homage to the music of Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Carmen McRae, Stephane Grappelli and Django Reinhardt.

The event will last two and a half hours in a relaxing bushland setting at the Crommelin Native Arboretum in Pearl Beach.

Patrons are asked to bring their own chair, nibbles and drinks.

Proceeds go to maintaining the Arboretum and the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

Sponsorship packages range from \$5000 gold sponsorship down to community donations of \$250.

The Pearl Beach Arboretum is 5.5 hectares of natural bushland in



the south western corner of Pearl Beach managed by a committee of local volunteers.

The Pearl Beach Progress Association was formed in 1929 which, in 1948, began building the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

This hall is one of the few community halls owned by a resident community.

For further information, contact Pearl Beach Arboretum president Ms Victoria Crawford on 0407 272 495 or Pearl Beach Progress Association events coordinator Ms Lynne Lillico on 4344 2319.

SOURCE: Website, 12 Feb 2022 Jazz in the Arboretum, Pearl Beach Progress Association

Bridge pair has 70 per cent score card

David Bowerman and Dasha Brandt had a stunning 70 per cent score card for north-south in Brisbane Water Bridge Club's Valentine's Day competition.

Seventeen pairs entered the competition, but the club could

not divide the field into Open and Super Novice which were so successful in the pre-covid days.

With six 100 per cent boards, it was hard for others to get in the game.

East-west was more competitive with the Vaughans topping the podium with a more conservative

56 per cent.

The Club has rescheduled its Open Teams Championship until Mondays, March 14 and 21.

Pre-entry is required for the Country Teams qualifier.

SOURCE: Social media, 15 Jan 2022 Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Chemical cleanout returns, but not here

Council's household chemical cleanout is returning after 12 months, but not to the Peninsula.

With previous cleanouts cancelled due to the pandemic, chemicals may be dropped off for free at Event Park, off Kangoo Rd, Kariong on Saturday and Sunday, February 26 and 27.

The cleanout allows for

unwanted and out-of-date hazardous items from homes, garages, and sheds to be correctly disposed.

Council waste service unit manager Mr Andrew Pearce said the events were an opportune time to responsibly dispose of hazardous materials at no cost.

A full list of chemicals that can be dropped off is available

by calling 131 555 and the NSW Environment Protection Authority website.

Prior to the council amalgamation, the cleanout was available to Peninsula residents at Woy Woy council depot.

SOURCE: Media release, 18 Fri 2022 Andrew Pearce, Central Coast Council



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Presentations made at residents' planning workshop

Three presentations were made at a planning workshop held last week by the Peninsula Residents Association at Club Umina.

Residents heard about the draft Central Coast regional plan, Central Coast Council's strategic planning documents and how to lodge a planning submission.

Mr Michael Conroy from the Central Coast Better Planning Group spoke about the draft Central Coast Regional Plan 2041.

He talked about differences between this draft and previous versions of the regional plan, including what was lost or missing.

He said the only reference to the Peninsula was "as the most populous area of the Central Coast which is being focused on increasing urban forests connecting residents to green spaces, improved liveability and reduced heat island effect".

Mr Conroy compared of two aerial photographs of housing developments: showing current housing on Peninsula, which showed vegetation and open space, and a new development in Hamlyn Terrace, with houses almost roof to roof and almost no area for trees in between.

This is the density of planning that could very soon be allowed on the Peninsula under draft planning provisions which are soon expected to come into effect, Mr Conroy said.

Former Central Coast mayor Ms Jane Smith spoke on behalf of Central Coast Friends of Democracy about the council's strategic planning process and the importance of the Local Strategic Planning Statement.

She described its central role in determining local planning policy and the need for it to reflect community wishes through community consultation.

She said the Planning Statement should set out its planning priorities "which meet

the community's needs and deliver key State and regional planning objectives".

It should set out four things: the 20-year vision for land use in the local area, the shared community values to be maintained and enhanced, how future growth and change will be managed, and the special characteristics which contribute to local identity.

It should be the community's



document, rather than being put together by council staff, she said.

She said the process resolved by council to finalise this document had yet to be completed.

Residents' Association secretary Mr Julian Bowker spoke about how to navigate the council's new planning portal and how to make a submission to council about a specific development application.

