



No council option to retain Pelican Park playground

No option has been provided to retain and refurbish the Pelican Park playground in the Woy Woy Waterfront Masterplan currently open for comment.

Instead, two other options have been suggested: To turn the area into a performance area or to create a "nature play area" with a "floral maze kids' play area" and a trellis shelter.

The new council plans follow a community backlash 12 months ago when the council moved to demolish the Pelican Park playground with just 24 hours' notice.

The concept plan provides no detail, no costings and no timeframe for the redevelopment of the playground, or for the whole waterfront project.

A petition with more 6500 signatures calling for the retention of the playground and representations by Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch saw the council put the demolition until it held this consultation.

At the time, Ms Tesch said: "If Council says that the park isn't up to Australian safety standards, then we need to get it up to those standards, not just knock the whole thing down."

"Pelican Park is not just any park."

"It is an iconic destination where families from across the Coast unite, with ample playing equipment and seating, located next to the water and the lovely pelicans."

"It is one of the many attractions Woy Woy is known for."

The Woy Woy Waterfront

Masterplan consultation project page states: "The site that is currently home to the much-loved Pelican Park Playspace is included as part of the Waterfront Masterplan."

"Unfortunately, Pelican Park is reaching the end of its functional life."

"Council knows this is a valued playspace by the community and, as part of the master planning process, Council is seeking to better understand these values so they can be reflected in the long-term plan for Woy Woy Waterfront."

Feedback will be accepted until Monday, July 4, including via an online feedback form at yourvoiceourcoast.com.

SOURCE: Website, 1 Jun 2022 yourvoiceourcoast.com, Central Coast Council

Woy Woy Fishermen's Wharf raised the alarm about plans to demolish the playground. posted to social media last week. SOURCE: Social media, 8 Jun 2022 Woy Woy Fishermen's Wharf "Help save Pelican Park," it

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Mark Snell, 13 May 2022

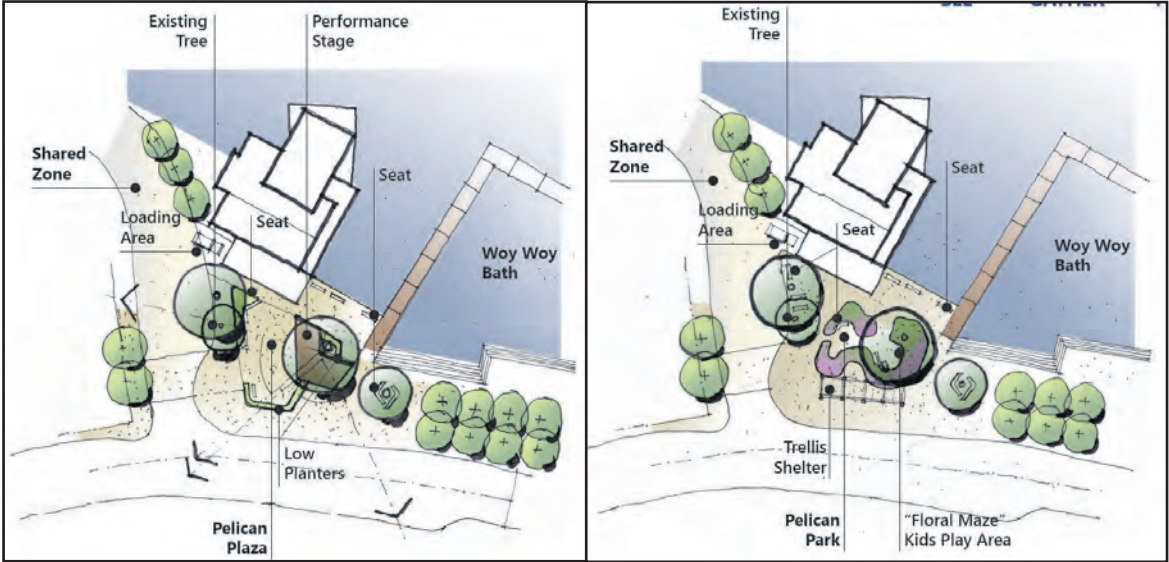


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Rotary club collects \$6000 for Salvos

Members of the Rotary Club of Umina Beach collected more than \$6000 on Saturday, May 28, for the Salvation Army's annual Red Shield Appeal.

The 14 members and their partners conducted roadside collections on both sides of the road outside Empire Bay Public School and on Brisbane Water Drive.

Club publicity officer Mr Pat Lewis said they were very appreciative for the generosity of the drivers who pulled over and made contributions.

"Across both sites, over \$6000 was collected, all of which will help the Army in providing the vital services it offers communities and individuals in need throughout the year," he said.



Pictured are Olwyn Lewis, Glen Scorer, Dave Tanaire and Mike Dwyer collecting at Empire Bay.

SOURCE:
Media release, 3 Jun 2022
Pat Lewis, Rotary Umina Beach

New patron for Brisbane Water Rotary

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water has announced the appointment of a new patron.

Club president Ms Cherie Simpson said the club was "delighted to announce" that photographer Mr Ken Duncan had agreed to be patron of our the club.

"Ken is well known as the pioneer of limited edition photographic art in Australia," said Ms Simpson.

"Ken is truly passionate about

his craft.

"Always striving for excellence, he travels extensively throughout the world in search of the stunning panoramic landscapes for which he is best known.

"Ken does with his own unique style and his exceptional ability to capture the very spirit of a place at a given moment in time."

Ms Simpson said: "Over 20 years ago, a respected indigenous

elder gave Ken Duncan some advice: If you really want to know someone, you need to walk a while with them."

