



Reid says he was overwhelmed by support and trust

Incoming Labor Member for Robertson Dr. Gordon Reid has said he was “overwhelmed and humbled by the level of support” shown to him in election.

Yesterday, with 85.1 per cent of the vote counted, Labor’s Dr Reid held 46,903 votes on preferences (52.1 per cent of the vote) while Liberal Ms Lucy Wicks held 43,184 votes (47.9 per cent).

Robertson was one of the first electorates to be called for Labor in what commentators were calling a “bell wether” seat for government.

He said the people of Robertson had placed trust in him and his

“vision for a better future for the Central Coast”.

“I believe the Central Coast is one of the best places to live, raise a family and realise your full potential,” he said.

“As your new Federal Member, I will always be accessible, and I will always be dependable.

“I look forward to working towards our election commitments, both nationally and locally.

“This includes a Medicare Urgent Care Clinic, a community battery, significant upgrades of our local roads and sporting facilities.

“I will not take this privilege of representing my community lightly, and I will strive to be the strong

representation that Robertson deserves.

“I thank my predecessor Lucy Wicks and her representation of Robertson over the past nine years and wish her and her family well.”

Dr Reid is pictured celebrating with Labor Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

“I want to congratulate my good friend Dr. Gordon Reid,” she said.

“Gordon will be a fantastic Local Member and I can’t wait to work with him to make a big difference in our community.”

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 May 2022
Gordon Reid, incoming Member for Robertson

Wicks tells of ‘honour and privilege’

Former Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks has described it as “an honour and a privilege” to represent the people of Robertson since 2013.

“Your aspirations drove me to make the Central Coast a better place to live, work and raise a family,” said after the election of Labor candidate Dr Gordon Reid.

“Together, we achieved a lot. “We invested in infrastructure

that our region needed including NorthConnex and an \$86.5 million package to upgrade 29 of the worst local roads across the Central Coast.”

On the Peninsula, “we made improvements to sporting facilities including a new amenities building at Rogers Park in Woy Woy, and funded a redevelopment of the Umina Recreation Precinct”.

“We made decisions to protect our environment including rejecting

the application for the PEP-11 licence and funding Clean4Shore.

“The Health on the Streets Program has been a lifesaving initiative, delivering better healthcare for people sleeping rough.

“I will continue to serve in whatever way I can - for our community, region and nation.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 May 2022
Lucy Wicks, former Member of Robertson



Tea cosy display

The Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club will hold its annual Tea Cosy and Devonshire Tea Event over the June long weekend.

The theme for this year is Scotland the Brave.

Tea cosies and teapots on display and for sale, along with bric-a-brac and Devonshire Teas.

The venue will be the Umina Beach Surf Club at 509 Ocean

Beach Rd, Umina Beach.

The expo is expected to be held between 9am and 5pm on Saturday and Sunday, June 11 and 12, and between 9am and 1pm on Monday, June 13.

With inquiries about the event, phone 4369 8707.

SOURCE:
Website, 27 May 2022
Greg Head, Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club

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Mark Snell, 13 May 2022



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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.

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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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Soup night for Rotary

A heart-warming bowl of soup on a cold night has raised more than \$500 for the Rotary Club of Woy Woy.

"Delicious soup made by our own members, with fresh bread, and some great desserts, made for a fun, casual, friendly evening last Tuesday," said club president Ms Julie Jones.

The bowls of soup were sold for \$26.50.

"The Rotary Foundation was established in 1917 for the purpose of doing good in the world," said

Ms Jones.

"The first donation was \$26.50 and every the year the Rotary club of Woy Woy holds an event to mirror the original donation with attendees paying \$26.50."

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 May 2022
Julie Jones, Rotary Club of Woy Woy



Volunteers wanted for Woytopia festival

Volunteers are wanted for the Woytopia sustainable living festival in September.

"We need a couple more volunteers to join the organising team for the Peninsula Environment Group's Woytopia sustainable living festival," said co-ordinator Mr Mark Mann.

"Some previous event or markets management experience would be great but not essential."

He said volunteers would help "bring the Woy Woy peninsula's very own festival to life".

The festival will take place on Sunday 4 September 2022.

"Woytopia is Woy Woy's sustainable living festival, a great community event that promotes sustainable living and brings together eco-minded local people and groups. It is now held every two years.

"There have been Woytopia festivals in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2016.

"The 2018 festival had to be cancelled due to the site flooding after a night of torrential rain but was replaced by a successful but smaller "Woytopia at the Markets" day at Umina Beach Markets.

