



Sandstone block unveiled at Anderson Park

Not even a heavy shower of rain on Saturday morning for the unveiling of the sandstone block in Anderson Memorial Park, Woy Woy.

"It was certainly heart-warming to see four generations of the Anderson family in attendance to pay tribute to Bill Anderson, after whom the park was named," said Woy Woy Rotary club president Ms Julie Jones.

"With a wary eye on the weather, the Rotary tent was put up and chairs set out.

"The royal blue cloth was draped over the sandstone, ready for the big reveal and as Rotarians and Anderson family arrived, programs were handed out and introductions

were made.

"We were pleased to be able to welcome Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch, and Mr John Sharpe, one of the original Rotarians when the park was dedicated.

"Also present was Woy Woy lawyer Mr Paul Tonkin, whose father Mr Phil Tonkin was in Woy Woy Rotary when the park when the park was dedicated.

"Paul can remember helping at a very young age to paint some of the woodwork."

Rotarian Mr Don Tee was the Master of Ceremonies for the ceremony and did the Acknowledgement to Country and welcome to the guests.

"Mr Bob Anderson gave history

of Anderson Memorial Park and paid a lovely tribute to his father Bill after whom the park was named.

"It was then that the heavens opened."

Ms Jones gave a brief address and presented Mr Anderson with a memento of the day.

"Mr Tee gave us some insight into the history behind the Rotary involvement in the park since the original fountain leading to the placement of the sandstone.

"The sun reappeared just in time to unveil the new block, with the etched Rotary wheel and the original dedication plaque in place."

SOURCE:

Media release, 12 Apr 2022
Sue Tee, Rotary Woy Woy



Oyster farmers 'need government support'

Local oyster farmers need support, according to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

"For the last few years, our local oyster farmers have endured flood after flood," she said.

"They've been unable to sell oysters for years.

"The NSW Government needs to step in to support our local producers to keep this industry alive."

Ms Tesch is pictured with bags of dead oysters which were destroyed with the recent flood.

SOURCE:

Social media, 5 Apr 2022
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

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Peninsula News remains true to its tradition of supporting the Peninsula's community identity.

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Mark Snell, 20 Feb 2022



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Clean4Shore secures floating logs

Large floating logs still pose a treat to boating on the Hawkesbury River, according to Clean4shore co-ordinator Mr Graham Johnston.

The service was continuing to secure logs, dragging them to a safer location.

He was joined by Ocean Beach Surf Club ventured out from Patonga on Friday.

"Young rookies were involved in their Duke of Edinburgh's Award program, with peer support from Oliver and proactive supervision from Louise and Kerrie," he said.

"Our first task was to dig out the large plastic drum from the sandy beach around from Dark Corner.

"It was a difficult task with the saw and a tow from Simon needed to remove the drum.

"Larger pieces of aluminium cladding are scattered all along this headland.

"The polystyrene washed out and was breaking up behind the rocky foreshores.

"Crossing the river, plenty



of logs and debris was floating seaward.

"Drums, buckets and polystyrene were removed from the water.

"The small beach east of Flint and Steel had four very full bags of small litter - mainly hard plastics, balls, plastic bottles and polystyrene collected - and larger items including a foam mattress, larger drums and buckets.

"The surging swell made loading difficult and, with this swell surge increasing, access to Flint and Steel was deemed too big a risk.

"Around the corner towards Hungry Beach, another mattress

was recovered from the rocks, plus a large road barrier.

"Hungry Beach also had larger pot, buckets and small litter removed with a large truck tyre on a rim lifted from the water.

"Moving into Cowan Creek, small litter was removed from Fishermans beach with a large black piece of vinyl sheeting cut free from under the rocks."

The boat, in a sudden rain storm, returned to Patonga with a full load.

The 340 kilograms of rubbish was transported to Woy Woy tip.

SOURCE:

Social media, 15 Apr 2022
Graham Johnstone, Clean4shore

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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Contributors are asked to keep their

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

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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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Rotary clubs hold joint meeting

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach met for a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Woy Woy.

The two clubs were addressed by local historian and author Ms Patricia Skeehan.

"Patricia related her research into the difficult times surrounding the 1918 Influenza epidemic in Australia, and the effects on its citizens," said Umina club publicity officer Mr Pat Lewis. "She spoke about the places and methods whereby the disease was confronted, and interestingly, some of the unhelpful community attitudes we have again seen in the present Covid pandemic."

"She went on to talk about some of the aspects of the First World War warfront in Flanders and the involvement of Australians including participants from our



area."

Pictured is Umina club member Mr Peter Doherty enjoying the company of Woy Woy club member Mr Don Tee.

Mr Pat Lewis from Umina Club is pictured introducing Ms Patricia

Skeehan.

Mr Rob Meyer from Umina club thanked Ms Skeehan for her address.

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Apr 2022
Pat Lewis, Rotary Umina Beach

Field day events postponed

Central Coast Council has informed Bays Bushcare that the Community Field Day events has been postponed from April 10 until May.