"Since then, Ken has been working with the indigenous people of central Australia, helping wherever possible."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 11 Jun 2022
Cherie Simpson, Rotary Brisbane Water

Bonanza Book Fair to benefit PCYC

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy is holding a Bonanza Book Fair at the PCYC Umina on Saturday, June 18, and Sunday, June 19.

It will be open from 9am to 4pm on the Saturday and from 9am to midday on the Sunday, at the PCYC at 101 Osborne Ave, Umina.

"This event has been a regular happening in years prior to the Covid," said organiser, Rotary club member Mr Vic Brown.

"There is a large selection and range of books and CDs and a

collection of long-playing records along with a raffle and a cafe too.

"The Rotary Club and PCYC are really looking forward to welcoming its old and new customers back."

All books are \$2.50 each, he said.

"There is easy parking very close by, and a pop-up cafe on the premises.

All proceeds will go to PCYC Umina Beach, Mr Brown said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 9 Jun 2022
Vic Brown, Rotary Woy Woy

Random patrols

Brisbane Water Police District has announced that it is conducting "random patrols" at a Woy Woy shopping centre "due to a rise in youth anti-social behaviour".

The patrols are happening throughout Deepwater Plaza Shopping Centre and its car parks.

Anyone with information about crimes being committed should contact crime stoppers on 1800 333 000.

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Jun 2022
Brisbane Water District, NSW Police

At 6.3mm, rainfall is well below average

Only 6.3mm of rain have fallen on the Peninsula in the 16 days to last Friday morning, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

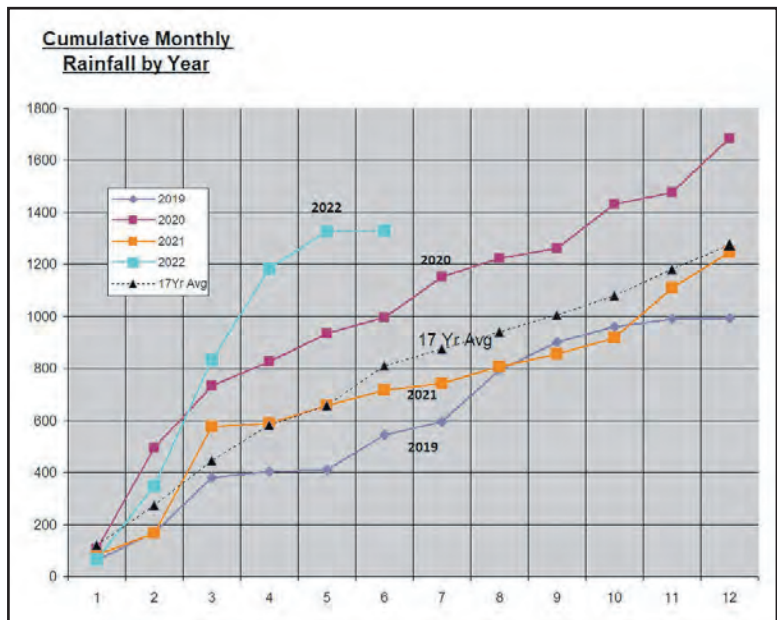
This is the longest period with such little rainfall this year.

At the start of May, there were 10 days with a total of just 5.1mm recorded.

The June total currently stands at 2.4mm, around 1.5 per cent of the monthly average of 155mm.

The total for the year to date already stands at 1330mm, which is 4.4 per cent more than the annual average of 1275mm.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 10 Jun 2022
Jim Morrison, Umina



Woy Woy consultation open for three more weeks

Residents have just under three weeks to make their submissions to Central Coast Council's "Let's Talk Woy Woy 2022" consultation, which closes on Monday, July 4.

Let's Talk Woy Woy 2022 is a follow-up to the Council's 2019 Let's Talk Woy Woy "campaign", according to the consultation project page on the Council's Your Voice Our Coast website.

"Two years on from its major community consultation project, Let's Talk Woy Woy, Central Coast Council has completed a range of major works, upgrades and improvements throughout the Woy Woy town centre, with more projects currently underway," it states.

"The community is invited to have their say on projects open for consultation, find out about others and share their thoughts and aspirations for the area."

The Council provided its August 2020 consultation report as the basis for further comment.

That report said that, in addition to the Woy Woy Town Centre Wharf, the 2019 Let's Talk Woy Woy sought feedback or provided information on over 16 other

projects occurring within the area including the town centre strategy, the issue of parking in Woy Woy, the Central Coast Heritage Study, and the upgrade of the local tidal baths.

The report warned that not all suggestions would be taken up.

"We do our best to develop strategies and projects to meet the needs and requests of the community and stakeholders.

"(But) technical constraints, costs, and the overarching project objectives must also be considered to deliver a project or strategy that is safe, functional and best balances the competing needs of all those affected."

Apart from the wharf redevelopment, the consultation report included comments about planning and development, the natural environment, roads and transport, parking, community spaces and parks, town centre "activation" and economy, and heritage.

Planning and development topics included issues of height, over-development, village charm and character, redevelopment of Deepwater Plaza and the railway station, compliance with planning controls, housing affordability, climate change, heat and flooding.

Natural environment topics included suggestions about incorporating greener spaces and shade, and about flooding and waterways

Roads and transport topics included a rail underpass-overpass, road maintenance and changes, Kerb and guttering, Road signage, a network of cycleways and walkways, pedestrian crossings, traffic, parking, and public transport.

Topics about community spaces and parks included the tidal bath, the channel foreshore, public toilets, parks and reserves, seating and play equipment, community facilities, public lighting, waste and Anderson Park.

Town centre topics included beautification, connectivity, maintenance and vandalism, commercial and economic growth, public events, safety and security, signage and other ideas.