"The 2020 Woytopia festival also had to be cancelled due to Covid-19.

"Each Woytopia festival has attracted about 3000 attendees, with eco-themed market stalls, live music, talks, organic and vegetarian food options, art installations and children's entertainment."

For further information, email Mark at mark@woytopia.org or info@peg.org.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 16 May 2022
Mark Mann, PEG

Newspaper distributors wanted

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The newspaper is owned and operated entirely by a voluntary non-profit community.

It relies on volunteer contributions.

If you are able to help us distribute the paper, please call Frank Wiffen on 0499 546 737.

SOURCE:
Media release, 29 May 2022
Mark Snell, Peninsula News

May rainfall is almost twice average

The rainfall for May has been almost twice the average 73mm with falls totalling 141mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

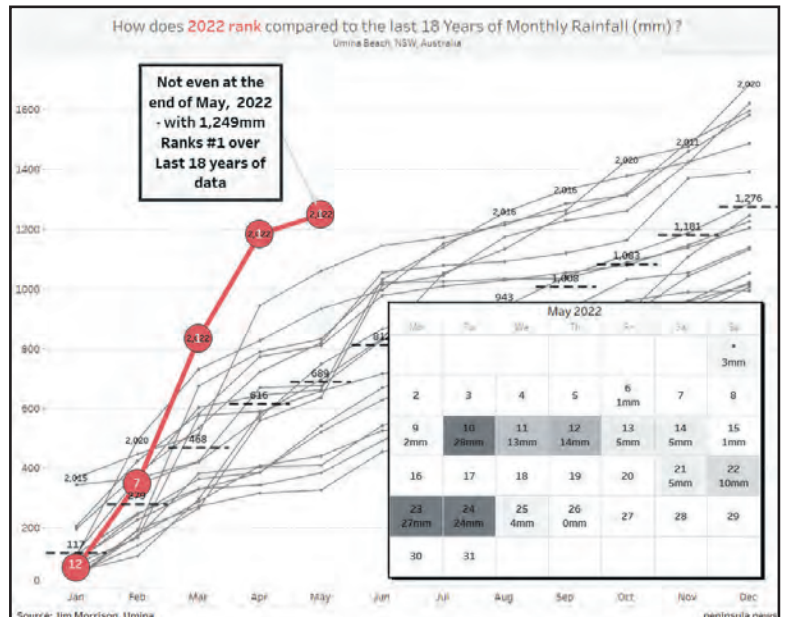
A total of 54.5mm fell in the last week, with falls of 26.6mm on Monday, May 23, and 24.0mm on Tuesday, May 24.

The total for the year to date is now 1324.7mm, almost 50mm more than the annual average of 1275mm.

This month's rainfall is the third wettest in the last 18 years.

The second wettest May was in 2010 with 156.8mm, while the wettest May was in 2009 with 178.3mm.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 27 May 2022
Jim Morrison, Umina



Priority works planned for Teatree Creek

Priority creek flood mitigation works are expected to take place in Teatree Creek at Veron Rd, Umina, and Nambucca Dr, Woy Woy.

“Council has commenced a two-month flood mitigation program as part of the Priority Creeks program, consisting of a number of high priority creeks,” according to chief executive Mr David Farmer.

“Council is undertaking specific creek maintenance activities, including bush regeneration to manage aquatic weeds infestations, debris and sediment removal which also includes the removal of fallen identified trees.”

The areas include Veron Rd and Nambucca Dr.

Other Council work on the Peninsula include improvements at Runway Park, Woy Woy, which will have additional rubber softfall installed to further improve accessibility.

Construction works continue at Lemon Grove Netball Courts in Ettalong with a new multi-purpose

amenities building.

Umina tennis courts are being upgraded with the installation of a new synthetic surface for court five to create a dedicated futsal court, and new roof on the amenities building.

Works are also underway at Umina oval to replace ageing irrigation to ensure the turf is efficiently watered, providing a safe and high quality playing surface for Umina United Football Club, Southern Spirit Cricket Club, Umina Junior Rugby League and Coast Oztag.

The Peninsula Leisure Centre’s heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system is being replaced, taking until October to finish.

Woy Woy libraries are undergoing maintenance and improvement works, which require temporary closures.

SOURCE: Website, 26 May 2022 David Farmer, Central Coast Council



Ephemeral art trail starts on long weekend

The Pearl Beach Arboretum Ephemeral Art Trail will be held from the June long weekend, from Saturday, June 11, going to the end the public school holidays on Sunday, July 17.

