

Students take part in free photography workshop

Some Umina Beach Public Schoool Year 6 students participated in a free photography workshop on Tuesday, May 3.

Professional photographer Ms Sally Mayman visited the school to teach the students about different photography techniques, tips and tricks.

The students were all provided with a digital camera for the day and were taught how to use various features.

"First, we took some photos around our beautiful school grounds," said teacher Ms Angela Ainsworth.

"After lunch, we headed off to the Umina Beach precinct, playground, skatepark and the beach.

"Our students displayed excellent behaviour and took a variety of creative photos utilising different angles and shadows.

"Then we came back to school for students to download the images.

"They were able to select five images to print and take home.



"These students will now have to choose one photo to have displayed in the Five Lands Walk photography exhibition."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 10 May 2022
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School

Riley invited to Paralympics camp after winning five gold medals

Peninsula resident Riley Moore, 19, has been invited to attend the Pathways to Paralympics camp on the Gold Coast after his five gold medal win at the Australian Para Swimming Titles.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch, a Paralympics gold medallist, said she was immensely proud of Riley for his incredible achievements.

Ms Tesch said Riley had achieved world rated times, including being in line with the second fastest world time in the 50 metre backstroke, "a reflection of his tireless work training to achieve his very best".

"Riley at just 19 is a powerhouse in the pool and has so much ahead of him, something the Pathways to Para Olympics Camp scouts certainly saw too."

"It makes me so proud to see Peninsula locals reaching new heights on the Australian and potentially world stage.

"After speaking with Riley's grandparents it is clear I am not the only one tearfully proud of his achievement.

"I am 100 percent behind Riley in his pursuit of this dream and I am sure the rest of the Peninsula is too."



Riley said his original dream was to compete professionally in water polo, previously representing NSW since he was in his teens in both the Blues and the Waratahs.

Over the lockdowns, with the closure of the local pools and cancellation of water polo, Riley and his best friend were out, swimming kilometres in the cold water Pearl Beach Ocean Pool.

Riley said that was when decided to look into competing at the Australian Para Swimming Titles.

"My coaching had always told me about pursuing swimming and the

competition.

"But I played water polo and I had wanted to play competitively since I was young.

"My original dream was also to go to the Olympics but then I found out about the Paralympics after my diagnosis of Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia when I was nine.

"Then came the second lockdown and so I started swim training even more."

"So for me lockdown opened my opportunities."

Riley currently studies Exercise and Sports Science at the Ourimbah Campus of Newcastle University.

In his spare time, he teaches the next generation of swimmers and keeps them safe in his role as a swim coach and lifeguard at Peninsula Leisure Centre.

Ms Tesch says Riley was a great role model: "Riley is such a positive spirit who has worked very hard despite the challenges he has faced.

"I can't wait to see the impact he has on the next generation of Peninsula athletes."

Riley is pictured with five gold Australian age multi-class swimming championships for 17-18 years boys.

SOURCE:
Media release, 4 May 2022
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

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

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Mark Snell, 1 Nov 2021



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

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

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Reunion for Rotaract 50-year anniversary

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has organised a reunion of the Rotaract club which was started 50 years ago.

Rotary club president Ms Julie Jones said: "One of the best youth programs run by the Rotary Club of

Woy Woy was to start a Rotaract club in 1971.

"Many past members, including a lot of the original charter members, gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary on Saturday, May 14.

"Sadly, the Rotaract club is no more but the benefits these young people reaped from their time as members will stay with them always."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 15 May 2022
Julie Jones, Rotary Woy Woy

Student disadvantage and holistic care

A fundraiser for local disadvantaged school children and "holistic geriatric care".

These were two of the topics discussed when Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch visited Brisbane Waters Private Hospital recently.

"We've raised more than \$4600 to go towards local schools to support disadvantaged kids," hospital chief executive Ms Debbra Ritter.

"Holistic geriatric care for our older patients is delivered by local geriatrician Dr Peter Lipski.

"We couldn't resist sharing his latest edition of his book with her."