Heritage topics included suggestions of buildings to be restored and maintained, and trees and landmarks to be heritage listed, heritage walk, signage and general suggestions

SOURCE: Website, 1 Jun 2022
yourvoiceourcoast.com, Central Coast Council



Vietnam Veterans' case officer awarded OAM

The man who has served for more than 20 years as the senior case officer for Vietnam Veterans on the Central Coast, Mr Stephen Stan Karsai of Woy Woy, has been awarded a medal of the order of Australia (OAM) in the Queens Birthday Honours.

His honour was "for service to veterans through a range of roles". He was president of the Central Coast sub-branch of the Vietnam Veterans' Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association of Australia from 2016 to 2019 and senior case officer, since 2011.

Last month, it was announced Mr Karsai would be moving to Victoria.

He has served as director on the board of Active Vets Australia since 2019.

He was pensions officer at the Greensborough Sub-Branch of

Returned and Services League of Australia 2004-2011 and prior to that at Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital Veterans Centre, 2001-2011.

He was a member of the Veterans Consultative Committee at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital and at Gosford Private Hospital for five years.

He was a former member of the Diamond Valley Vietnam Veterans Sub-Branch, Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia.

He was also author of a series of four educational books on Space Flight, Basic Photography and Flag Party-Drill Competition for use throughout the Australian Air League, 1983-1985.

He was a member of the Air League from 1964 to 1983.

SOURCE: Media release, 6 Jun 2022
Official Secretary, Governor-General's Office
Photo: Kerrin Conwell

Tesch says locals should have their say

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has encouraged locals to get involved in Central Coast Council's Let's Talk Woy Woy consultation "so that all proposed projects in the area are responsive and suitable to the needs of our community".

"I know that many projects such as upgrades to James Brown Oval, climate change action at a

local level, and road and drainage works are deeply important to our community.

"I hope that local's right across the community can get involved and to help make Woy Woy an even better place to live," she said.

"Pelican Park is at the top of the list when it comes to the future of the Peninsula with the future of the loved playground still in limbo.

"Now it is time to make it clear the community wants the cherished

Pelican Park to stay.

"Local opinion when it comes to reinvigorating Woy Woy is the most valuable.

"Our community future will benefit from all that you have to say so please join in the conversation and express your vision for the Peninsula."

SOURCE: Media release, 30 May 2022
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Power cuts planned for 635 houses

More than 635 Peninsula households will be without power for up to a day over the next month.

Ausgrid has announced that 81 households in Carpenter St, Glenn St and Veron Rd, Umina, will be without power between 8am and 4pm on Saturday, June 18, for "critical maintenance to high voltage electrical equipment".

Power will be out for 204 households in Albion St, Alexandra St, Britannia St, Brittanian Dr, Neptune St, Trafalgar Ave, Umina, between 8am and 4pm on Tuesday, June 21.

This is to allow "critical electricity network changes for infrastructure projects".

"Urgent electrical pole replacement or repair" will affect 54 properties in Brisbane Ave, Greenhaven Dr and Sylvan Cl, Umina, on Thursday, June 23.

Power will be cut between 8am

and 1:30pm on that day.

Further work on Trafalgar Ave, as well as Nelson and Oxford Sts, will affect 194 households on Friday, June 24.

The "critical electricity network changes for infrastructure projects" will cut power between 8am and 4pm on that day.

Similar work on Wednesday, June 29, will involve power to be cut for an extra hour – from 8am to 5pm.

A total of 51 households in Brickwharf Rd will be affected for "critical electricity network changes for infrastructure projects".

Another 52 households in Airly and Myola Rds and Homan Cl, Umina, will be without power between 8am and 4pm on Wednesday, July 6, for "urgent electrical pole replacement or repair".

An "overhead individual service wire replacement" will take place in Hillview St, Woy Woy, between

8am to 4pm on each of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 14, 15 and 16.

SOURCE: Website, 8 Jun 2022
Ausgrid

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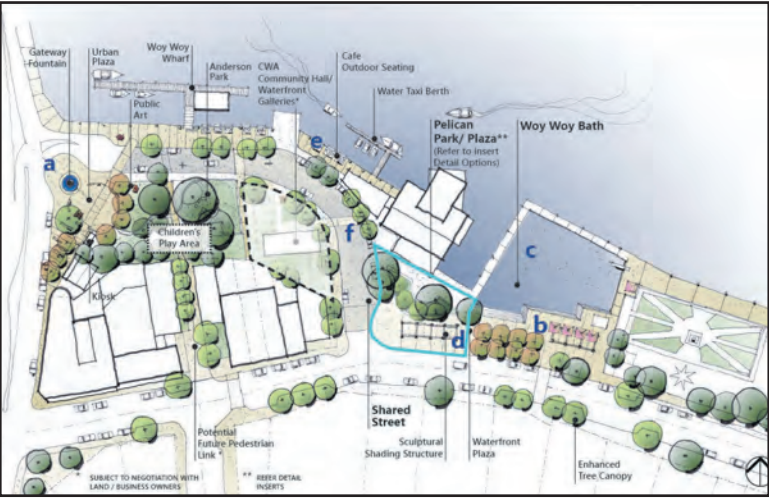
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Planning



Waterfront plan to cost \$1.2M for five ‘precincts’



ABOVE: The “town centre precinct”

BELOW: “Precinct 4” - Lions Park



Central Coast Council's \$1.2 million Woy Woy Waterfront Masterplan divides the waterfront along the Woy Woy channel between Anderson Park and Lions Park into four “precincts”.

A fifth is identified around the corner from Lions Park at “Brickwharf Point”.

Each area is described by a number of phrases, with no further explanation.

No detailed plans are provided, nor are costings or timeframes.