“The Trail aims to create inspiring temporary public art that promotes nature conservation, supports community identity and increases the cultural vibrancy,” said arboretum secretary Ms Mary

Knaggs.

“There will be a small number of side events such as workshops in ephemeral art and a musical afternoon on Saturday, July 9.

About 20 artists or art co-operatives have entered works in PBEAT 2022.

There will be a first prize of \$3000, a runner-up prize of \$1000, together with a People’s Choice award of \$1000.

“The inaugural PBEAT 2021

was a great success and gave the community a lot of joy during the Covid restrictions.

“People were able to appreciate art and nature while walking through the 5.5 hectares of the Arboretum, featuring 19 exhibits from artists, and seven community installations.”

SOURCE: Website, 27 May 2022 Mary Knaggs, Crommelin Native Arboretum



Dunecare at Umina

Umina Community Group’s dunecare group took advantage of the sunshine on the dunes.

The group included corporate volunteers from Zenexus.

Weeds removed included asparagus fern, lantana and turkey rhubarb.

In their place, native species such as rhagodia, leucopogon and breynia were planted.

Volunteers are welcome to join the program.

SOURCE: Social media, 24 May 2022 Umina Community Group

New ferry timetable starts Monday

A new timetable will come into effect from Monday, June 6, for the Palm Beach to Ettalong ferry service.

“Minor changes have been implemented to provide a more consistent, year round service level for our customers.”

The timetable includes a new 6:30pm service weekdays from

Ettalong during the summer months.

The new timetable is available from the company website at <https://palmbeachferries.com.au/timetables>

SOURCE: Social media, 27 May 2022 Fantasea Palm Beach Ferries

Local groups ‘should apply’ for grants

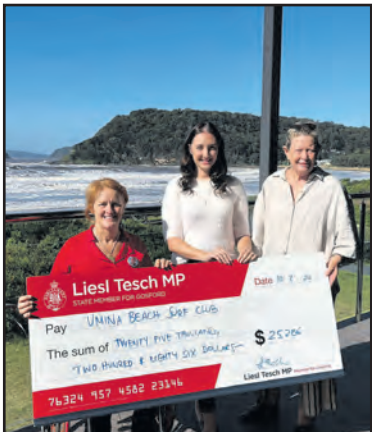
Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch is encouraging local groups to apply for the NSW Government’s Community Building Partnership grant.

She said all eligible organisations should apply to ensure that our community receives the funding that it needs.

“Applications are now open for community-based infrastructure projects that seek to promote greater community participation and inclusion.

“This year \$400,000 is on offer for the Gosford electorate,” she said.

“The grants are for not-for-profit community organisations, schools and local councils.



“In last year’s round, we saw much-needed funding provided to key community groups to be able to deliver their services.

“The Umina Beach Surf Life

Saving Club for example received over \$25,000 in funding to make repairs and maintenance to the site to ensure the safety of many of our locals who frequently visit the building.”

Ms Tesch stressed the importance for eligible applicants to get their applications in well before the deadline of June 10.

“Get your applications in because these grants unfortunately are limited and in high demand.”

More information is available at the website: www.nsw.gov.au/projects/community-building-partnership.

SOURCE: Media release, 16 May 2022 Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

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.

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

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Region-first for self-pay surgery

A local hospital is now offering “self-pay surgery” with no private health insurance needed.

The hospital provides patients with packages that include the surgeon’s fees, anaesthetist, hospital stay, diagnostic testing and rehabilitation costs.

The new service for the region has launched at Brisbane Waters Private Hospitals aiming to help those living with pain, undiagnosed illness, degenerative diseases, and obesity by providing streamlined access to surgery without excessive wait times.

“Self Pay Surgery means parents and families of loved ones without private health insurance don’t need to put off surgery any longer,” according to chief executive Ms Debra Ritter.

“As a mother and grandmother myself, I know what it’s like to support a family member experiencing ill-health.