The events are expected to include guided bushwalks and a barbecue.

However, a small group of volunteers proceeded with a sale of

native plants from the Community Environment Network.

SOURCE:
Media release, 9 Apr 2022
The Bays Community Group



Connex Rd, Umina, flooded on Thursday, April 7

Third highest daily rainfall in 18 years

The third highest daily rainfall in the last 18 years on the Peninsula was recorded earlier this month.

A fall of 154.7mm was recorded in the 24 hours to 9am on Friday, April 8, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

A fall of 161mm was recorded on February 9, 2020, and the highest daily fall of 165mm was recorded on January 19, 2015.

Mr Morrison has recorded more than 1000mm in 11 weeks, since February 1.

The total of 1061.9mm since February 1 appears to be the highest three-month total since 1965.

In the first 14 days of April, the Peninsula received 264mm of rain, more than twice the April average of 137mm.

The cumulative total for the year is 1226.7mm, almost twice the average at the end of April of 583mm and the highest for the last 18 years.

The second highest cumulative total at the end of April was in 2015 with a total of 944.9mm.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 15 Apr 2022
Jim Morrison, Umina
Photo: Hailey Raroa

The 155mm recorded on 8th April, 2022 ranks as the 3rd highest day of rainfall over the last 18 years of recordings

Date	Rank	Amount
19-Jan-2015	1	165mm
09-Feb-2020	2	161mm
08-Apr-2022	3	155mm
05-Jun-2016	4	150mm
29-Jan-2013	5	128mm
21-Apr-2015	6	123mm
06-Jun-2016	7	111mm
09-Jun-2007	8	110mm
20-Aug-2007	9	106mm
25-Apr-2007	9	106mm
27-Feb-2006	11	104mm
26-Oct-2020	12	99mm
21-Mar-2021	13	99mm
18-Apr-2012	14	96mm
30-Aug-2019	15	91mm
31-Aug-2019	16	91mm
22-Apr-2015	16	91mm
24-Apr-2007	18	90mm
19-Mar-2021	19	89mm
26-Feb-2018	20	87mm

Source: Jim Morrison, Umina

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Residents call for public plans for bushland restoration

The Peninsula Residents' Association has welcomed a statement by Central Coast Council administrator Mr Rik Hart that remnant vegetation on the Peninsula was "unique and worthy of protection" but has called for plans to be made public.

The association has responded to a council request for "feedback from the community on the proposed plan for consolidating the network of informal tracks" in rare bushland on two reserves on the Peninsula.

However, the association said the proposed track consolidation was just one small item of 20 scheduled for completion this financial year, and is part of a 10-year \$225,000 plan for the rehabilitation of Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland.

This was not revealed on the council's consultation web page at yourvoiceourcoast.com, it said.

"It contains no links to Council Plans of Management, to site management plans or to Council work plans or Protection of the Environment Trust budgets.

"It also contains no details of other significant holdings not managed by the Council."

The rare bushland was spread across private and public land, with important stands at Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College and the Thompson Health Care nursing home site at the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd, Woy Woy, as well as the council sites at Burrawang Reserve, McEvoy Oval and Umina Oval, according to the association.

The association's submission said: "It will require a concerted effort if it is to be maintained and have a fair chance of survival in the longer term.

"If Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland is to be protected and restored, the association believes that council commitment is required on a number of fronts."

The association urged the council to take a committed "whole of council" approach to preserving the rare bushland, in a "collaborative effort with all stakeholders for maximum effectiveness".

It called for the council to maximise financial resources available for the restoration and rehabilitation work, making use of grant funding.

It suggested the use of other remnant bushland to enhance UCSW resilience.

It asked for support for voluntary bushcare groups, as the most cost-effective means of maintaining bushland reserves.

The association said the community should be kept fully-informed of efforts to preserve the Woodland.

"This should include full disclosure of all related information, including all bush management plans and works programs, further and on-going community consultation, and a broadly-based community education campaign, using a variety of public awareness techniques.

"There is an immediate need to prepare or update site management plans for remnant UCSW bushland and to make these publicly available.

"All plans should be updated and exhibited for comment prior to adoption.

"Information should be available and publicised, and consultation take place, ahead of planning not after the event."

The 10-page submission referred to bushland management plans, which it submitted as attachments.

SOURCE:
Submission, 14 Apr 2022
Peninsula Residents Association



Redevelopment starts with tennis facility

The redevelopment of the Peninsula Recreation Precinct is starting with an upgrade to the tennis facility, according to Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks.

"The upgrade to the tennis facility includes a roof replacement and the installation of a new synthetic surface for court five to create a dedicated futsal court,"

she said. "This project is all about ensuring the Peninsula had the sports and recreation infrastructure they need and deserve.

The project will see \$8.25 million spent on upgrades to the Peninsula Recreation Precinct.

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Apr 2022
Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson





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Stations of the Cross for Good Friday

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School has commemorated Good Friday on the school oval.