However, the Council's current draft Budget on exhibition until June 21 shows a \$595,814 allocation from general (rates) revenue for “Woy Woy Waterfront Redevelopment” for 2023-24 and a further \$320,008 allocated for 2024-25, as well as \$300,000 for an upgrade to the Lions Park playground in 2023-24.

The “town centre precinct” is described by: waterfront vistas,

gateway landscape, fountain and urban plaza, woy woy wharf, urban plaza cafe, fisherman wharf, waterfront galleries, reactivated woy woy bath and plaza area, heritage interpretations, anderson park children's play space, street markets, night-time economy, enhance tree canopy cover, public art

The second area is Memorial Park described by: Anzac memorial and gardens, heritage interpretation, strengthening foreshore edge and sea wall; protect from flooding and erosion, waterfront promenade, waterfront monthly market, kayaking, canoing, Pelican Island exploration, symphony blow holes and sit-out steps, protect existing tree canopy and enhance canopy cover, public art.

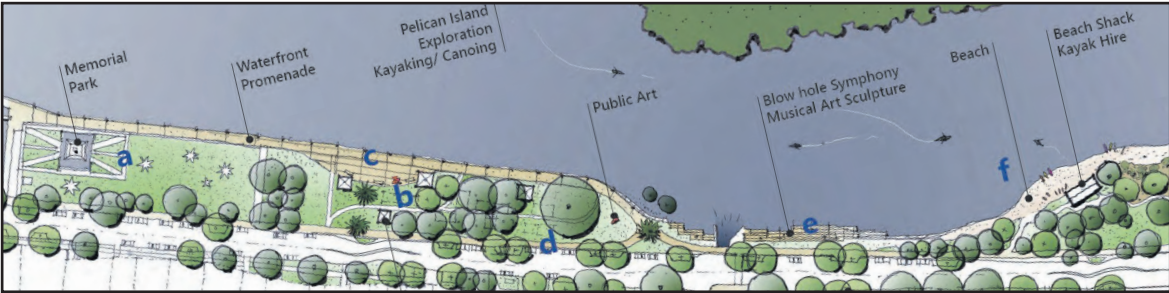
Coastal wetlands is the third area, described by: waterfront vistas, lookout points, observation desks-interpretation panels, coastal wetland exploration trail,

sculpture park, shared path cycling and walking, bio-diversity interpretations, protect existing tree canopy and expand canopy cover, enhanced passive surveillance.

“Precinct 4” is Lions Park described by: waterfront vistas, lookout points, Lions Park, children's playground and expansions, barbecue family picnic points, boat ramp, shared path cycling and walking, new street trees on North Burge Rd and pedestrian walkways, enhanced passive surveillance.

“Brickwharf Point” is the final area, described by: waterfront vistas, lookout points, family picnic points and seating, waterfront, public exercise equipment pods, shared path cycling and walking, celebrated street trees, foreshore protection wall, access steps, public recreation pier, amenities.

SOURCE:
Website, 1 Jun 2022
yourvoiceourcoast.com,
Central Coast Council



Peninsula News launches Peninsula planning portal

Peninsula News has launched a planning portal for the Peninsula to address residents' frustrations with the Central Coast Council's planning portal.

The Peninsula News portal contains only Peninsula applications and is designed to avoid the delays and timeouts which residents have found problematic since the Council “upgraded” its portal over Christmas.

It contains a list of applications lodged with the Council since the start of last year, drawn from the Council's portal.

Unlike the council's portal, the Peninsula portal provided direct access to relevant documents such as the Statement of Environmental Effects and the notification plans,

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said Peninsula News editor Mr Mark Snell.

It also provided direct links to the Council's submission pages and details page, which included for example the name of the planning officer.

The portal had a filter on the status of applications, and recorded the date a status changes

to “advertising” as the approximate start date for the advertising period.

The council portal does not contain this information.

Mr Snell said that members of the Peninsula Residents' Association had been seeking improvements to the portal since the start of the year.

“While some improvements

have been made by Council and are continuing, it is clear that the structural reasons for the bottlenecks and timeouts are not about to change any time soon.

“In the meantime, this gives us and the community a more responsive and useful application.”

He said that the portal was created and maintained as a

community service by local volunteers.

All queries about details of specific development applications should be directed to Council staff, he said.

The portal can be found at <http://peninsula.news/portal.aspx>

SOURCE:
Media release, 13 Jun 2022
Mark Snell, Peninsula News

Umina oval and leisure centre are major budget items

Upgrades to the Umina oval area and the Peninsula Leisure Centre's air-conditioner are the major works in Central Coast Council's budget for the coming year.

The Rawson Rd roundabout upgrade, works at Woy Woy tip and the Woy Woy waterfront redevelopment are features of the following two years.

Central Coast Council's draft budget for 2022-23 shows grant funding expenditure of \$13 million on the Peninsula for the year and \$4.65 million in general-rates revenue spending.

Grant funding will cover work

on the Rawson Rd-Ocean Beach Rd intersection (\$3.61 million), an upgrade to Springwood St (\$2.22 million) and "pavement renewal" in Barrenjoey Rd (\$752,000).

However, most of the grant money will go towards the Umina skate park upgrade (\$2.85 million) and other works around Umina oval, totalling \$5.94 million.

This includes "building renewal" for the Etta Rd amenities (\$1.84 million) and the Melbourne Ave amenities (\$1.25 million), as well as \$500,000 for the Sydney Ave access road and car park upgrade.

A total of \$33.0 million in grants is being spent over the next three years.

A further \$1.13 million will be spent on Barrenjoey Rd, \$1.35

million on the skate park, and \$17.5 million on the Rawson Rd-Ocean Beach Rd intersection.