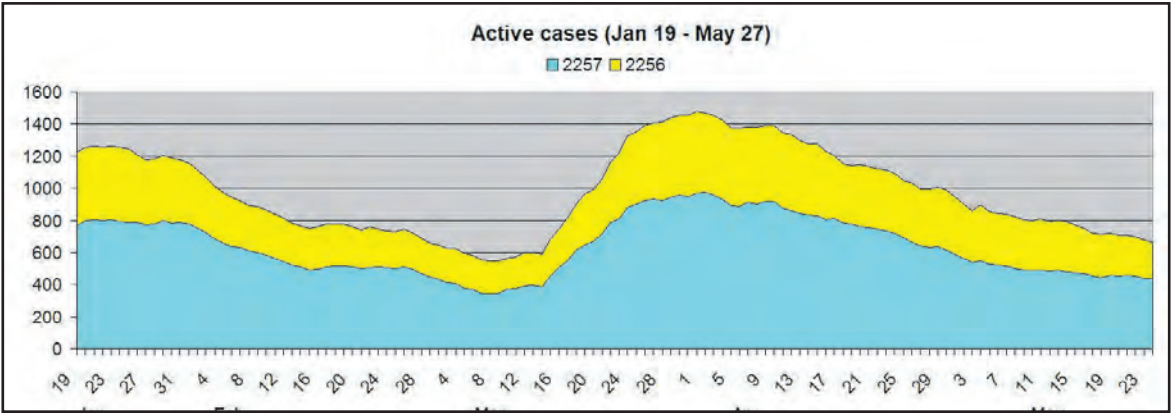
“You just want them to be well and receive the treatment they require quickly,” Ms Ritter said.

“So when your loved one has

to experience ill-health longer than needed due to a lack of private health cover or long waiting lists it is even more painful.

“It is incredibly rewarding to be able to offer our patients this opportunity to get what they need done now, so they can get on the road to recovery sooner rather than later.”

SOURCE:
Media release, 17 May 2022
Debra Ritter, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital



Virus numbers drop another 20 per cent

The number of active coronavirus cases on the Peninsula has dropped by around 20 per cent for the second fortnight in a row.

A total of 642 cases were recorded on Thursday, May 26, a drop of 19 per cent since May 12

when 790 cases were recorded.

Currently, 1.36 per cent of the population have coronavirus.

Since the started of the pandemic, more than 26 per cent of the population have had the disease.

A further drop of 15 per cent

would bring the rate back to 548 cases, the lowest for the year recorded, last recorded on Thursday, March 8.

SOURCE:
Website, 27 May 2022
Covid date and statistics, NSW Government

Aged care building works ‘challenged by rain’

The building works program at a Woy Woy aged care home “continues to be challenged by the significant rains”.

Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie said: “Most notably the rain forecast has pushed back concrete pours and slab establishment a number of times now.

“However it was pleasing to finally get the new private patio

pads and the central courtyard pathway poured recently on our eastern side.

“Looking ahead, we are hopeful to doing the concrete pour for the main eastern building extension slab from mid next week onwards.

“This slab establishment will continue through until the end of May.

“Some work will commence inside the building on our south western wing end, where the

buildings are going to be joined.

“There will be some noise associated with demolition work scheduled to continue through until Tuesday, May 31.

“Other works around the site continue, with plumbers continuing at establishing in ground services.

“Work is also continuing externally to the north of the building where in-ground services have to be established and ultimately a new road formed.

“Landscaping works for the central courtyard on the eastern end are pencilled in to occur in June.

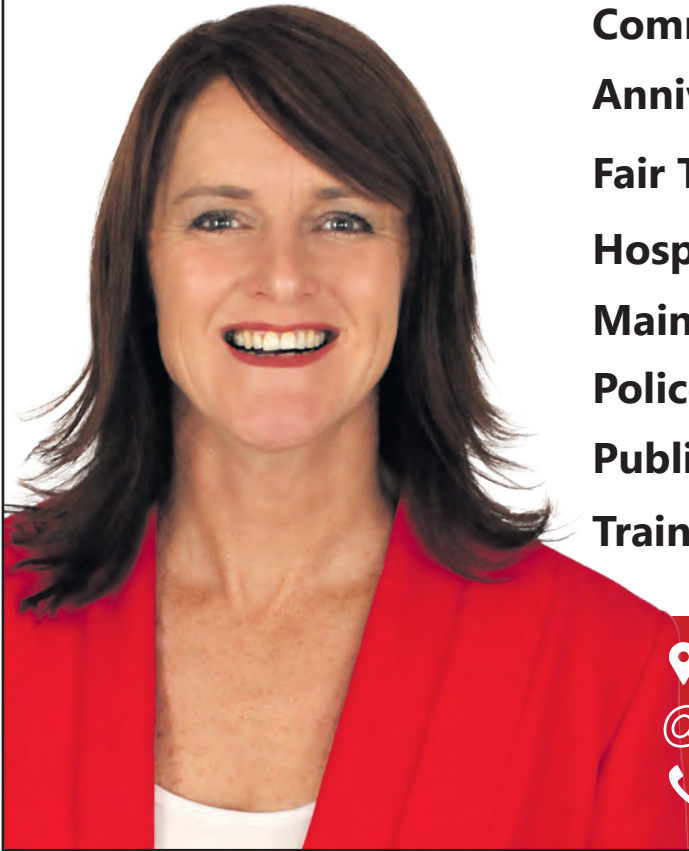
“We continue to look forward to these works progressing, and ultimately delivering new spaces for our residents to enjoy and live in, at BlueWave.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 May 2022
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living



Liesl Tesch MP
Member for Gosford

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Mr Farmer, please stop destruction of the Peninsula

This is an open letter to Central Coast Council chief executive Mr David Farmer.