Ms Tesch visited the hospital to meet with Ms Ritter and Head of Regional Operations Mr Matt Kelly to discuss local issues for the Woy Woy and broader Central Coast region.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 May 2022
Debbra Ritter, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital



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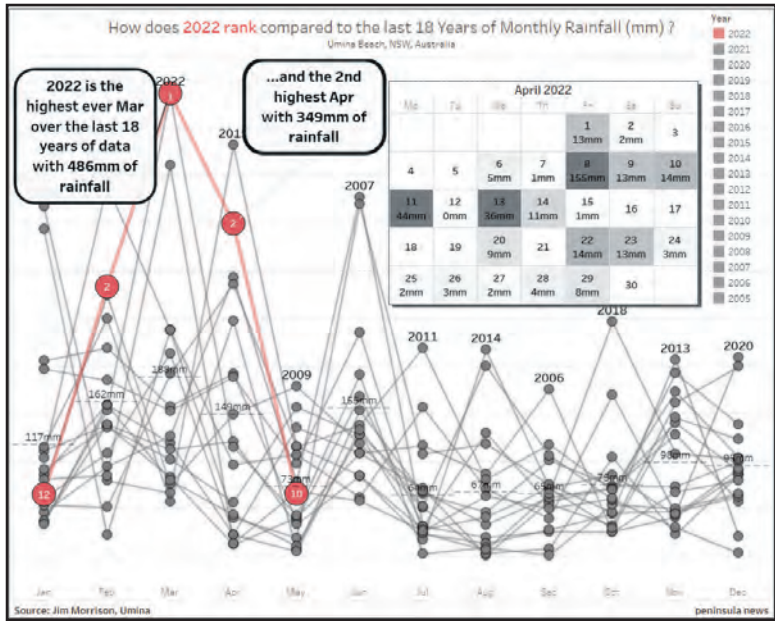
The Peninsula has received 90 per cent of its average May rainfall in the first two weeks of the month.

Falls totalling 65.6mm have been recorded for the month to date by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

The average May rainfall is 73mm.

Rainfall this year totals 1249.3mm so far, within 26mm of the annual average of 1275mm.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 13 May 2022
Jim Morrison, Umina



TIDE TIMES and Heights	Thu, May 19	Sun, May 22	Wed, May 25	Sat, May 28	Tue, May 31
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Ferry vandalism put down to closure of marina

Central Coast Ferries has put vandalism on its historic ferry Codock II down to the closure of the Empire Bay Marina.

The business has reported three or four students damaging the vessel during the school holidays.

“Our treasured Codock II was built in about 1943.

“She worked as a defence force work boat at the end of World War II.”

The vandals reportedly stole

both fire extinguishers from the boat, discharging one all over the aft cockpit.

“They also boarded the Saratoga and ripped off a headlight.”

The business said that vandalism was much less likely if they had a “safe secure mooring” as they had at Empire Bay Marina before it was closed.

“We are installing more security on all vessels.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 May 2022
Central Coast Ferries



Church seeks members

The Broken Bay Uniting Church is inviting people to consider becoming a member.

“A member or not, you are welcome to participate in any church activities,” said minister, the Reverend Patty Lawrence.

“Membership allows you to vote and be a member of the Church Council.

“Being a member also simplifies some things on an administration basis,” she said.

“Members are people who believe in Jesus and want to live

as his disciples, learning from him and living lives based on his life and teachings.

“It also means agreeing to the Basis of Union and working within the framework of the Uniting Church.

“If you are already a member of another church, transferring is easy.”

Anyone interested should contact Ms Lawrence.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 8 May 2022
Patty Lawrence, Uniting Church Broken Bay

Delegates return from state conference

Delegates from the Woy Woy branch of the Country Women’s Association have returned from the association’s State Conference.

done and dusted, we wanted to share some words from our intrepid delegates Johanna Reygersberg and Carolyne:

“Your Woy Woy delegates this year are back home after an interesting and enjoyable time at the Conference,” said delegate Ms Johanna Reygersberg.

“The displays were fabulous and of such high standards.

“Our president Jane Bowtell won the first prize with her short story and cookery officer Amy Scott won the first prize with her

butter cake.

“Woy Woy also had the most cookery entries, and our Northumberland Group won with the most cookery points.

“The new country of study is Latvia, and this will be an exciting country to study.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 May 2022
Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy Branch

Rogers Park sports block ‘ready’

The new sports block at Rogers Park in Woy Woy is now complete and ready for use, according to Central Coast Council.

The upgraded building has 10 toilets (male, female and unisex), an accessible toilet, a canteen with storage, two changerooms with showers, a referees’ room and three storage areas.

Sporting clubs including Woy Woy Roosters Junior Rugby League Club, Central Coast Cricket, and Peninsula Junior Touch Football are expected to use facilities.