The largest expenditure from general-rates revenue this year is \$1.98 million for the Peninsula Leisure Centre's air-conditioner replacement.

The next largest expenditure from the \$4.65 million general-rates revenue budget is, \$810,000 at Woy Woy tip, including \$600,000 for the "south cell"; \$665,000 to renew the Lagoon St sewage pump and \$590,000 for escarpment stabilisation at Castle Circuit, Homan Cl and Greenhaven Dr.

Other capital expenditure includes \$100,000 for the Everglades catchment drainage upgrade, \$121,000 for lighting

at James Brown Oval, and a \$110,000 playground renewal at Gurdon Reserve, Woy Woy Bay.

A sum of \$250,000 has been allocated for a "trash rack" at Palmtree Grove, Umina, and \$44,000 for the Peninsula Child Care roof replacement.

A total of \$6.67 million has been allocated from general revenue to the tip over the next three years, including \$4.7 million for the "south cell" in years two and three and \$750,000 to construct an "eastern platform".

Another \$4.93 million is allocated to other Peninsula projects in years two and three.

This includes \$1.2 million for the Woy Woy waterfront redevelopment, including

\$300,000 to upgrade the Lions Park playground, and \$1 million for a shared path on The Esplanade.

It includes \$570,000 in car park upgrades at James Brown Oval and Rogers Park, and \$640,000 on the Rip Rd reserve seawall at Blackwall.

Scheduled for year three is \$200,000 to be spent on the Pearl Beach lagoon management and \$270,000 for conversion of the Umina library annexe to meeting rooms.

Comment on the draft Delivery Program which contains the draft Council budget may be made until June 21.

SOURCE:
Website, 1 Jun 2022
Yourvoiceourcoast.com,
Central Coast Council

'Great families of folk' to perform

"Two great Australian families of folk" will appear at the June meeting of the Troubadour Folk Club, according to its president Mr Michael Fine.

The Karen Law Trio from Queensland and the Fagans from NSW will perform at the Everglades Country Club, Woy Woy, from 7pm on Saturday, June 25.

"There's something special about a great musical family group that just can't be beaten," said Mr Fine.

"The Andrew Sisters, the Jackson Five and the Beach Boys; in the world of folk, from the Carter Family to the Watsons and the Seegers, the record speaks for itself.

"This is a very special event with two of the very best from Australia on one night."

Mr Fine said the Karen Law Trio came from the Glasshouse Mountains and Sunshine Coast in Queensland.

"Mum Karen started her musical journey in the folk clubs of northern England before moving to Australia in 1995.

"Known then as Karen Burton, she was a travelling musician with songs and stories of her life on the road and more.

"She moved to Queensland and had a family.

"Now son and daughter have grown up and have joined the family band.

"At home singing on stage or round the kitchen table, this family of presents a multi-generational show of award-winning songs and uplifting spirit.

"Karen received the Alistair Hulett Songwriting Award in 2020 for her environmental song 'Wildflower Woman'."

Mr Fine said The Fagans lived in the Blue Mountains.



"Margaret and Bob Fagan began their musical journey together in Canberra in the late 1960s," he said.

"They perform at all the major festivals around Australia, the UK and Ireland, both as a duo and as members of their international famous family band, The Fagans.

"Their strong blend of politically-edged traditional and contemporary songs combined with lyrical ballads and great choruses is guaranteed to lift your spirits.

"Their repertoire is firmly rooted in the folk tradition, with Margaret's pure voice and Bob's superb guitar playing and vocals combining to ensure their popularity both here and abroad."

Tickets are available at <https://www.trybooking.com/CAFAE>

Further information is available by phone on 4342 6716.

SOURCE:
Media release, 9 Jun 2022
Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club

Rotary club raises \$25,000 from Opera in Arboretum

This Opera in the Arboretum has raised a net profit of \$25,000, the Rotary Club of Woy Woy has announced.

Club president Ms Julie Jones said it was "an excellent result considering it was the first year back after the Covid lockdowns and we had torrential rain for the fortnight prior".

A sum of \$8000 will go to the Conservatorium Strings Scholarship for 20 pupils; and \$6000 will go to each of Ocean Beach and Umina Surf Life Saving Clubs.

The remainder of the funds will be distributed locally to local charities and the Rotary Foundation.

The club held an Opera Appreciation Dinner to thank those who sponsored the event or assisted on the day.

The night was chaired by the club's Opera Chairman Mr Wayne Jennings handed out certificates of appreciation, and expressed his thanks.

Central Coast Conservatorium was represented by artistic director Mr Patrick Brennan.

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club was represented by Ms Robyn Carr, and Umina Surf Life Saving Club by Ms Wendy Cook.

"Planning is already underway for Opera



2023," said Ms Jones.

"The date has been confirmed as Saturday, March 11.

"We look forward to a bigger crowd, more beautiful music and a lovely afternoon in the Pearl Beach Arboretum next year."

Pictured is Mr Wayne Jennings presenting Mr Patrick Brennan with his Certificate of Appreciation.

SOURCE:
Newsletter,
Julie Jones, Rotary Woy Woy

Microplastics workshop to be held at Patonga

Central Coast Waterwatch will hold a microplastics workshop at Patonga from 10:30am to 1pm on Wednesday, June 29.

The workshop will collect data which will be used by scientists to help map and combat the microplastics

problem, according to convenor Ms Meg Rice.

The workshop will provide the opportunity to "learn how this hidden problem affects you and the environment and be part of the solution" and to "learn how you can make a difference and protect our waterways", she said.

Participants will meet at Patonga Wharf for the free event, with lunch provided.