Please explain why you have signed off on this ongoing destruction of our suburbs.

It is with much concern that I write this letter today.

I live in the Peninsula area of Umina Beach where we are suffering a disturbing amount of tree loss.

This area has already been identified with studies commissioned by Council revealing the urban heat effect making the Peninsula a dangerous place to live.

Your vision for a "walkable neighbourhood" is documented in your speech to the Urban Design Institute of Australia.

This vision is to be commended but you need to understand what we are up against.

You said: "One of the things I'd like to focus on is creating walkable

neighbourhoods where you can do many of the things in your life without having to get in the car."

A neighbourhood cannot be walkable if there are no trees to offer shade and reduce heat.

It will be too hot to walk on our feet, with a pram or with a walker.

We will need to get in our cars to go to a park or go shopping.

A 20-year-old native street tree has been removed from 139 Barrenjoey Rd, Ettalong, the only remaining street tree for six blocks (half a kilometre).

The only shade offered along this walkway comes from trees within properties because, once upon a time, setbacks allowed for trees.

I checked the development application DA/63670/2021.

The Statement of Environmental Effects mentions tree retention and no adverse impact on the environment.

In the Public Assessment report, it states at 6.6: "The proposal will

not impact any threatened species or significant vegetation as part of the proposed works."

The redacted plans state that the street tree will be relocated but it was cut down to ground level on May 21.

In the Public Consent, you have signed off on its removal.

We should not be removing any street trees unless they are a threat or dead.

The threat to our local native trees in properties or on streets is occurring almost daily, despite the applications all claiming that there will be no detrimental effect to the environment.

Developers are given letters of consent to remove all vegetation as long as they put in replacements.

A 25-litre potted tree is no replacement for a 20-50 year old tree.

Why are you signing off on this destruction making our suburb unliveable and unwalkable?

Imagine in summer, no shade

tree for four blocks. Is that walkable in the heat of summer?

The current strategic plan for the Peninsula as implemented through the Development Control Plan and associated Character Statements purports to protect and encourage "leafy gardens" in all medium density developments and zones on the Peninsula.

It is clear in these documents that the retention of shade trees on the Peninsula is a high priority.

However, a council assessment officer has told us publicly that these documents are "only a guideline" and, in effect, can routinely be ignored.

God help us!

The Development Control Plan is a substantial 700-page document that has taken a lot of thought and money to prepare.

Why go to all this trouble, at ratepayers' expense, if it is meaningless?

Mr Farmer, please ensure your assessment planners are

implementing the strategic plan for the Peninsula as adopted through the Development Control Plan and the Character Statements.

These documents say that street trees and substantial shade trees, including boundary trees, must be retained and that "leafy gardens" should be a feature of all future developments.

Non-compliant setbacks leave no room for deep soil or room for anything other than token landscaping.

This makes a mockery of the strategic objectives.

Mr Farmer, please hold your planners to higher, best practice, standards. Legal minimums are not enough.

Over-developers are trashing the Peninsula.

Please help us put a stop to this.

SOURCE:
Email, 22 May 2022
Debbie Sunartha, Umina

Green Grid assertions are a fantasy

When was Administrator Hart's last visit to the Peninsula?

Is Administrator Hart building a solid foundation for the eventual introduction back into local government of elected councillors, or is his interest solely in keeping the ledger clean until his term of duty expires?

Assertions made about the Green Grid Plan are fantasy and not supported in the plan.

Claims the plan will keep major centres cool elevate the plan into a quality beyond the resources of the council.

If the Administrator was serious about the heat island effect, a comprehensive study of the Peninsula's present, adapting and future character would be required.

To assert a regional plan has the detail within, to competently reason the heat island effect will be addressed, is absurd,

What would be the area of additional green space and location

on the Peninsula to effectively reduce the heat island effect?

This study would require expert advice and additional financial support from the council.

I am yet to believe the council is even slightly interested in reducing the Peninsula's heat island effect.

Where is the evidence of this claim?