They performed a re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross.

"How lovely to have our school community and parishioners come together for such a sacred day," said school principal Ms Nicole Davis.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Apr 2022
SJB Catholic Primary School Woy Woy



Chamber opposes water rate rise

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has made a submission opposing an increase in water rates.

"The Chamber is deeply disappointed at the draft decision by IPART to increase yearly water rates by \$200," said Peninsula Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"This comes at a time when Central Coast Council has attempting to extend the special variation to the general rates for a further seven years beyond the three years already approved by IPART".

"Residents and business owners on the Peninsula are already coming to terms with

between a 30 to 40 per cent increase in rates and now Council is wanting to extract further dollars from the already empty pockets of the community", said Mr Wales.

"I don't know what the current Council administration thinks, but ordinary small business owners and Peninsula residents don't have endless piles of cash to bale out the mistakes of the former Central Coast Council".

"The Chamber still believes that Council should consider selling down part or all of the Central Coast Water Authority and use the billions that could be raised to pay down its huge debts and set up a Future Fund to pay for the ongoing operations of the Council and the huge backlog of infrastructure

works", said Mr Wales.

"It's up to Council how they do this and how they manoeuvre around the legislative and valuation issues".

"Let's not forget that the former Central Coast Council had racked up the largest local government debt in Australian history and they expect us to pay for it over the next 10 years without any thing tangible in return other than the status quo".

"This is unacceptable to the business community and the Chamber will be making submissions accordingly," said Mr Wales.

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 Apr 2022
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Business Chamber



Council urges Paton St approval despite 64 objections

Central Coast Council planners have recommended approval of a non-complying development at 95 Paton St, Woy Woy, despite receiving 64 objections from 30 individuals.

The application is expected to be considered by the Local Planning Panel at its meeting on Thursday, April 21.

Owner Mr Thomas Bowyer owner applied for a multi dwelling housing development including alterations and additions to a retained existing dwelling on site and the erection of two three-bedroom dwellings.

"The application has been examined having regard to the matters for consideration detailed in section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and other statutory requirements with the issues requiring attention and consideration being addressed in the report," the council report to the Panel states.

"The application is referred to the Local Planning Panel due to 64 public submissions, from 30 individuals, objecting to the proposal being received."

The council planning assessment recommended: "That the Local Planning Panel grant consent to DA/61493/2021 at 95 Paton St, Woy Woy ... subject to the conditions detailed in the schedule attached to the report."

The report listed the key issues as non-compliance with minimum lot sizes for attached dwellings, dual occupancies, multi dwelling housing and residential flat buildings, and non-compliance ... in regard to ceiling heights, setbacks, separation and private open space."

It also stated there were "matters raised in public submissions, including car parking character and amenity impacts".

Non-compliances included a 53 square metre shortfall in site area, being 679 square metres instead of 750 square metres.

Ceiling height at the first floor was only 2.4 metres instead of the minimum of 2.7 metres.

Deep soil setbacks to the driveway would be reduced by 70 per cent.

Front and rear setback minimums of six metres would be reduced by 2.9 metres at the back and 1.2 metres at the front.

Average minimum side setbacks to exterior walls of four metres would be reduced by 50 per cent.

Separation between adjacent dwellings is only two metres to the north east, well short of the minimum of nine metres.

The minimum dimension of private open space of 3.5 metres is reduced to two metres.

The assessment report said the site was generally level and currently occupied by one dwelling house and ancillary structures.

"The site is zoned R1 General Residential.

"The site is immediately surrounding by single storey detached dwellings.

"The wider area is a mix of one and two storey single dwelling and multi dwelling housing developments."

The existing dwelling would be retained and two three-bedroom townhouses would be built.

Five car-parking spaces would be provided in three enclosed garages and two open car parking spaces.

Access was proposed via a driveway that would run along the southwest.

"On 25 May 2021, the applicant was asked to address issue in relation to parking, setbacks, private open space, vehicle sight lines and access and waste management.

"Following further discussions with the applicant, a final set of amended plans were received on 2 December 2021."

"Given the change to the plans were minor and resulted in a marginally reduced scheme with no greater or additional impacts the plans were not re-notified."

"The applicant's written request has adequately justified that compliance that strict compliance with the development standard is unreasonable and unnecessary in this instance and there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard.

"The variation at 53sqm or seven per cent is for all intents and purposes imperceptible from the street, particularly as the existing front dwelling is to be retained.

"Compliance, with a dual occupancy development, could result in the same or greater height, floor space ratio and overall general impacts.

"The proposed development is considered to be in the public interest.

"It is considered to comply with the objectives of the R1 zone, as it provides for a reasonable residential outcome that is consistent with the character of the area."

SOURCE:
Central Coast Local Planning Panel agenda 3.2, 21 Apr 2022

Chamber foreshadows Ettalong 'resurgence'

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce is foreshadowing a "resurgence of the Ettalong Beach town centre after decades of hard work to encourage investment and growth".