Bookings must be made ahead of the event at www.cen.org.au/events

Phone 4349 4757 or email meg.rice@cen.org.au for further information.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 6 Jun 2022
Meg Rice, CEN

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Repair Pelican Park, don't remove it

Woy Woy residents were surprised to see community consultation, with Central Coast Council reopening "Let's talk Woy Woy".

Some hoped it would be a chance to ask about the protection of the land at Austin Butler reserve, or the deficit of trees and public open spaces, increasing heat sinks and planning strategies to address overdevelopment and ongoing inconsistent planning variances. Attendees were presented a masterplan on the Woy Woy waterfront.

It is great that a holistic overview of the locality looks to address

neglect in some areas and improve other areas for the increasing population.

One of the sectors to be addressed in the masterplan is Pelican Park in Brickwharf Rd.

This playground was allocated funding for upgrade in the current PlaySpace Strategy, though the allocated funding was moved to create a playground not listed in the strategy.

While it will be good to see the dilapidated retaining walls eventually repaired, why not the playground?

Council staff continue to suggest the playground does not

meet current requirements, even though the park is identified in the current strategy for retention.

May I suggest instead of removing and replacing the playground, they actually repair and upgrade the current parts of the playground they consider in need of repair and add soft fall.

The question needs to be asked: With the suggested removal of the playground from the Woy Woy baths area, where does that leave the Playspace Strategy that was adopted after community consultation?

SOURCE:
Email, 11 Jun 2022
Mark Ellis, Woy Woy

Feeble justification for delay in council democracy

Anyone who was looking forward to a quick return to an elected Council, now that the financial crisis seems to be over, must have been bitterly disappointed with the Minister's announcement that there will be no election until the end of 2024.

By that time, we shall have been under the jurisdiction of an appointed Administrator for so long that most people will have forgotten what an elected Council looks like.

Given that the original idea was that the Administrator was to be in charge only until the Council's financial mess was sorted out and a working organization was put in place, it is difficult to understand why it is necessary for the Administrator to stay on for another two and a half years.

The excuse that the Minister doesn't want to wear out the ratepayers with two elections in two and a half years is about as feeble a justification for a delay as can be imagined.

We are going to a state election one of these days, so, at the very least, why couldn't our local election be held at the same time. The Administrator himself now says that the Council's affairs are on a sound financial footing and that there is a 10-year plan in place to guide long-term decision-making and maintain stability.

If that is the case, what obstacle is there to handing over the reins

immediately?

The only conclusion we can draw is that the Minister doesn't trust any elected Council not to go off the rails again, as soon as it has its hands on the chequebook, and is going to keep the Administrator in office as long as possible, to avoid having to cover up another failure of Office of Local Government and the NSW Audit Office on her watch.

Another meaningless public inquiry would probably erode whatever political capital she has left to the point where it was non-existent.

Residents of the Peninsula might also have noted the Minister's announcement that the new Development Control Plan will be promulgated this month.

However, if they think this will make any difference to the way development is managed in Central Coast, I suspect they will be in for a rude awakening.

The "new" Plan is just a regurgitation of the two old ones, with a few extra mistakes added, so we can continue to look forward to multiple future approvals of non-conforming developments, contrary to the wishes of the community at large.

The Council has departed from its standards so regularly and with so little justification that the Plan now has about as much legal strength as a wet lettuce leaf.

In fact, it is, accordingly, very difficult for the Council to exercise any authority, because it has created so many undesirable precedents that it has hardly a leg to stand on when it comes to a Court challenge.

Developers now have pretty much given up any pretence of observing the Plan requirements.

They do whatever they want and just point to all the other variations the Council has allowed as sufficient grounds for demanding approval of new ones.

It would be nice to think that an elected Council might change that situation, but history suggests otherwise.

SOURCE:
Email, 6 Jun 2022
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

Master plan leaves unanswered questions

Today I attended council's public session Woy Woy foreshore master plan at the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

Prior to this interaction, I had prepared six questions to be answered, before any discussion on the master plan was practical.

A question I have asked for more than six years remains unanswered, and is vital to the preparation of the master plan.

What is the projected population growth on the Peninsula for the next 10 years and beyond? This was not answered in the Central Coast Regional Plan 2036 and remains in limbo.

Another question was in regard to timeline.

The advice is that the work will roll out over 10 years with five stages.

Administrator Hart has advised the council has a 10-year financial plan.

Will the plan cover all costs or will the public be forced into supplementary assistance?

An interest to all veterans is the upgrade of the Memorial Park.

Veterans have seen the site change from a feature of Anzac Day to a site that has been downgraded due to the council's financial management.

The floral display was always in peak condition for the significant ceremony.

There are other matters that should be attended to, which requires input from the Peninsula's veteran community and all supporters.

To conclude, it will be interesting to observe the council's approach

to the master plan without knowing consumer demand and the council's financial status beyond the next 10 years.

Then there is the unknown influence of the next state election.

Administrator Hart will be on alert for all political signals as the election draws closer.

He will not take risks from now till the election. His survival is at stake.

Climate change was on my list. If there is an unexpected climate event, all existing information will be instantly obsolete.

What will be the council's response? Will the master plan be cancelled?

SOURCE:
Letter, 9 Jun 2022
Norm Harris, Umina

Council operating budget needs to fix problems

Administrator Hart claims that "a large percentage of Council's operating budget is invested in roads." (CCN 10 June, page 3).

Well, that is not enough.

It does not cover the poorly designed and badly maintained roads and drains, lack of kerbing, guttering and footpaths.

Nor the verges, parklands

and open spaces overgrown and choked with weeds and litter.

Nor the badly designed and poorly maintained stormwater outfalls eroding sand dunes and destroying foreshores and waterways.