Is the Administrator leaving the door open for the State Government to take action to pursue it's political objectives?

The plan can be described as ad-hoc without any clear direction for the future.

It follows the council's administration style from day of the amalgamation.

All of the above should have been expertly researched in the regional plan 2016.

Why is the cash strapped council picking up the tab for the State Government?

SOURCE:
Letter, 20 May 2022
Norm Harris, Umina

Claims team leader moves on

For those unfamiliar with the activities of the Central Coast sub-branch of the Vietnam Veterans' Peacekeepers' and Peacemakers' Association Of Australia, social welfare and pension advocacy services are available for veterans and their families..

The pension-disability claims team has supported many veterans

by simplifying the challenging claims process, when veterans are in need of friendly assistance.

The leader and mentor of the team is Mr Stephen Karsai.

During his years of service to the veteran community, he has received acknowledgements from Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks, NSW Senator Deb O'Neil, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital former chief executive

Ms Kathy Beverley "for changing communities and lives", Senator Jackie Lambie and many others.

Unfortunately, Steve is moving to Victoria in the near future, and will be sorely missed.

In appreciation of his services, the Sub-Branch will be giving him a monster farewell dinner in June.

SOURCE:
Letter, 16 May 2022
Alan Ball, VVPPAA Central Coast

Economic coverage has been disappointing

Journalists covering economic matters in the current Federal election have been very disappointing.

A great deal has been made of Mr Albanese not knowing the current unemployment rate.

The only sensible comment that I have seen was John Howard's "So what?".

The unemployment figure is largely meaningless because the Coalition uses its employment figure to hide chronic under-employment.

Anyone working for merely several hours a week is classified as employed, although the recipients could not live on what they receive.

The really significant figure is the number on Job Seeker – and that is currently rising.

Encouraging people to become "homeowners" on two and five per cent deposits delivers them as interest-paying slaves to private enterprise banks.

In Singapore, everyone has a reasonable expectation of becoming a homeowner without paying any interest.

We could do the same had we the will to change the system.

It is significant that private banks have always led the way in

donating money the Liberal Party at election time.

The Liberal Party always makes much of being a low taxer.

However, high tolls on privately-owned highways, premiums on all forms of insurance to be creamed off as dividends for shareholders, and rising cost of living not matched by usage increases are all taxes hidden under other names – and benefiting only part of the population.

The Coalition claimed to have restored the Federal Budget to the black pre-Covid.

That might be considered less than honest.

Interest paid on foreign debt appears in the Budget, but not the debt itself.

The debt itself was blowing out very considerably, incurring large additional interest obligations, left to be confronted by future politicians.

SOURCE:
Letter, 5 May 2022
Barry Bridges, Umina

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New colour-coded notes

Ettalong Public School has started sending colour-coded notes home.

"We are moving towards having different coloured notes," said relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"White notes, like our Homenote, are information notes.

"Yellow notes will now be for any actions required, such as payment or the notes requiring permission and therefore needing to be returned to the school.

"We hope that this slight change will assist you, as we appreciate there are a large number of notes

coming home at various times throughout the year.

"The Sentral app is now featuring our Homenote and Covid notifications.

"We will still continue to send out paper copies of these notifications too.

"We will be updating additional features on this app as our staff familiarise themselves in this area.

"Additional features will include this term's Semester 1 reports."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 17 May 2022
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School



Shelter created using natural resources

Year 9 outdoor education students began studying the "Priorities of Survival" last week.

They looked at shelter, as

priority one.

With a couple of tips and newly-learnt skills, students used their "primitive instincts" to work together as a team to build a shelter out of

natural resources found at school.

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 May 2022
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina



Students create 'hands of reconciliation'

Woy Woy Public School students have been creating Hands of Reconciliation with their Buddy Class, in preparation for Reconciliation Week.

The school's buddy class partnerships allow students to experience a connection with a variety of children at different levels.

"All students are given the opportunity to experience being kind, considerate, caring and a valued member of our school," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

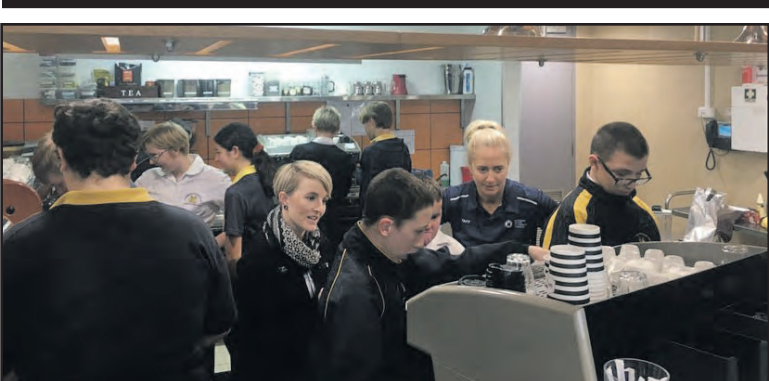
"The benefits of a buddy program are twofold; the older children learn to take on

responsibility, while the younger children know that they have a fellow student they can confidently turn to for support.