Mr Bowker described the new planning portal, introduced at the end of 2021, and said that many residents had found it to be very slow, hard to navigate and missing documents.

He said he believed Council staff were gradually addressing these issues.

He said that an application must

be referred to the Local Planning Panel for consideration if more than 15 individual submissions were made.

He said the Panel was more open than council staff determining applications, in that members of the public were able to make representation at Panel meetings which could be viewed online.

Copies of the presentations can be found on the events page of the association website at peninsularesidents.org.au.

Mr Bowker said the association was very happy with the event and hoped to run more sessions in the future.

SOURCE:
Media release, 20 Feb 2022
Julian Bowker, Peninsula Residents Association



Men's Shed re-opens with Covid precautions

Umina Beach Men's Shed has re-opened.

"It's open to vaccinated members who pre-book a day to visit," said secretary Mr Vic Brown.

"Mask-wearing is requested and all members are encouraged to get their booster shots.

"We still encourage hand-washing and sanitizing and ask all members to bring their own tea or coffee mugs and take them home with them.

"The reality is akin to following the safety rules while using tools

and equipment in and around the Shed.

"If they are not followed, it's not just the operator who is in danger of being hurt or damaged.

"It can be others in the area.

"So as we move along the pathway of Covid, it is up to us all to play our part in following the rules and keeping each other as safe as possible."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 15 Feb 2022
Vic Brown, Umina Beach Men's Shed

Soccer club wins \$5190 grant

Woy Woy Football Club has been successful in obtaining an Active Kids Grant from the Australian Sports Foundation.

The Active Kids Grant will provide \$5190 of new equipment including nine sets of portable flexi-goals used for training and games; as well as agility poles,

agility ladders, defender and free-kick mannequins, hurdles kits and training bibs.

This equipment will help the club's mini-rooms and junior players coaching and football skills development.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Feb 2022
Woy Woy Football Club



School receives support from local supermarket

Ettalong Public School has received a donation from a local supermarket.

Relieving school principal Ms Jodie Campbell is pictured receiving the donation from IGA Ettalong manager Mr Jason Court.

Ms Campbell thanked Mr Court for IGA's continued support of the school.

"Your donation will benefit our students and wider community by allowing the expansion of our playground programs and initiatives," she said.

"Please support local businesses that support our school."

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Feb 2022
Jodie Campbell, EPS

Support payment available for small business

Small businesses that experienced a downturn over summer can now apply for a NSW Government support payment of up to \$5000 per week through Service NSW, according to Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Mr Adam Crouch.

Mr Crouch said: "The Small Business Support Program will provide cashflow assistance to help local businesses get through the current Covid-19 outbreak and keep workers employed.

"Our Small Business Support Program is about making sure businesses that are viable over the medium and long term get through

Omicron in good shape so we can bounce back better as case numbers fall," Mr Crouch said.

"The majority of customers submitting complete and eligible applications can expect to receive payment within five to 10 business days of approval of their application.

"The program will provide

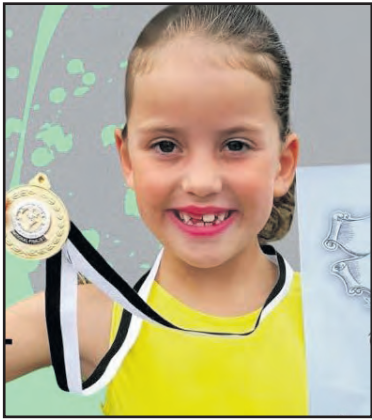
targeted support to businesses with an annual turnover of between \$75,000 and \$50 million that experienced a decline in turnover of at least 40 per cent in January and the start of February.

"The payment for employing businesses will cover up to 20 per cent of weekly payroll, up to a maximum of \$5000 per week.

"Eligible non-employing businesses, such as sole traders, will receive \$500 per week."

Applications can be made online through the Service NSW MyAccount, by visiting a local service centre or call 13 77 88.

SOURCE:
Media release, 17 Feb 2022
Adam Crouch, Central Coast Secretary



Three junior national finalists from Ettalong

Three girls from Brisbane Water United Physie and Dance Ettalong were finalists in the junior national competition.

They were Matilda Gillingham (6, above left), Eadie Martin (6, above right) and Tegan Kelly (9, pictured right).