Mr Hart needs to invest the largest part of our ratepayers' revenue in the operating budget and then make sure that the

largest percentage of that is spent on fixing those problems.

That will go a large percentage of the way to improving liveability, habitability and the environment for the largest part of the population of this local government area.

And it will also provide infrastructure to support the increasing development and growth Council keeps approving.

Mr Hart and the chief executive claim to have been clever in rescuing the budget so quickly from its catastrophic state.

With that done, and while they don't have to deal with "interference from councillors", let's now see how quickly they can turn things around on the ground.

SOURCE:
Email, 13 Jun 2022
Ian Weekley, Umina Beach

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Sister Carmel Silvas retires after 49 years

Sister Carmel Silvas has retired from Brisbane Waters Private Hospital after 49 years in nursing experience. Hospital chief executive Ms Debra Ritter said Sister Silvas started at the Mater Hospital in 1973.

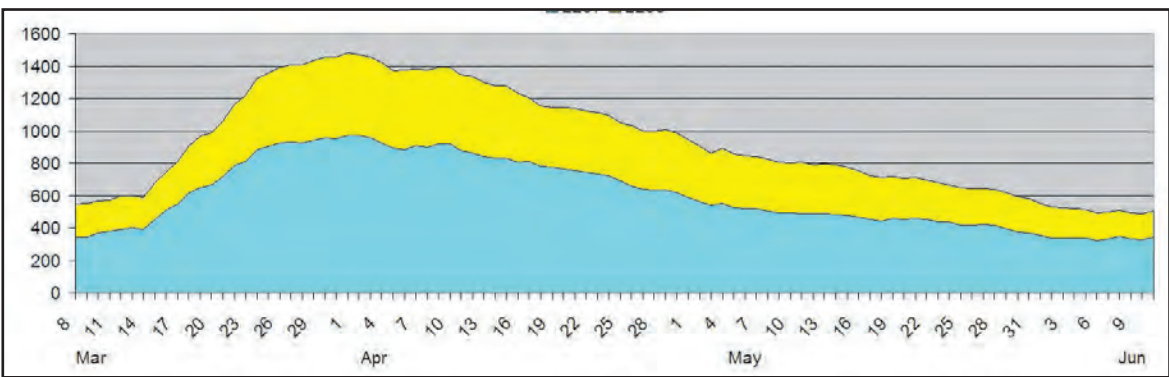
“She specialised in orthopaedics and has worked at Gosford Private Hospital, Gosford District, Berkeley Vale for 20 years, and Brisbane

Waters Private for the past 3.5 years,” she said.

“Now that she’s retiring, she is hoping to do some travelling after a well-deserved rest.”

Ms Ritter said the Sister Silvas’ retirement would be “a huge loss with her experience and expertise”. “She will be greatly missed.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Jun 2022
Debra Ritter, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital



Active cases lowest since January 2

The Peninsula had its lowest number of active coronavirus cases since January 2 last Friday, June 10, according to figures from the NSW Government’s Covid data and statistics webpage.

A total of active cases 489 cases were reported, comprising

161 in the 2256 postcode area and 328 in the 2257 postcode area.

This compares to 485 cases on Sunday, January 2, when case numbers were rapidly rising.

Numbers have dropped by 153 in the past fortnight, about a quarter down (24 per cent) on the 642 cases on May 27.

Around 1.03 per cent of the population has currently tested positive to Covid, while 27.3 per cent of the population has tested positive over the course of the pandemic.

SOURCE:
Website, 13 Jun 2022
Covid Data and Statistics, NSW Government

BreastScreen returns to Woy Woy CWA

The BreastScreen NSW mobile van has returned to the grounds of the Woy Woy CWA hall until July 29.

“This is our fifth year hosting the Big Pink Bus,” said branch president Ms Jane Bowtell.

“We’re so glad we can help bring this essential service to the Peninsula.”

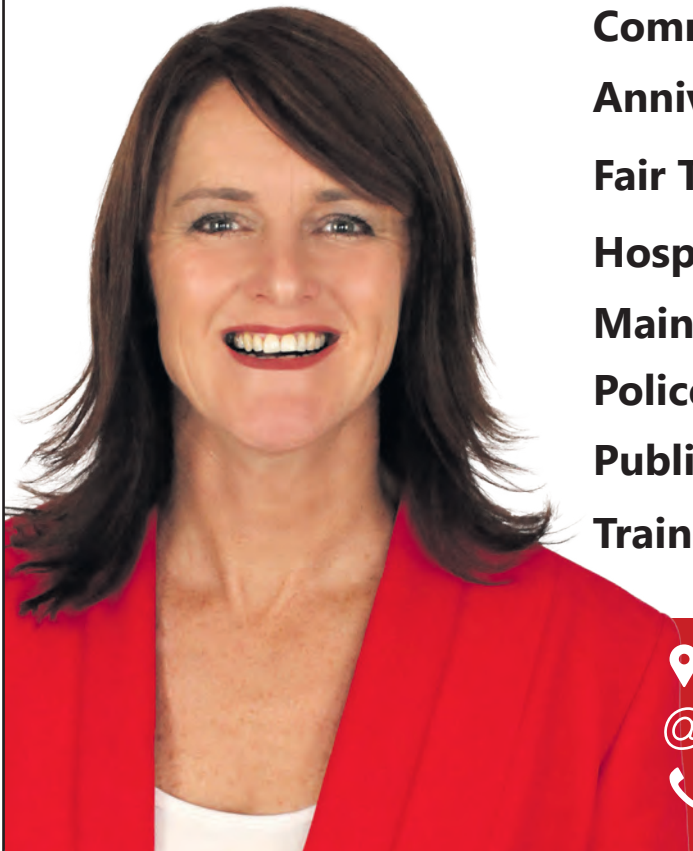
The service operates weekdays 8am to 4pm Call 13 20 50 or visit the website at www.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au to book a screening.