Council administrator Mr Rik Hart said the project “provided an improved and accessible sports infrastructure encouraging everyone to participate in sports”.

“This new accessible sports amenities building will help will encourage active and healthy lifestyles and create opportunities for



important social connections,” he said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 May 2022
Rik Hart, Central Coast Council

Grants program opens a month early

Central Coast Council’s community events, place activation and community development grants programs are opening a month early for 2022-23 financial year.

Applications will open on June 1 and June 30.

Community Development Grants offer funding up to \$20,000 per project.

Community Events and Place Activation also offer funding up to \$20,000 for which businesses are eligible.

The Community Support Program remains open throughout the year, with grants of up to \$5000.

Details of each program’s eligibility and guidelines can be found on the council’s website at <https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/grants>

Community grant information sessions, community grant drop-in sessions and grant writing workshops will be offered this month and in June.

All attendees must register.

For further information, email grants@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au or telephone 4325 8861.

SOURCE:
Media release, 6 May 2022
Gregory Combes, Central Coast Council

The ABC found to be fair and impartial. (No surprise there!)

Government, some commercial media and other critics are continually attacking the ABC with allegations of bias, but –

The media complaints authority ACMA, in more than 110 reviews of alleged impartiality by ABC TV and Radio, found only four breaches in the decade 2011-21.

What’s more, 19 independent quality assurance reviews into the ABC’s impartiality and accuracy found no serious breaches of its charter.

These attacks are designed to bully and intimidate the ABC and reduce its credibility, making it easier to sell off.

Next time you vote, make sure it’s for a candidate who supports a well-funded, independent ABC.



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Education



Year 5 students tackle regeneration

Umina Beach Public School has a new group of Year 5 students attending weekly bushcare sessions in Term 2.

They are working to regenerate the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland bush adjacent to the school.

"The students are working with bushcare educator Ms Suzie German, learning bush regeneration skills and all about their unique local ecology," said P

and C president Ms Penny Jope.

"We're seeking volunteers for the Year 5 Bushcare on Tuesdays in Term 2 from 12pm to 2.10pm.

"Casual helpers are welcome. "No previous experience required. Gloves and tools provided."

To find out more, contact Jenny at pandc2257@gmail.com

SOURCE:
Social media, 2 May 2022
Penny Jope, Umina Beach Public School P-C Association

'Democracy sausages' at Ettalong

"Who doesn't love a democracy sausage?" asks Kerry McMorrow, president of the Ettalong Public School Parents and Citizens association.

"The election day barbecue is a great day to connect with your

local community," she said.

Volunteers have been organised. So have the "snags and bread".

A call has gone out for cakes and treats to sell on the day.

SOURCE:
Newsletter,
Kerry McMorrow, Ettalong Public School P and C

Election day barbecue at Woy Woy South

An Election Day Barbecue and Cake Stall will be held at Woy Woy South Public School on Saturday, May 21.

"We'd love your support for this fun community day, which is also a great fundraiser," said P and C president Ms Sarah Stewart.

"With a little bit of help we can make this day a big success.

"There are plenty of ways to get involved."

"We're holding a cake stall, so whether you are a baker, maker or shopper we'd love your support in donating goods.

"Donations can be dropped off to the canteen on the morning of Friday, May 20, or bring them directly to the stall on Saturday morning.

"Please label any containers

you wish to keep with your child's name and class and they will be returned the following week.

"Tell everyone you know to vote at Woy Woy South Public School."

The next P and C meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, at 7pm in the school library.

"We would love to see you there and everyone is welcome.

"You don't need to be a member to attend."

The P and C is creating a new position of assistant treasurer on its committee.

The role is open to members, who "enjoy numbers and have experience with Xero".

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 11 May 2022
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School

Ettalong school makes transition to new software

Ettalong Public School has replaced the software it uses to interact with parents.

Relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell said: "This year the school transitioned to the school administration system known as Sentral, which allows registered parents the ability to explain absences, create leave requests, update their personal information, book parent-teacher interviews, view our school's newsletters and term calendar quickly and easily.

"Previously, the Skoolbag app was used for some of these features but was slowly phased out last term.

"We are no longer using the Skoolbag app, with Sentral our only administration system in use."

She said parents could now safely delete the Skoolbag app.

"At the start of the year, detailed instructions and student access keys were sent home to allow parents access to the parent portal within Sentral.