Other competitors from the club were national semi-finalists Porscha Lawler (8) and Charlie Martin(9) and national competitors Emily Thorpe (10) and Mia Kelly (13).

"We are bursting with pride and admiration over our beauties and their resilience, persistence and love for what they do," their instructors said.

They promote physie (physical culture) as a dance sport that

combines elements of jazz, ballet, lyrical, gymnastics and pilates to create dance routines that focus on strength, posture, flexibility and discipline.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Feb 2022
BWU Physie



Open day for Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club

Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club is holding an information day from 4-6pm on Wednesday, March 2, at the Peninsula Community Centre.

Information packs will be available and the teachers will be present.

The club is currently offering the first term free for all new members.

Classes normally cost from \$5 and are run in air-conditioned rooms.

All abilities from beginner to advanced and ages from two to over-60 are accepted.

Classes consist of dance routines choreographed to age-appropriate music, including hip hop, ballet, strength and balance routines, jazz, contemporary,



flexibility and floor routines.

"Whether you're looking to get active and meet new people, rekindle your old love of dance or just to have some you time out of the house, we have a class for you."

More information is available on the club's website at www.woywoyrecphysie.com.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Feb 2022
Woy Woy Recreational
Physical Culture Club

Woy Woy national finals results

Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club has competed in the junior national finals at The Quay Centre, Olympic Park.

Results were: Beautiful Performance, Georgia Bradley, six years. National 3rd Place, Callie Stanley, seven years. National

4th Place, Sophia Murray, seven years. National 5th Place, Ava Sergeant, seven years. National Finalist, Madison Bradley, eight years. Beautiful Performance, Pippa Wylie, nine years. Beautiful Performance, Bobbi Hull, nine years. National Semi Finalist, Sophie Ashley, 10 years. National Finalist, Imogen Stanley, 10 years.

Beautiful Performance, Ella Ashley, 12 years. Beautiful Performance, Annabelle Hammond, 12 years. National Finalist, Tillie Kennedy, 12 years. Beautiful Performance, Taya Young, 13 years.

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Feb 2022
Woy Woy Recreational
Physical Culture Club

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Health

Future predicted for nurse practitioners in aged care

Nurse practitioner are more likely to be employed in aged care in the future, according to the new chief executive of a Umina aged care home.

“From our perspective, Nurse Practitioners in aged care are the future,” said Peninsula Villages’ Mr Colin Osborne.

“If you have somebody on site who is clinically trained to an advanced level and can help avoid unnecessary hospital admissions, it can take away pressure from the whole health system.

“Nurse practitioners have a higher level of training than registered nurses and are able to independently diagnose and prescribe medications as well as treat health conditions within their scope of practice.

“That means having a nurse practitioner also benefits our aged care residents, who can access better symptom management in a timely manner and with less complications,” he said.

Nurse practitioner Ms Leanne Northrop recently relocated from Western Australia to work at

Peninsula Villages, one of only a few aged care facilities to have a full-time nurse practitioner on-site.

“In recent years, I have been a nurse practitioner in residential aged care facilities and worked with WA Country Health.

“This was when I became an advocate for access and equity of health care for the elderly as well as rural and remote people.

“I am excited to have joined Peninsula Villages bringing with me a keen interest in wound care, emergency care, aged care and chronic condition management.

“When the clinical and allied medical teams work with us and our residents to understand and manage illness and injury, the outcomes are remarkable,” Ms Northrop said.

Mr Osborne said the role of the nurse practitioner at Peninsula Villages was to collaborate with local GPs in providing care, services and treatment plans to residents.

The primary focus of the role was to monitor and identify exacerbation of chronic health conditions and provide specialised

end of life care.

“Leanne reviews around 50 residents per week for chronic, palliative and gerontological assessment and provides an additional clinical skill in assisting our RNs,” continued Mr Osborne.

“This has resulted in a reduction in Peninsula Villages’ transfers to hospital which is of particular importance as we continue to operate during a global pandemic,” he said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 14 Feb 2022
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages

Forum

Does change always have to be for the worse?

It is now over 50 years since I first set eyes on this beautiful part of the world.

People tell me that much can change in 50 years, but does it always have to be for the worse?

When I first arrived most of the housing was wooden fishermen’s shacks on large blocks with plenty of trees, ideal for pandemic living.