"Its been a long time coming, but finally Ettalong Beach has found its feet and is looking forward to a raft of new investment in mixed use and residential development", said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"We have been working closely with the both the former Gosford City Council and now Central Coast Council to create an environment where property owners and investors have sufficient confidence to redevelop some of the best beachfront commercial land on the Central Coast.

"With the completion of the Atlantis Apartments on The Esplanade and construction of the new five-storey residential complex on the old Centrelink site in Ocean View Rd, we are seeing a town transformed.

"It is vitally important for our centres to revitalise and renew lest they fall into decline like so many other locations across the region", said Mr Wales.

"The Chamber is also excited that Mars Group will be commencing the new five-storey 84 room hotel complex early next year in Memorial Ave behind the Atlantis Apartments which will provide additional high quality

visitor accommodation and provide a further boost to local retailers.

"There are other great mixed use developments on the drawing board for Ettalong Beach which will deliver new residential and retail floor space that will encourage people to live in town and strengthen the local economy.

"Much of this growth and investment is being driven by young cashed-up families who have seen the Peninsula as a great place to live and bring up their families just as our parents did many years ago.

"NorthConnex and improved rail services to Sydney are also encouraging people to move to the Peninsula as access to the metro area becomes easier.

"It's important to encourage the younger demographic who have a broader disposable income base and inject fresh ideas into our local community", said Mr Wales.

"The Chamber estimates that new development in the town centre will inject nearly \$200M of investment into Ettalong Beach with the potential to create up to 250 new full time and part time jobs.

"The business community will continue to work closely with Central Coast Council to ensure that development approvals are delivered in quick time so that Ettalong Beach can continue to prosper", said Mr Wales.

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 Apr 2022
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Tesch disappointed with Mangrove tip decision

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said she was disappointed with a court decision that allows a tip at Mangrove Mountain to continue to operate.

"The decision by the Land and Environment Court is incredibly disappointing and allows court orders made in 2014 to stand."

These would allow 1.14 million cubic metres of landfill to be deposited at the site, a continuation of the massive environmental and public health disaster, she said.

"Many in our community believe that the Coast shouldn't be the tip for the rest of the state, and yet this decision leaves the door open for more waste to be deposited at Mangrove Mountain," said Ms Tesch.

"Whilst the outcome is legally complex, this allows an additional 340,000 tonnes of waste to be delivered at the top of the Central Coast water catchment.

Tesch says the Mangrove

Mountain landfill decision by the Land and Environment Court places significant pressure on Council administrator Mr Rik Hart and Central Coast Council staff to deliver the best possible outcome for the Central Coast.

"Before Council enters into talks with Verde Terra about amending the 2014 court orders, it needs to consider the best options it has for protecting our water catchment.

"The original permission for the landfill was provided by the Gosford Council general manager in 2014 without consultation with the then elected councillors.

"The Land and Environment Court was scathing of Central Coast Council and the former Gosford City Council for taking so long to respond to the 2014 court orders which allowed a 10-year expansion and larger works to begin."

SOURCE:
Media release, 6 Apr 2022
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Candidate not to have ‘liberal’ views

The Liberal Democrats candidate for Robertson Dr Bentley Logan has said he will not be able to describe himself as holding “liberal” views after the party lost a High Court case to keep its name.

“The Liberal Democrats lost its High Court challenge against rushed-through electoral laws that ban newer parties from using words in their titles that are in the name of established parties.

“Ridiculously, this means the Liberal Party have exclusive use of the word “liberal”, a general term originally used to describe political ideas the focus on individual freedoms.

“The new rules enable an incumbent party to force a new party that uses a ‘taken’ word, such as liberal, to change the name or face de-registration.”

Dr Logan said the Liberal Democrats had advocated for prosperity based on individual freedom, personal responsibility, private property rights and voluntary association since 2001. and will continue to hold their name for the coming election.

“The major parties know we are a real challenge to them because they have lost sight of their principles and only want your compliance. Freedom matters, make your vote count.”

Dr Bentley said the Liberal and Labor parties made the

move because they knew they were losing ground to the minors and independents, who wanted something different to support voters that want to support freedom.

“The Liberal Democrats have advocated for prosperity based on individual freedom, personal responsibility, private property rights and voluntary association since 2001.

“it will continue to hold their name for the coming election.”

For further information, email Dr Bentley Logan at bentley.logan@ldp.org.au

SOURCE:
Media release, 14 Apr 2022
Bentley Logan, Liberal Democrats



Overseas trip after lottery win

A Blackwall woman will take an overseas trip after winning a lottery.

She won a \$600,000 division one prize in the April 2 Saturday Lotto draw, holding one of the nine division one winning entries.

Her winning 36-game QuickPick was purchased at Ettalong Beach Newsagency.

“I’ve been playing for years and years. It’s been probably 30 years,” the anonymous woman told lottery officials.