"To date, 325 families have successfully registered for Sentral For Parents, enabling parent-teacher interviews to be booked and attendance communication to be received."

Parent who had not yet downloaded the Sentral for

Parents app should contact the school office for instructions and an access key, she said.

"Over the coming months, your child's semester one report will become available via the portal and important notifications will be sent via the messaging feature.

"Additional functionality, such as access to and potential signing of permission notes will be added to Sentral for Parents later this year, as our staff and community become more familiar with the Sentral platform."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 10 May 2022
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School



Anzac ceremony at Umina campus

Brisbane Water Secondary College held its Anzac Day Assembly on Thursday, May 5.

Guests included Mr Gordon Lawson from the Vietnam Veterans Association, and three serving

naval personnel, who spoke to the students about their experiences.

The Umina campus school captains and vice-captains led the assembly, "which marked an immensely important day for the people of Australia and New

Zealand", said campus principal Ms Kerrie O'Heir.

Teacher Ms Claire Briggs coordinated the event with the help of other staff and students.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 May 2022
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina

First of a series of 'special days' held at school

Umina Beach Public School has held its first "special day" for the year – Dance like a Chicken Day – on Friday, May 13.

It will be followed on Friday, May 20, with National Pizza Day where students will be able to buy two slices of pizza.

They are the first of a number of additional special days and activities planned for the year.

Principal Ms Karen Wardlaw said: "It is affirming that our planning around increasing student wellbeing and engagement reflects current research which shows how special events and celebrations have a positive impact on students' experiences of schooling and increase their sense of belonging."

Ms Wardlaw said: "Our school wellbeing team meets regularly and one recent initiative is to look at implementing additional special

days and activities throughout the year.

"Our students and teachers loved our special 'twos day' at the start of the year.

"We recognise the way that these special events help build a sense of community across our school, as well as highlighting the importance of having fun.

"It was great to ask our students to vote on the types of special events and activities they'd like to take part in this year, and our teachers were entirely guided by student voice in the final decisions."

Ms Wardlaw said that providing opportunities for students to have a say and be a part of decision-making was another way of increasing student engagement at school.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 10 May 2022
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School

Reading targets reached

A number of students at Woy Woy Public School have been recognised for reaching their targets of 25 and 50 nights of home reading.

Those reaching 25 nights were Natalie Macey 3M, Graziela Varchione 3M, Jessica Wilson 3M, Sam Tran 3M, Genevieve Martin 1M, O'Shea Bisson 1M and Allegra Varchione 1M.

Those reaching 50 nights were Talitha Siu 3M, Jayden Timbs 3M, Thomas Bernie 3M, Caleb Anderson 3M, Lucas DeMartin 3M, Lucien Morrissey 1M, Luka Omura Vana 1M, Alexander Bernie 1M and Jacob Custance 1M.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 6 May 2022
Ona Buckley, Dan Betts, Woy Woy Public School

Rain causes aged care building delay

Constant rain has caused significant delays in building work at a local aged care home, according to its chief executive.

Mr Matt Downie of Blue Wave Living said: "Unfortunately we have been hit with successive delays due to the constant rain hampering the early civil works.

"We are hopeful that we can gain some traction soon and catch up where we have lost ground.

"At this stage we are still targeting completion of Stage One works for December this year.

"An early completion target is in place for what will become two internal courtyard spaces at 'The Shores' building – as these areas have to be completed prior to us closing off the ends of those spaces with the new builds.

"Landscaping which is normally completed at the end of a project will be completed much earlier for those two spaces for this project.

"We are also constructing new patio spaces off the ends of each bedroom, rather than the existing narrow concrete path that most

bedrooms open onto.

"There will be a period of one to two weeks where residents will not have direct access to the outside from their bedrooms, while the old concrete is removed, and the new patio spaces are constructed.

"We will also have to relocate our primary main kitchen operations across to The Shores kitchen area temporarily while we completely rebuild and extend our main kitchen.

"We expect this to occur from late August for a couple of months.

"The completion of Stage One will see an additional 24 new bedrooms, four new household spaces including kitchen's, dining areas and living areas.

"It will establish the foundations for four new 'households' within The Shores building.

"Future stages will see the works move internally into the existing Shores building and see us rebuild internally to marry up with these new households."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 12 May 2022
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living



West Head and foreshores opposite Patonga cleaned

West Head and the foreshores opposite Patonga Beach were cleaned on May 5 by a small community group helping Clean4Shore.