Most of the trees have gone and the blocks have been subdivided and mostly replaced by 2 large red brick bouses with dark roofs which are not much good for the cooling in the Bay.

These are also now only available to millionaires.

Taylor St had only just been continued to the turning circle beyond Goora Lane.

There had been three shops, but one had already closed, and another was in the throes of closing which left just the post office, general store at the end of Goora Lane with its telephone box outside where you had to be sure you had the right coins or the patience to wait sometimes for help.

Mobile phones certainly make this a big change.

This store was a community centre where people collected their mail every day as well as perhaps bread, milk and newspaper.

There was also a ferry which called at the end of Goora Lane and other private wharves.

This my husband used to catch to travel over to the railway where he went across a footbridge directly to the platform to catch the train south.

This didn’t last.

New people wanted their mail to be delivered and public transport.

Nowadays we get our mail delivered, occasionally, and we have a long bus which must traverse the narrow Woy Woy Bay Rd and bends.

I don’t know how well used is the bus.

Most people seem to use their cars.

Sometimes it is like a parking lot with not only cars but caravans and boats and trailers.

The drainage at the foot of each property on the southern side of Taylor St seems to have largely disappeared and in some cases to have been asphalted in, which results in large ponds of water in the middle of Taylor St, when we have a deluge.

There is now no grass verge for the masked lapwing to lay its eggs.

Fifty years ago, people seemed to buy a house for a home but now they buy for an investment or a future AirBNB, thus adding to the density of population and shortage of parking in the town.

This might be good for the economy but there have been few increases to facilities and to trained personnel or to the training of personnel.

What does this do to the quality of life for residents?

The rowing boats, sailing boats and older slow boats with motors have been replaced by fast noisy motorboats which often just seem to go round and round in circles.

The swell from these boats causes erosion along our banks.

The noise also affects the fish under the water.

The ears in fish are internal and like human ears they affect balance.

It is thought that it is noise from increased cruise and merchant shipping which causes whales to strand themselves.

Perhaps this noise is part of the reason for the scarcity of fish today.

There used to be plenty of fish in the Bay along with soldier crabs on the mud flats, but now none.

People seem to forget or not know that the bay is a fish nursery and therefore traps are not allowed.

Mangroves and sea grass are also protected as they absorb large amounts of CO2.

They also provide nurseries for fish and crustaceans.

I might also add that in June 1971, I saw two small sharks in the Bay.

They were about the length of my arm so take care.

I have watched over the years as the yellow coreopsis has moved down Woy Woy Bay Rd.

That is now followed by an even worse weed, the formosan lily.

Some people enjoy the large white flowers, but they produce seeds and even worse is the bulb which should be removed and put in the green bin.

A couple of years back I witnessed a neighbour laugh as his dog chased water dragons up a tree.

Unfortunately, we can no longer enjoy the antics of these creatures from our windows as the only water

dragons left in the bay are probably those fed by a few residents.

We also miss seeing the antechinus frolicking and then perhaps finding his carcass during August after his sexual orgy.

This might be due to the many cats I see prowling through the bush.

Cats must be kept inside.

A couple of days ago I saw a visitor to the Bay amused as her dog tried to catch butterflies.

It would seem that many people do not understand the fragile biodiversity of this area.

How do people think that this place keeps going? Every link in the biodiversity chain is valuable.

The microbes, fungi and worms beneath our feet, in what we disparagingly call dirt, are essential if we want new soil, on which we all depend.

Butterflies, birds, bees, furry creatures are essential for pollination.

We might think that we are the most important links at the top of the chain but if all the lower ones wear out, what will happen to those at the top?

Our biodiversity is of great importance to the continuance of this area but also to us.

A year ago, I watched as a large dog from this Bay chase a lyrebird round and round in the National Park.

I found it very distressing.

It is illegal to have dogs roaming freely in the Bays.

They should be contained within their properties or led on their leads.

Lyrebirds are the worlds champion diggers.

They disturb the soil so that the pollinated seeds can drop through the soil when it rains.

There have been great cuts in funding both to Maritime and National Parks so there is little monitoring by these State organisations.

Is the environment not one of our priorities? It is so sad.

TAFE Colleges have been closed or even sold, so there is little quality training for any of the additional jobs available in our area.

We need tradies as well as health personnel.

Fifty years ago we even had a doctor.