She told them she and her husband were “big travellers” and would probably take a trip to Fiji.

“This is so surreal.”

SOURCE:
Media release, 4 Apr 2022
Matt Hart, The Lott

Mobile disruption

Mobile broadband services may be disrupted this week.

Optus is upgrading its Blackwall tower for “faster network speeds and more reliable service” between April 18 and 22.

“Broadband services may experience some interruptions.”

Network status can be checked on line.

SOURCE:
Media release, 17 Apr 2022
Optus

Mingaletta has visit from Linda Burney

Federal Shadow Minister for Families and Social Services Ms Linda Burney recently visited Mingaletta to discuss its work.

Chairperson Aunty Di and other Aunties, together with coordinator Stevie-Leigh, talked about their

successes and how they saw the future of the organisation and its key priority areas.

Labor candidate for Robertson Dr. Gordon Reid also attended the meeting.

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Apr 2022
Mingaletta ATSC



Liesl Tesch MP
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Forum

Not one vacant parking spot in South St in the rain

Once again, I'm sitting at my window in South St, Umina, watching relentless rain, which I believe will become a regular feature due to climate change.

For the first time in over 15 years in this street, the ground has become so saturated that it no longer absorbs and drains water.

Instead, it is sitting in ever growing puddles in my garden and lawn.

The storm water drains in the street and lane at the rear cannot cope and I cannot imagine how the council could still be considering allowing underground parking on residential block within the street or anywhere in residential areas.

Commercial sites may cope with the cost of constant water pumping, if the drains could cope, but households are struggling to make ends meet without that added burden.

Council is still considering such an insane development application at number 42 South St.

Not just underground parking, but along with several exceptions to set backs, overshadowing and other guides, in place to ensure quality of life for existing residents and environmental impacts which must be prime considerations.

All these "exceptions", of which there are many in the one

application, are outside current guidelines.

If they are approved, they will be the springboard for more and more exceptions till the entire Woy Woy Peninsula becomes uninhabitable.

You need to ask yourself why? Why would council consider pushing more and more into less and less when the stress at peak times is already painfully evident.

There is not one vacant parking spot in South St and though I'm not going out in this torrent to check, I'd say the entire neighbourhood is the same.

Imagine if every residential block had approval for 10 underground car spaces and each of those 10 cars needed to move from flooding basements.

Utter chaos would result. Even today in South St, or around Umina commercial centre, none can be found.

Now is the time to make council listen to the residents for a change and not the developers or already successful businesses, which see the object of life as money and growing profits.

The real and tangible profits in life are not derived from money, but having a small space to call your own, other larger areas to share, air to breath and elbow room.

SOURCE:
Email, 7 Apr 2022
Michael Emmett, Umina Beach

Students in Woy Woy Anzac march

Woy Woy South Public School students will take place in the Anzac Day Service at Woy Woy on April 25.

The students will wear their full school Uniform including their hat and black shoes.

They will assemble with Ms Hannah Watson at Deepwater Plaza carpark at 9.20am.

They will march behind the school banner to the ceremony at

the Memorial Park in Brickwharf Rd, Woy Woy, and sit as a school group during the service.

"Parents will need to be in attendance throughout the ceremony and collect their children from the teachers at the conclusion of the service," said deputy principal Ms Sandra Lappan.

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Apr 2022
Sandra Lappan, Woy Woy South Public School

When the bands all cease to play

Have you ever seen the veterans
Parading through the street,
Have you ever heard the rhythm
Of their weary marching feet?

Have you ever heard the jingle
Of the medals on their chest,
When the bands all cease to play
And the pipers take their rest?

Have you stood and watched them
As down Martin Place they come,
Slowly marching to the beat
Of a lonely muffled drum?

Have you ever wondered why
The flags are at half staff,
Have you ever seen their faces
As they pass the cenotaph?

Have you ever caught a glimpse
Of the mist that fills their eyes
As they think about old friends
No longer by their sides?

Then have you seen them raise their heads
And march as in years gone by -
When the bands commence to play again
And the pipes their glory cry?

Here is the spirit of the Anzac
And on this hallowed day
Their friends come back to join them,
But in a special sort of way;

Because for every one you see,
Marching down the street,
There's a thousand there beside them -
But they march on silent feet.

For friendships forged in battle
Are of the rarest kind,
They extend beyond the grave
And withstand the tyranny of time.

So if you listen with your heart,
Come next Anzac Day,
Perhaps you will understand
Why they are marching on parade:

It is for that sacred moment;
That moment in the day -
When the pipers take their rest
And the bands all cease to play.

SOURCE:
Email, 7 Apr 2022
Vic Jefferies, St Huberts Island

Does not wash

I tried to book a bulk kerbside collection via the 1coast website and got the message "no collections for six weeks", the excuse being Covid.

Sorry, but this excuse doesn't wash with me.

The contractor has not got enough trained staff and/or trucks.

Their contract should not be renewed.

Central Coast Council yet again lets down residents, failing to deliver the most basic of services.