Co-ordinator Mr Graham Johnston said the bulk polystyrene and larger litter observed on the Patonga headland was not present on the opposite bank from West Head to Refuge Bay.

However, larger plastic buckets, drums, poly pipe and 12 bags of small of litter mostly polystyrene was collected.

"The survey are extended into

Pittwater Bay with these foreshores very clean.

"From West Head through to Hungry Beach, rock hopping was required with the surging tide more of an issue at some sites.

"Hungry Beach is clean of litter yet masses of logs and timber debris is present on this beach, with very little option other than to leave them on the beach.

"Smaller plastic items were removed closer to Refuge Bay with a survey in America Bay revealing very clean foreshores.

"An inspection of the southern end of Patonga beach across the

Creek again only had half a bag of small litter collected."

Mr Johnston said it was a "highly productive day" with the Broken Bay foreshores from Patonga to Lion Island and West Head to Refuge Bay on both sides of Cowan Creek now complete.

A follow-up survey would be required in June, possibly venturing up past Cottage Point, he said.

The day resulted in 140 kilos of rubbish delivered to Woy Woy tip.

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 May 2022
Graham Johnston, Clean4shore

High rates to continue for at least another nine years

Peninsula ratepayers will pay almost 50 per cent more in rates for at least the next nine years than they did under the former Gosford Council.

Central Coast Council's "special rate variation" application has been approved by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal.

The council would "maintain rates at their current levels for an additional seven years, equalling 10 years in total to 2031," according to council administrator Mr Rik Hart.

He described the tribunal's determination as "a sensible decision".

"This outcome allows Council to continue to maintain current service levels, comply with current banking requirements and

most importantly, allows us to continue without interruption our 10-year long-term financial plan that provides long-term financial stability for the organisation," Mr Hart said.

Council general manager Mr David Farmer said "this major milestone" would "draw a line under the Council's financial crisis, and the organisation can focus on consolidating and improving the performance of the organisation".

"We are currently performing better than budget, with a high level of position vacancies, but we know this is causing difficulty in our delivery of services to our customers in a number of areas," Mr Farmer said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 10 May 2022
Rik Hart, Central Coast Council

Renewed call for merger action

Central Coast Friends of Democracy has marked the sixth anniversary of the Central Coast council merger with renewed calls for government action.

The group, headed by former mayor Ms Jane Smith, is calling on the NSW Government to pay the \$100 million to cover the true cost of "its forced amalgamation".

It is calling on the NSW Government to hold a poll to ask the community if its want to stay as one Central Coast Council or demerge while maintaining some shared services.

It is also calling for a

Parliamentary Inquiry into the 2016 mergers to proceed before the State election in March 2023.

SOURCE:
Media release, 12 May 2022
Jane Smith, Central Coast Friends of Democracy

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Nature has reclaimed the balance of power

At this critical time in human history, the consequences Federal election will last far beyond the term of the next Government. The incumbent Government is not fit for purpose for climate change action, although it is supported by the Prime Minister. This area has not experienced the extreme fire and flood events experienced elsewhere.

Local coastal erosion and nuisance flooding (council's term) are a world apart from the areas that have been totally destroyed by fire and flood with consequent long-term life changes, Are you planning for an unexpected life change in the near future and a future that is not secured for following generations? Decades of opportunities have seen failure to take action on climate change. We now live with those past mistakes.

Written and authorised by Norman Harris, Lovell Rd, Umina

Are you 50+ and would love some help with your smartphone, tablet or computer?

Peninsula Digital Connect meets monthly at Ettalong Diggers on the 4th Tuesday of each month, 10am to 12:30pm.

Each session commences with a workshop followed by an opportunity for small group support with our team of volunteer digital mentors.

Register on the day! Simply turn up and bring your device. Open to all club members, guests and visitors. Ample free parking available.

Contact the college for more information
P: 02 4348 4300 E: digitalconnect@cccc.nsw.edu.au

Next meeting on Tuesday May 24th 2022



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Arts

Little Theatre issues casting call

Woy Woy Little Theatre Inc has issued a casting call for its August season of Travelling North, directed by Mr Andrew Thomson.