The hall was used by a doctor who came to the Bay twice weekly and even made house calls when essential.

So, the many changes in the Bays are largely due to the ignorance of the people and human greed.

I attribute many of these changes to our governments.

They are constantly telling us to be aspirational, forgetting that we live on a finite planet while the best education is not available to all children in NSW.

Hence, perhaps, the ignorance.

I lament the fact that my grandchildren will not be able to enjoy the Woy Woy Bay that I have.

Surely, we need to think carefully before the next election.

SOURCE:
Email, 14 Feb 2022
Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay

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Griffins of the Week

Two human society and its environment students at Woy Woy campus at Brisbane Water Secondary College have received Griffin of the Week awards.

Each week, one or more students studying the subject are nominated by their teachers for demonstrating outstanding qualities.

Last week, Zachary Turch (left)

was recognised for his enthusiasm towards learning, submitting numerous high quality drafts for teacher feedback and commitment to Stage 6 History courses.

Eliza Clignett (right) was acknowledged for her high level of engagement, consistent effort and leadership in the classroom.

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Feb 2022
WSC Woy Woy

School is establishing important ground rules straight away

Woy Woy Public School is “establishing important ground rules straight away” with the start of the school year, according to assistant principal for student well-being Ms Michelle Williams.

Ms Williams said: “For the first two weeks of the new school year, teachers explicitly teach three-to-four key school-wide expectations to their classes each week.

“The rules are important to establish from the ‘get-go’ for the smooth running of their own classrooms and to keep everybody safe and happy in the playground.”

The rules were Be Responsible,

Be Respectful and Be Engaged.

Ms Williams said Be Responsible meant “looking after myself and others, being prepared for learning, being honest and playing fairly”.

Be Respectful meant “caring for others and our environment, by speaking politely to others, by wearing school uniform and keeping hands and feet to ourselves”.

Be Engaged meant “following instructions, actively participating and being ready to learn”

Ms Williams said: “It is hoped that by establishing these important ground rules straight away at the

beginning of the year, students will know exactly what is expected of them, and will behave accordingly.

“If students can demonstrate positive behaviour, they are rewarded with Win Bin tickets and stars on their Star Charts.”

Ms Williams said the rules were part of “a whole-school approach to proactive, school-wide behaviour management”.

It is part of the school’s Positive Behaviour for Learning program that links with the school’s anti-bullying policy.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 14 Feb 2022
Michelle Williams, WWPS

Cross-country training

Cross-country training has started at Woy Woy South Public School in preparation for its annual school carnival at the end of term.

Principal Mr Matt Barr said: “All abilities are welcome.

“The focus is on having fun and improving stamina.

“It’s going to be awesome.”

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 10 Feb 2022
Matt Barr, WWSPS

Girls sparkle at Woy Woy

Woy Woy Public School is running a Sparkle Girls program for Stage 2 and 3 girls.

Assistant principal Ms Michelle Williams said: “The program is designed to address many of the emerging social issues facing girls as well as to help them develop key social and decision-making skills and empower them to reach their potential.

“This program will be run by our school social worker and will run each week on Mondays and

Tuesdays.”

The school is also running a Focus Body and Soul mentoring program.

“The goal of this program is to mentor students in developing mental, emotional and physical life skills, promoting confidence, communication and self-esteem,” said Ms Williams.

It will be led by Mr Grant Hickman of Focus Body and Soul.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 14 Feb 2022
Michelle Williams, WWPS



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Patrick is Woy Woy singles champion

Woy Woy Bowling Club has crowned a new singles champion.

Patrick Croke won the club's Major Singles title played on Saturday, February 19.

The other protagonist in the final was Graham Kenney.

Graham had already won this coveted event twice before, while Patrick has only been playing bowls for a handful of years.

The conditions on the day were overcast and the synthetic green was running at a speed of around 17 seconds.

Graham skipped away early and led Pat by 14 shots to two.

However, Patrick regained his composure and doggedly fought back.

The game tightened and an arm-wrestle ensued for the next 20 ends.

On the 35th end and after 4 hours of bowls, both players had a chance to claim the title.

Pat drew three close counters and held the lead for the first time in the game.

Graham still had a bowl



remaining and elected to drive at the jack.

It narrowly missed its target, handing Patrick his first singles title by a score of 31 to 29.