SOURCE:
Email, 15 Apr 2022
Luke Chell, Woy Woy

Breaking the rules

Here we go again.

Another election, and it seems that they are all already breaking the rules regarding signs under the Electoral Act.

There are particular requirements for advertising material, including signs and posters under the Election Act (Section 184).

Public Land or Buildings – Advertising material cannot be displayed on or within land or buildings occupied, used by, or under the control or management of the Crown, NSW Government agencies, or a Council.

Signage Location, Content and Display Period requirements – Signage must be a maximum of 0.8 square metres in area and can only be displayed ... five weeks immediately preceding the day on which the election is held.

I will await with interest to see if any of them will follow the rules, if it is good enough for local council elections then they should be held to a higher standard.

I know it seems petty but rules are rules and I had to abide by them last council election.

SOURCE:
Email, 11 Apr 2022
Carl Veugen, Umina Beach

Introduce single-councillor electorates

May I endorse Bryan Ellis's comments on the ward system for Council elections ("Neither Crouch nor Tesch talks about ward system", PN 541).

Of course, neither Crouch nor Tesch wants to talk about the ward system, because it is the large, organized parties that benefit from it.

It has always been my contention that there should be single-councillor electorates and that it should be a requirement that the councillor live in the electorate for which he/she stands.

If single-member electorates are appropriate for federal and state elections, what is the logic of a ward system for local-government elections?

With a single-councillor district, everyone in the district will know exactly who the local representative is and whom to go to for advice.

As it is, every ward councillor

is responsible, which means that nobody is responsible, so it is easy to see why so many are dissatisfied with the responsiveness of our council officers.

However, of even more concern than the ward system is the pernicious above-the-line voting option.

This is a monument to the lazy-mindedness and apathy of the average voter, and it virtually guarantees that the two large parties will receive one third of the seats each, regardless, because of the donkey vote.

I'd be prepared to bet that a majority of above-the-line voters don't even know the name of the candidate they're voting for, let alone his policies.

As a corollary to this, there should be no indication of party affiliation allowed on the ballot paper: let voters assess each candidate on his/her merits and choose accordingly.

This is how local-government elections were meant to be, before

they were perverted by party politics.

We have just heard the regrettable decision of one Federal candidate to withdraw from the campaign, because she simply cannot afford the costs.

It is obvious that many possible candidates do not stand in local elections for the same reason.

If we had a small, single-member ward, campaigning would be enormously simplified: an independent candidate could probably visit most constituents personally on foot, and the financial advantage of the party candidate would be greatly reduced.

This would be a small step towards returning democracy to the people; perhaps, Central Coast Friends of Democracy could give up harping uselessly on the amalgamation and focus on improving some democratic fundamentals.

SOURCE:
Email, 11 Apr 2022
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

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Reid promises improved aged care

Labor candidate for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid said Labor plans to improve and strengthen aged care on the Central Coast if it wins the upcoming federal election in May.

"As a local emergency department doctor, I believe we owe it to our older Australians to provide the best care possible to them in their frailer years.

"They have worked hard for our country, paid their taxes, and built our communities.

"That's why we need to act on the issues affecting aged care". Dr Reid said.

He said he had discussed with aged care workers and other stakeholders the crisis facing our aged care system".

Dr Reid said the Liberal Government had failed to do

anything.

"Scott Morrison has neglected our older Australians," he said.

"An Albanese Labor Government will take action to improve aged care."

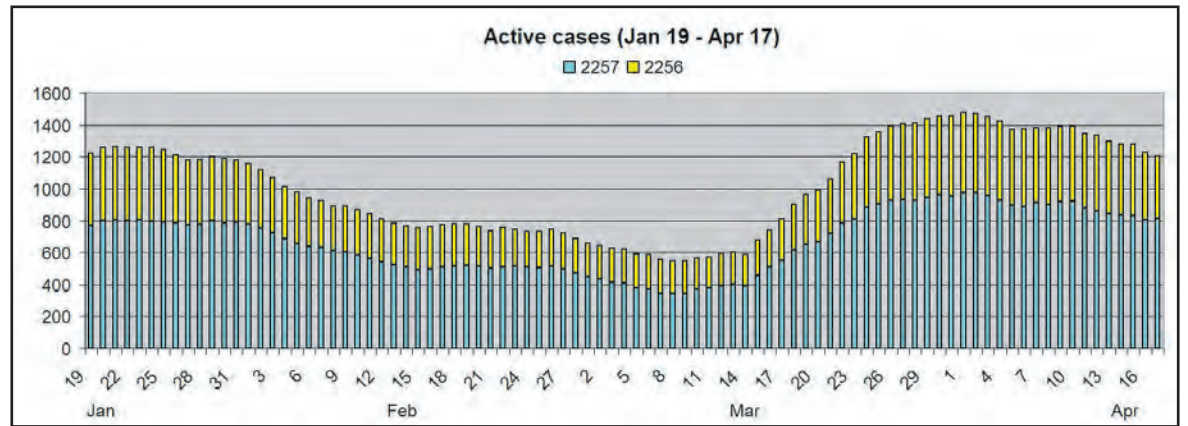
Dr Reid said Labor would make it a requirement that every aged care facility had a registered, qualified nurse on site, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Every Australian in aged care would receive an average of 215 minutes of care per day.