Three actors are wanted. One is to play the role of Helen, aged between 20 and 30. "She and her children have been deserted by her husband, so she's very much against her mum travelling north with an older guy she's only just met," said Mr Thomson. "She is strong willed and isn't ready to back down on her

opinions." Another role is that of Joan, an intelligent woman in her 30s or 40s. "She is supportive of her father's new relationship. "She has quite liberal views of life and politics and is comfortable discussing or arguing with anyone." The third actor would take a dual role: Marriage celebrant and gallery attendant, for one scene each with "contrasting characters". These two roles are open to all ages. For further information, call Mr

Thomson on 0405 103 077. Two actors are also wanted for the October season production of The Appleton Ladies' Potato Race, directed by Ms Jan Grounds. The first role is Nikki Armstrong, aged 35 to 45, race champion and hairdresser. The second role is Rania Hamid, aged 30 to 45, also a race champion, new to Appleton. For further information on these roles, call Ms Grounds on 0409 744 746

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 May 2022
Woy Woy Little Theatre Inc



First watercolour class for the term

Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre has held it first lesson of its watercolour classes for term 2.

"We worked with aquarelle graphite pencils to draw up the scene," said tutor Ms Judith Hoste. "We then worked with a waterbrush or a small round and water.

"This gave the effect of a painting where the water touches." Ms Hoste said this created "great results from everyone". Pictured above is a scene along the Woy Woy Channel. Below is a gum leaf study "very simple but effective"

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 May 2022
Judith Hoste, EBACC

Ben Hur comedy opens at Peninsula Theatre

Ben Hur: An Epic Comedy by Patrick Barlow opens at Peninsula Theatre on May 27 for 10 performances. Directed by Ms Christine Vale, the Woy Woy Little Theatre production has had three dates changes and has been two years of online rehearsal. The play is a parody of the 900-page 19th Century Biblical epic novel best known as one of the hours-long mid 20th-century

Charlton Heston films. It has four actors playing a plethora of characters with lightning-quick changes and seemingly infinite plot points. The story is about a British amateur theatre collective of four actors and a very limited budget which is serious about bringing to life the historical tale. It is the tale of Judah Ben Hur, a Jewish prince from Jerusalem, who in the first century is wrongfully accused of murder, enslaved

by the Romans, and ultimately is redeemed by becoming a compassionate Christian—all of which is happening in tandem with the unfolding life of Christ. The collective's four players each play a multitude of roles, sometimes simultaneously. All bookings and payments must be made online.

SOURCE:
Media release, 12 May 2022
Graham Vale, Woy Woy Little Theatre



Auntie Lila Kirby prepares for her exhibition

Exhibition to be held at Mingaletta

Waradjiri and Yorta Yorta elder Auntie Lila Kirby will hold an exhibition, "The Dreaming", at Mingaletta, 6 Sydney Ave, Umina Beach, from May 28.

Auntie Lila has been painting for around 30 years in traditional and contemporary styles. She has lived and travelled extensively in Australia and in the USA, Hawaii and Fiji. Auntie Lila is also a story teller with

stories coming to her from the ancestors of her land and through the journeys she has taken. She will be at Mingaletta from 10am on May 28, where people may meet her and hear her stories. For more information, contact Sarah Tammer on 0404 086 524.

SOURCE:
Media release, 7 May 2022
Sarah Tammer, Sydney

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Hospital relaxes visitor requirements

A local hospital has relaxed some requirements for visitors.

“While changes in the broader community recently, visitors who are close contacts will not be able to visit the hospital at this time,” said Brisbane Waters Private Hospital chief executive Ms Debra Ritter.

“To ensure the safety and wellbeing of our patients, staff and doctors, no more than two visitors will be allowed at a time.

“All visitors must be fully vaccinated, two doses of a recognised vaccine.

“They must wear a mask at all times, check in using the QR code, maintain a safe distance and wash their hands regularly.

“Children under 12 must have had at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine, and be accompanied at all times by a fully-vaccinated adult.

“If you’ve been overseas, are unwell, have Covid symptoms, are pending a Covid test result,

or have been identified as a close contact, please don’t visit.”

Ms Ritter said patients may have two visitors at any one time for a maximum of two hours.

“If you will be coming as a patient, please note there are a range of procedures which require a RAT or PCR to be completed prior to admission.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Mar 2022
Debra Ritter, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital



Ten duos in bridge club mixed pairs championship

Ten duos fought out the Brisbane Water Bridge Club’s championship for mixed pairs on May 4.

The championship also doubled as a State Championship qualifying event with the best available pairs being sponsored for the tournament final.

Best member pair was Christine Hadaway and Martin Johnson with a comfortable six per cent win.