Both players should be congratulated for playing an outstanding game and displaying classy sportsmanship.

The next titles to be played at WWBC will be the Triples championship.

Pictured are Patrick Croke, club president James Cook and Graham Kenney.

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 Feb 2022
Chris Newell, Woy Woy Bowling Club

Former president leaves Umina bowling club

Former Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club president Mr Mark Speerin has left the club to move to Toronto Workers Bowling Club, according to Umina club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"Mark has been with Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club for over 30 years and has achieved much both within the club and also Zone 15 during that time," he said.

"He is the only person I know that has two Zone 15 Merit Awards, which is the highest award a Zone can bestow on a member.

"I had the great pleasure of working closely with Mark, when he was president in 2018 and 2019 and I was secretary.

"He was a very good president and great to work with - firm but fair.

"We will sure miss him..."



"We say thank you to Mark for all that he has done for the club, Zone and his many mates and wish him much enjoyment and good health in the next exciting phase of his life."

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Feb 2022
Peter Springett, UBMBC

Little Athletes set new records

Two Woy Woy Little Athletes have each set two new record times.

Under-15 athlete Sienna Scahill broke her 1500m event record, with a time of 5.01.22.

The previous record was 5.34.40 set in November 1998.

In the 400m, she created a new record of 1.07.74, breaking the previous record of 1.08.80 also set in November 1998.

Under-17B athlete Oliver Ham broke his own record in the 1500m with a time of 4.36.81, previously setting the record of 4.40.26 in

October 2020.

In the 300m Hurdles, he set a record of 47.86, breaking the previous record of 51.45 set in January 2018.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Feb 2022
Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics



Tumbling starts at Umina Beach PCYC

The Umina Beach PCYC has started tumbling sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Tumbling is also known as floor gymnastics, performed without props or equipment.

Sessions for five to seven year-olds are held on Thursdays from 4pm to 5pm.

Sessions for children older than seven on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7pm.

For more information, contact the club on 4344 7851.

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Feb 2022
PCYC Umina Beach

Woy Woy soccer

Woy Woy Football Club's Women's Premier League squad will face Kanwal at 9am on Sunday, March 6.

The Men's Division One team will face Kariang. Reserve Grade at 1pm and First Grade at 3pm at Budgewoi Oval.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Feb 2022
Woy Woy Football Club

Last year's Region 6 Women's Pennant bowls play-offs were finally held at Ettalong Bowling Club on Sunday, February 6, between Central Coast and Lake Macquarie districts.

The Umina Beach Grade 4 team played against Swansea Workers.

The weather was not kind with strong gusty winds and intermittent

showers.

Umina played well but Swansea Workers came out the winners on the day.

Pictured is the Umina team of B Collins, C Catchpool, C Gentle, T Causby, L Gordon, J Ellery, L Field and B Schultz.

SOURCE:
Website, 7 Feb 2022
Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club

Second round of Vet Singles played

The second round of the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club Veteran Singles Championship was played on Tuesday, February 15.

There were some sensational bowls played, according to secretary Mr Peter Springett.

The results were: Rex Hunt defeated Kevin Bettridge. Ian Jarratt defeated Ken Robertson

in a tight game. Roger Twells defeated Walter Pawelko. Peter Heinemann defeated Ken Harrison. Tom Burgmann defeated Peter Lambert. Victor Gauci defeated Peter Springett (sensational game 25 - 24). George Boni defeated Jim Phillips in another tight game.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Feb 2022
Peter Springett UBMBC

Soccer players wanted for under-16 to under-21 teams at Southern and Ettalong United Football Club.

Phone under-18 coaches, Mick Penn on 0404 479 067 and David Haime on 0408 688 423 for further information.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Feb 2022
SEUFC

Ettalong Eagles Netball Club is still seeking players aged 16 to 17 years and also women over 18.

The club is also looking for more 12-year-olds.

Anyone who would like to play should contact the club.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Feb 2022
Ettalong Eagles Netball Club

WANTED: Coach

An Under-21s coaching position is available at Southern and Ettalong United Football Club for the coming season.

"Come and join the team and work closely with our experienced and respected coaching group," said club president Mr Glen Balneaves.

For more information, contact Mr Balneaves on 0407 454963

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Feb 2022
Glen Balneaves, SEUFC