Labor supported a real pay rise for aged care workers and would ensure better food for residents at aged care facilities.

It would improve transparency and make residential aged care providers report what they are spending money on, he said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 4 Apr 2022
Gordon Reid, Labor
candidate for Robertson



Case numbers return to January levels

Active coronavirus case numbers have returned to the same level as three months ago.

Active cases in the 2256 and 2257 postcode areas totalled 1204 on April 17, 2.56 per cent of the population.

This compares to 1225 active cases on January 19, and is the lowest since March 23 when

numbers were 1220.

Active numbers peaked at 1479 on April 1 at 3.14 per cent of the population.

The total number of cases is 9755, 20.6 per cent of the population.

SOURCE:
Website, 18 Apr 2022
Covid data and statistics,
NSW Government

Auditions

Woy Woy Little Theatre will hold auditions this week, after scheduled auditions were cancelled due to flooding.

Audition dates for Travelling North will be held on Thursday, April 21.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Apr 2022
Woy Woy Little Theatre Inc

Arts

Tony Winch profiled in council exhibition

Umina community group committee member Mr Tony Winch has been featured in a council-organised exhibition in Ettalong over April.

The portrait of Mr Winch is one of seven people profiled.

In his profile, Mr Winch is quoted saying: "The Community Group has allowed me to meet and experience some truly wonderful people."

He said that with the Umina Community Group, he saw volunteers spending hundreds of hours to work on projects that benefit the local community—from dune regeneration, park restoration

and development of green spaces, through to improvements to roads and safety.

The exhibition is one of "four creative initiatives on display that capture the artists' community connection and belonging to the area including sculptures, a mural, stories of those who have contributed to their community as well as images capturing the hidden beauty of the town".

More information is available at the website at <https://hubs.la/Q017J7nW0>

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Apr 2022
Central Coast Council

School raises \$35,000 in colour day

Umina Beach Public School has raised \$35,000 in its Colour Run fundraiser on Wednesday, April 6.

Online Colour Run sponsorship raised \$30,000, while the barbecue raised another \$5000 on the day.

Parents and Citizens Association president Ms Lucy Lamont said, together with \$5000 raised through a raffle, the association had raised \$40,000 for the school in term one.

She said it was an example of: "Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."

She said association members had organised the day, from the notes home, the online sponsorship form, the course design and layout and all the administration.

Other volunteers turned up from 8am to assist with the barbecue,



Ms Lucy Lamont with principal Ms Karen Wardlaw

cash handling, course setup, counting the cash and throwing colour, she said.

Parents and carers organised or assisted with getting the kids sponsors, and donated cakes for the cake stall.

Principal Ms Karen Wardlaw said: "I can't think of a better example of community spirit.

"And what a success."

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Apr 2022
Umina Beach Public School
P&C Association

Pearl Beach ephemeral art trail closing date extended

The Pearl Beach Arboretum committee has extended the closing date for expressions of interest for its Ephemeral Art Trail until midnight on Sunday, April 24.

"You only need to fill in the form, provide a sketch and description and pay the small entry fee at this stage," said Arboretum secretary Ms Mary Knaggs.

The Ephemeral Art Trail will take place over five weeks from Saturday, June 11, and closing Sunday,

July 17. "Approximately 20 ephemeral artworks will be selected for display, responding to the theme Only One Earth, the theme for world environment day 2022."

Prizes will be offered with \$3000 first prize, \$1000 for highly commended and \$1000 for the People's Choice Award.

"The finalists will be selected by a curatorial panel comprising members of the Arboretum Committee, with the successful applicants being notified by April 29."

Works are not installed

until between Saturday, June 4, until Friday, June 10.

During the first weeks of installation the works will be judged by Tim Braham, director of Gosford Regional Gallery, with the winners announced at a prize giving event with music and dance on Saturday, July 9.

"A few ephemeral art positions in the Arboretum will be reserved for local schools or community groups should they take up the challenge."

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 Apr 2022
Mary Knaggs, Pearl
Beach Arboretum

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Sport



Swiss pairs championship at bridge club

The Brisbane Water Bridge Club's Swiss Pairs Championship was fought out over six nine-board matches on Thursday, April 14.

The event attracted 16 duos representing all levels of play at the club.

At the end of round four, eventual winners David Bowerman and Dasha Brandt made it to the leaders table.

In the final round, they clashed with previous dual winners Jaan Oitmaa and Sylvia Foster.

Despite having to endure a 6NT slam against them, David and Dasha managed to stay at the top taking the championship with a two percent advantage.