Whilst first place was clear-cut, the battle for the other podium spots was hotly contested.

With 0.46 per cent separating the combatants, probably one board result was the difference. Marcelle Goslin and John Aldersley were second, and Felicity Fane and Jim Routledge third.

Results of the Mixed Pairs Club Championship were:

1 Chris Hasemore, Anne Small

136.0 (62.96 per cent), 0.75 red points.

2 Christine Hadaway, Martin Johnson 131.0 (60.65), 0.53.

3 Marcelle Goslin, John Aldersley 118.0 (54.63), 0.38.

4 Felicity Fane, Jim Routledge 117.0 (54.17), 0.25.

5 Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster 113.0 (52.31), 0.19.

6 Helen Cashman, Hilary Owen 111.0 (51.39).

7 Lorraine Lindsay, Chris Hannan 95.0 (43.98).

8 Marilyn Jarrett, Jenny Buckley 88.0 (40.74).

9 Peter Hume, Elaine Hume 86.0 (39.81).

10 David Bowerman, Dasha Brandt 85.0 (39.35).

SOURCE:
Website, 13 May 2022
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Busy crafting beautiful pieces

Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre’s patchwork group has been busy creating beautiful pieces, according to centre president Mr Peter Mulholland.

One member put finishing stitches on the binding of her black and white quilt, while another brought in her quilt top.

The top was cleverly pieced from a collection of donated fabrics, he said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 May 2022
Peter Mulholland, EBACC





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Women’s soccer wins to Umina and Woy Woy

Umina defeated Ourimbah and Woy Woy defeated Southern and Ettalong United in women’s first division soccer on Sunday, May 8.

Woy Woy’s 3-2 win takes the club to the top of the WPL Ladder.

The Southern side was previously top of the ladder and it entered the game coming off an impressive 14-1 win.

Woy Woy’s attack put a lot of pressure on Southern’s backline early and Woy Woy was able to dominate and maintain the majority of possession.

The Lionesses’ backline eventually cracked as Lynette Soames was able to put the ball in the Southern goal after a scramble in the box.

Being a goal up did not stop Woy Woy who kept up the pressure as they searched for another goal.

Woy Woy was moving the ball from side to side well which allowed space to open up in the middle of the park and their captain coach Lucy Metcalfe hit a 30-yard shot that tucked under the post to double her side’s lead.

After conceding two straight goals, Augusto Terra’s side finally came alive and they started to enjoy their fair share of the ball.

Southern hit back through a beautiful finish from Alana Currie to bring the game to 2-1. Southern rallied on and pushed hard to grab another before halftime but was unsuccessful and the score remained 2-1 at halftime.

The second half of action saw

a slower-paced game as fatigue began to set in for both sides.

Southern was able to find the equaliser very early on in the half when Tatum Ansiewicz slotted home from a very acute angle.

After the score was locked at level, both teams pushed hard to grab a go-ahead goal.

Woy Woy was awarded a corner late in the game which found Brianna Green who slotted home the winner for Woy Woy.

Lucy Metcalfe said she was happy with how her team performed: “It was a great win with a tough battle in the midfield.

“We played great football and capitalised on each opportunity”

Women’s Premier League favourites Umina finally got their season underway as the E-Gals sent Dave Hurley’s Ourimbah side home with a loss.

Ourimbah came into their Round 5 fixture prepared for a tough game against one of the grand final participants of the 2020 season.

Having already faced off in the Association Cup, Umina knew what to expect with their deep-lying defence that aimed to frustrate and suppress the Umina attack.

Ourimbah successfully managed this for large parts of the game.

For Ourimbah, the first half was a defensive battle as Umina pressed their backline and goalkeeper for the majority of the first half.

The E-Gals picked up an early goal after a corner found Hannah Batten’s head as she successfully

slotted past the opposition goalkeeper.

Umina was able to grab another and extend their lead just before halftime when a Hayley Fulwood longshot found the back of the net.

With some minor formation adjustments at halftime, Ourimbah commenced the second half with the concept of smothering and pressuring the Umina midfielders.

This defensive block worked well as it disallowed the quick Umina attackers the opportunity to get beyond the defenders.

It took another long-range strike, this time from Nicole Carmichael, to give Umina a three-goal lead.

Umina was awarded a penalty as they grabbed their last goal of the day through Kate Styles who took the opportunity well and got her side a maximum three points in their opening fixture.