"The Buddy program helps to promote relationships and support between older and younger students through regular collaboration between their classes.

"This fosters a sense of whole-school community and creates friendships that enable both older and younger Buddies to bond more closely with their school.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 23 May 2022
Ona Buckley and Dan Betts, Woy Woy Public School



Barista course at Ourimbah

Students from Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College have taken part in a barista course at Ourimbah TAFE.

The campus later received an

email from TAFE staff saying they were impressed with the group of 10 students.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 May 2022
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina

Umina Beach Public School will discuss a new "Acceptable use of mobile phone agreement" at its next P and C meeting.

The agreement will apply across the school but, where special circumstances exist, parents may apply for exemption and a special Mobile Phone Pass.

"The increased number of students with mobile phones, the impact this has on the school learning environment and the rise of mobile phone-related incidents at school has led to review and update our school policy," said principal Ms Karen Wardlaw..

"Our goal is to establish and communicate shared expectations of acceptable and unacceptable use of mobile phones at our school as well the consequences for

inappropriate use.

"We seek to ensure there are fair, consistent processes at school to manage and increase acceptable use of phones at our school.

"One of the new updates to this policy is the requirement of all families who would like their child to bring a mobile phone to school to read, sign and agree to follow the acceptable use agreement.

"This agreement encapsulates the agreed behaviours considered acceptable at school regarding mobile phone use as well as clearly outlining definitions of unacceptable phone use (both minor and major) and the related consequences for inappropriate behaviour.

"This new policy and process aligns with related department

policy such as the Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services Procedures.

"We trust that this new policy, now in draft form, will be strengthened and improved from community feedback.

"We recognise and are mindful that there are medical, personal or family circumstances where a student must have their phone on them at all times.

"Parents and carers will be able to request an exemption and apply for a Mobile Phone Pass.

"All requests will be confidentially considered on a case-by-case basis and granted when required by law or at the principal's discretion."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 24 May 2022
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School

Campus recognises National Sorry Day

Brisbane Water Secondary School's Woy Woy campus held an assembly in recognition of National Sorry Day on Thursday, May 27.

Student Ella Seddon performed her own composition Ancient Voices in front of our Campus yesterday.

She was supported by Gresha Navarrete, Blake Crawford, Dylan Taylor and Max Raz.

The song was a ballad sharing Ella's thoughts on "an entire nation's genocide" and how "she can hear a song, but she can't sing along" expressing the disconnection for aboriginal people from their ancestry.

The theme for Sorry Day this year is "Be Brave, Make Change" and encourages people, regardless of race, to stand up against racism and make change.

The college planned to conduct Reconciliation Week activities inside and outside the classroom.

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 May 2022
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



Sport

Convincing rugby union win secured by Terrigal

Terrigal were able to secure a convincing win over Woy Woy at Woy Woy Oval, running out winners by 76 pints to 3, on Saturday.

It was Terrigal in control for the entire 80 minutes to which Woy Woy had no answer.

It was a slow start and the scores were only locked at three points apiece early on but soon after it was Terrigal who soon got control.

Terrigal had jumped to a 36 point to three lead at the halftime break, so the match was in their control even at that stage.

Terrigal was able to post a further 40 points to nil in the second half.

Woy Woy tried to stop the Terrigal attack but it was proving most difficult.

Woy Woy were best served by flanker Jazper Doak-Stride, centre Bruce Folau and halfback Tiraho Pakai.

On the previous weekend, Hornsby recorded a convincing 89-22 victory when the team travelled

to Woy Woy Oval to take on home side Woy Woy Rugby Club in Round 7 on Saturday, May 21.

Hornsby got away to a rapid start and it was not very long before they had posted their first four tries.

This same control and dominance continued right through the first half and by half time the visitors had leapt to a totally commanding 63 points to seven lead.

It was certainly not Woy Woy's half.

To Woy Woy's great credit, they performed much better in the second half.

Woy Woy was only beaten by 26 points to 15 in the second half.

It was a far more convincing performance by Woy Woy but the first half onslaught by Hornsby saw them with no chance of victory.