The contest for second was a three way battle, which ended in a tie between Sally Clarke and Jan Clarke, Jurate Laisve and Trish Byrnes and Christine Hadaway and Chris Hannan.

Results were
1 Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman 425.0 (56.2 per cent), 1.41 green points.
2 Sally Clarke, Jan Clarke 414.0

(54.8), 0.96.
2 Jurate Laisve, Trish Byrnes 414.0 (54.8), 1.03.
2 Christine Hadaway, Chris Hannan 414.0 (54.8), 0.96.
5 Noel Crockett, Shirley Crockett 409.0 (54.1), 0.69.
6 Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster 403.0 (53.3), 0.65.
7 David Snow, Martin Johnson 398.0 (52.7), 0.43.
8 Jim Routledge, Tracey Dillon 388.0 (51.3), 0.29.
9 Barry Foster, Matt Raj Mal 378.0 (50.0), 0.36.
10 Jorgen Boettiger, Julie Teague 376.0 (49.7), 0.43.
11 David Howells, Sue Eastman 375.0 (49.6), 0.58.
12 Chris Hasemore, Jacqueline Wilson 374.0 (49.5), 0.50.
13 Marcelle Goslin, Ron Meaney 357.0 (47.2), 0.29.
14 John Aldersley, Beryl Lowry 317.0 (41.9), 0.22.
15 Alma Van Der Walt, Kathryn Ivits 306.0 (40.5), 0.22.
16 Graham Woof, Christophe Spikesman 300.0 (39.7), 0.14.

SOURCE:
Website, 14 Apr 2022
Brisbane Water Bridge Club



Women's fours championships played

Umina Beach Women's Bowls Club has held its 2022 Fours Championship final on Sunday, April 3.

The finals were played in sunshine, with players fired up after the event had been carried over for many weeks due to wet weather and restrictions.

Carol Boyd's team with Jean Harrison, Carol Dickson and

Yvonne Gordon started the game in great style.
But Lorraine Field's team of Pam Fishenden, Sandra O Malley and Barbara Schultz hung on and gave a good chase.
All played well but Carol Boyd's team proved to be too good and won the game 21 to 11.

SOURCE:
Website, 6 Apr 2022
Joan Murphy, UBWBC

Rex Hunt wins Veteran Singles final

Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club's 2021 Veteran Singles Final was played on Thursday, April 14, after several postponements due to rain.

"Rex Hunt got away to a 7 - 0 start, but Ross McIntyre caught up and passed Rex by three or

four shots," said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"It was a very tight game for some more ends, before Rex took a slight lead.

"At 22-all, Rex got a one then a surprise two to win."

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Apr 2022
Peter Springett, UBMBC



State outrigger titles held at Patonga

The State Titles for racing outrigger canoes was held at Patonga on Saturday, April 9.

Central Coast Outrigger Canoe Club hosted the championship contested in the open water of Broken Bay in OC6 six-person outrigger canoes.

"This event brought together all the best paddlers from clubs around the state," said club member Ms Debbie Sunartha.

"After the horrendous weather and flooding of previous weeks and the hundreds of tons of debris and timber washed up on Patonga beach, it was thought impossible to hold this championship regatta.

"Our Council must be congratulated for completing the mammoth task of cleaning up the local beaches, especially Patonga with such expedition."

She also thanked the Clean 4 Shore team for its efforts to clear the waterways.'

"The regatta started with the Under-12 youngsters racing in Brisk Bay, protected from the moderate conditions of Broken Bay.

"The Novices were next followed by the more experienced short and long course crews who ventured out into the ocean conditions of Broken Bay.

"With the help from Te Ika Nui Outrigger Canoe club, Marine Rescue, Police Rescue and Ocean Beach Surf Club, all with their safety support vessels, the outrigger canoes raced in the moderate conditions.

"The ocean swell was between two and three metres, rising and breaking around our magnificent

Lion Island.

"The racing finished with the men's long course of 18 kilometres with a long downwind leg to test the skill and stamina of the crews.

"On Saturday night after racing, the clubs had their medal presentation at the hotel.

"A club regatta was held on Sunday for the one and two person small craft outrigger canoes over similar courses and conditions with podium finishes hotly contested.

"This Championship regatta was a great success and enjoyed by competitors and spectators."

The National Championship will be held at Port Stephens at the end of May to end the season racing calendar for 2022.

Media release, 12 Apr 2022
John Iliffe, CCOCC

May is a big month for boardriders

Umina Boardriders Club is planning a "big month" for May.

Saturday, May 7, is Kings of the Coast.

Sunday, May 8, is the club competition and Mothers' Day, with "something planned for all our awesome mums".

On Sunday, May 15, the club will host Groms 4 Glory Central Coast teams competition.

Hoody and jacket orders should also arrive in May.

April competition winners were: Boys Lewis Papps, girls Jordi



Ritson, socials Sal, 40s Pally, 50s Filby and opens Juan.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Apr 2022
Umina Boardriders