Reflecting on the game, Umina coach Steve Donaldson had nothing but credit for the opposition and their coach.

He said he saw them being a real test for a lot of teams this season.

“The scoreline probably doesn’t do justice to how much we dominated as there is a pretty clear division in quality.

However, they had a game plan that they stuck to and kept the scoreline as it was.

“I can see them picking up a fair few results, as well as hopefully really frustrating the top teams with the same game plan.”

SOURCE:
Website, 9 May 2022
Central Coast Football



Girls have substantial league tag victory

Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club’s girls’ League Tag Team 1 had a substantial win on Saturday, May 7.

The team defeated Terrigal 32-4 in what was described as an “outstanding game”.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 May 2022
Woy Woy Junior RLFC

Gosford has first rugby win against Woy Woy

Gosford recorded its first win of the season when they accounted for Woy Woy at Woy Woy Oval by 26 to 7 points.

Woy Woy opened up the scoring early in the match and it was just the start they wanted.

However, this converted try lead did not last long.

Gosford were quick to respond with their own try when their five-eight Ben Shelley made a brilliant 70 metre dash to the try line.

This made the score seven-all and this was to remain the score at the halftime break.

The game was obviously evenly-matched at that stage.

Gosford, however, were gradually able to make some vital inroads in the second half and were able to cross for a further three tries in the second half to secure the victory.

At the same time, Woy Woy was unable to improve on the halftime score.

The win was a huge boost for the Gosford club after what had been a difficult few years.

Woy Woy was best served by flanker Jazper Doak-Stride, No.8 Tali Sitani and centre Corby Delaforce.

SOURCE:
Media release, 8 May 2022
Larry Thomson, CCRU

Group fitness room closed for new flooring

The group fitness studio at the Peninsula Leisure Centre will be closed between Monday, May 23, and Wednesday, May 25.

Carpet tile flooring in the will be replaced with hard-wearing rubber.

The gym foyer area is also to have new flooring for the gym foyer area.

There will be no 5.30pm or 6.30pm group fitness classes during this time, and all other

classes will be temporarily moved to the Sports Hall, according to centre staff.

Aqua fitness and senior strength training will not be affected.

Entry to the gym on Tuesday, May 24, will be via the side fire door on Blackwall Rd.

After hours access to the gym will not be affected.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 May 2022
Peninsula Leisure Centre

Kariong defeats Southern and Ettalong ‘against the odds’

Against all odds, Kariong picked up their first Premier League win in the history of the club in front of a home crowd, when they defeated Southern and Ettalong United 2-1 on Sunday, May 8.

Southern and Ettalong got a lesson in the importance of hunger and desire when they went down to a 10-man Kariong side in Round 5.

The first 20 minutes of the fixture started much of the same as the first two rounds for the Lions, creating multiple chances but not being able to capitalize and turn any of these chances into goals.

However, for the third week in a row, a long throw from their captain Todd Balneaves led to Southern’s opening goal when Jack Ellwood headed home for his side to take a 1-0 lead.

Five minutes after conceding, Kariong’s Chris Lennon was shown a red card, taking Kariong’s comeback chances to near

impossible.

A precise ball from Kariong’s captain Nick Trengrove found James Draper who popped up with a neat finish into the bottom corner which allowed the Cougars to draw level heading into the break.

Southern would start the second half in a strong manner and threw everything at Kariong and their defence.

Kariong was determined and committed as they dealt with an impatient Southern attack and looked to capitalise and catch Southern out on the counterattack.

Midway through the second half, Kariong would defy the odds and take the lead after a handling error by the Southern keeper allowed James Draper to coolly slot home for his second of the match and give his side the lead.

Looking to restore the deficit, Southern continued to attack with everything they had but the 10-men Kariong side held strong.

In the 90th minute, it looked like

Southern would finally find their equaliser through the almighty Keith Gumbs only for him to be denied by a superb clearance off the line by Brad Bowers which ultimately led to Kariong picking up their first Premier League win after a year in the competition.

Southern and Ettalong coach Dale Eggleton congratulated the Kariong side after the game.

“We had enough possession and territorial dominance to comfortably win the game,” he said.

“But full credit goes to Kariong for taking their opportunities and desperately wanting the victory more than us.

“Belief and hunger are two important factors in a side’s desire, and we need to find that in our attitude before we regret it and realise you consistently need those aspects in your game each week.”

SOURCE:
Website, 9 May 2022
Central Coast Football