Best performers for Woy Woy were Jackson Dewar, lock Jordan Ross and flanker Jazper Doak-Stride.

SOURCE:
Media release, 24 May 2022
Larry Thomson, CCRU



Under-13s undefeated in rugby league

The Under-13s Rugby League team from Brisbane Water Secondary College has finished undefeated in the Metro Cup gala day on Thursday, May 19.

They were competing against

nine other schools from the Central Coast.

The boys played four games across the day and were described by teachers as "spectacular all across the park", conceding only two tries the whole day.

The team finished the day with four wins and no losses.

The team is now preparing for the grand final against Wadalba in a few weeks' time.

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 May 2022
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina



Big netball win

The Open Girls netball team from Brisbane Water Secondary College has had a big win.

The team won 67-14 against Chatswood High.

They were playing in round three of the Combined High School fixture.

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 May 2022
BWSC Woy Woy

Champions

Los Muchachos, pictured, are futsal champions at the Wednesday competition at the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

They are among the champion futsal and netball competition champions as the autumn season comes to an end.

New competitions are starting and completely full, but a waiting list is available for both teams and individuals.

SOURCE:
Social media, May 2022
Peninsula Leisure Centre



Day in honour of first president

Jean Pelham Charity Day was held the Brisbane Water Bridge Club on Thursday, May 19, in honour of the club's first president.

The charity organizers had a squad of volunteers on site early preparing lunch for 15 pairs of bridge players.

Several varieties of soup and crusty bread were served for the membership.

Charity raffles, with donate prizes, were interspersed with breaks in play.

The club was short seven pairs on last year, but described the day as "a winner for all concerned".

Christine Hadaway and Chris Hannan won the event, hotly pursued by Sylvia Foster and Lorraine Lindsay.

There was only a single percentage point in it.

Martin Johnson and Chris Hasemore were not far away taking the final podium spot.

Ms Jean Pelham was elected president after calling a meeting

of interested bridge players at the Woy Woy Progress Association Hall on Monday, September 1, 1975.

Twelve people attended the meeting and voted to form the Brisbane Water Bridge Club.

Auction and solo players were to be welcomed and beginners were to be taught in order to increase membership.

A committee was formed and Ms Pelham was elected president.

The first item of importance was the provision of tables, cards and boards.

Ms Pelham offered to purchase all necessary equipment, to be repaid by the club at a later date.

After the meeting, a game of bridge was played and 10 members joined the club.

Results of the Thursday Charity Day on May 19 were:

1 Christine Hadaway, Chris Hannan 207.0 (63.89 per cent), 0.80 red points.

2 Lorraine Lindsay, Sylvia Foster 204.0 (62.96), 0.56.

3 Martin Johnson, Chris Hasemore 199.1 (61.46), 0.40.

4 Geoffrey Maltby, Edith Marshall 193.5 (59.72), 0.27.

5 Jurate Laisve, Trish Byrnes 192.4 (59.38), 0.20.

6 Karen Ody, Jim Routledge 181.1 (55.90), 0.16.

7 John Aldersley, Connie Lewis 175.5 (54.17), 0.13.

8 Felicity Fane, Laurie Powell 159.0 (49.07).

9 Elaine Hume, Peter Hume 154.1 (47.57).

10 Jann Small, Suzanne Harrison 142.9 (44.10).

11 Walt Alma Van Der, Kathryn Ivits 137.3 (42.36).

12 Alison Mackey, Helen White 135.0 (41.67).

13 Robyn Hardy, Meg McGregor 123.0 (37.96).

14 Caroline Nichols, Wendy Byrne 121.5 (37.50).

15 Janette Kukura, Helen Cashman 109.0 (33.64).

SOURCE:
Website, 19 May 2022
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Ducks elect committee

Peninsula Ducks has elected its committee for 2022-23 at its annual meeting on Wednesday, May 25.

Elected were president Di Barrymore, treasurer Kim Crosby and secretary Gaye Whelan.

Two committee positions remain vacant.

Registrar and social media duties will be done by Di Barrymore.

Uniforms and equipment were taken by Kim Crosby.

"Having such a small committee means we will need your help with fundraising, grounds and general

duties leading up to and during the season," said Ms Barrymore.

"We will also need your patience and understanding that things may not get done when you want them to as we all have other commitments outside Ducks to fulfill."

Any help would be appreciated. Email peninsuladuckssoftball@yahoo.com with any offers or queries.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 May 2022
Di Barrymore, Peninsula Ducks Softball Club