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Jun 2022
Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy



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Sport



Woy Woy in 28-0 rugby union defeat

Kariong defeated Woy Woy, 28 – 0, in Round 9 of Premier 1 competition of Central Coast Rugby Union on Saturday, June 4.

Woy Woy currently sits at the bottom of the point table with one point.

No rugby was played on the Coast over the June Long Weekend with the NSW Country Rugby Championships being played at Tamworth.

Central Coast fielded three representative teams in Senior 1st XV, Colts XV and Women's XV.

SOURCE:

Media release, 5 Jun 2022
Larry Thomson, CCRU



‘Come and try’ outriggers

The Central Coast Outrigger Canoe Club will hold a “Come and Try” morning from 9:30am on Saturday, June 25.

It will be held at the waterfront near the Woy Woy Sea Scouts Hall adjacent to Lions Park.

“If you love keeping fit, making new friends or competing in a

great sport, then rock on down to our Come and Try morning,” said committee member Ms Debbie Sunartha.

For further details email centralcoastocc@gmail.com or call club president Ms Jenny Norris on 0414 953 638.

SOURCE:

Media release, 13 Jun 2022
Debbie Sunartha, CCOCC

Club to hold national qualifying event

The Brisbane Water Bridge Club will hold a Grand National Open Teams qualifying event later this month.

It will be a Gold Point Teams Event, played from 9:30am on Friday, June 24.

Pre-entry is required, with entries closing at 4pm on Monday, June 20, and costing \$30 per player.

Lunch will be provided, with dietary requirements catered for.

The club will hold a Winter Pairs competition as a red point, walk-

in event at 12:30pm on Saturday, June 25.

The club's Wednesday monthly point score competition will be judged on the best three Wednesday results in June.

SOURCE:

Website, 8 Jun 2022
Brisbane Water Bridge Club



Swampies donate paging system for hospital surgical area

A donation by a social golf club in Woy Woy will allow parents of children undergoing surgery in Gosford Hospital to use a paging system instead of having to sit in the surgical waiting area.

The Swampies Social Golf Club members at the Everglades Country Club, Woy Woy, have donated \$5000 to Gosford Hospital.

The donation will be put towards the purchase of a remote paging system, allowing Gosford Theatre staff to allocate a pager to a child's parent or carer as the patient is being taken in for surgery, said club secretary Mr Ken Martin.

“When the patient's procedure is complete, staff are able to make

contact with the parent or carer by activating the pager.”

Nurse unit manager Ms Toni Hoad said: “This paging system is much more flexible, effective and time-saving then say the use of mobile phones or manpower to contact parents.

“Parents can confidently go and have a coffee or check on other family members knowing their pager will go off as soon as the patient is ready, without the need to wait in the surgical waiting area.”

The donation was made to Central Coast Local Health District on Tuesday, May 31.

The cheque was presented to fundraising manager Ms Jan Richens, with the District's acting families director Ms Leanne Roberts and Ms Hoad also present.

Ms Richens thanked the

Swampies and said it was a pleasure working with such community-minded individuals to enhance care provided by Central Coast Health.

Mr Martin said: “The Swampies have a long history of donations to local causes throughout the 42 years that the club has been going.

“In recent years, our donations have been directed to the District's Children's Fund and to Cancer Services to purchase equipment that is vitally needed.

“In the past 10 years, the Swampies are proud to have donated over \$25,000 to Central Coast Local Health District services”, he said.

SOURCE:

Media release, 31 May 2022
Ken Martin, Swampies
Social Golf Club

Woy Woy Roosters look to bounce back

Woy Woy entered the clash with Toukley on Sunday, June 5, looking to bounce back from their loss in a wet weather slog with Kincumber the previous weekend in the Central Coast First Grade Rugby League competition.

They came away with a 26-18 loss.

Earlier in the day, the Woy Woy women's league tag team picked up their first win of the campaign, taking down the Ourimbah Magpies 30-18.

Aiming to back up their victory against Kincumber last time out, the Woy Woy Reserve Grade side fell narrowly to the Hawks, going down 28-20.

First Grade play kicked off amidst blustery conditions at Woy Woy Oval, and it was the Toukley side who were the first team to adjust.

An early line break forced a superb cover tackle from Roosters fullback, Guy Pearson.

However the Hawks were able to find their way over on the resulting play the ball.

Off the next set of six, Toukley was able to force their way back down the other end of the field, and quickly the score read 10 points to nil after just 10 minutes of play.

Led by some strong early carries, Woy Woy looked to wrestle themselves back into the game.

However, Toukley was able to limit the attacking options of the Roosters.

When given opportunity to strike, some slick ball movement down the right touchline found them another four-pointer with 15 minutes to play in the half.

An error from the kick-off gave Woy Woy a golden opportunity to get back into the contest, and on this occasion they took it.

Jake Hardman screamed through a hole in the Hawks defence to bring the margin back down to eight points.

But just as a switch in momentum looked to occur, it was the Roosters with an error from the kick-off, with the wind continuously disturbing the ball in the air.

And just as Woy Woy had done moments before, Toukley were able to cross the chalk for their fourth with little resistance.

Fortunately for the Roosters, Bodie, one of the standouts so far this season, crashed over with just a minute left before the break, giving the Hawks something to think about on their way off the field.

Entering the second half trailing 20-12, the Roosters needed to start the better of the teams.

However errors and missed tackles allowed for Toukley to reclaim their hold on the contest, a try in the 46th minute stretching the margin back out to 14 points.

From here, the match became somewhat of a grind for both sides.

Woy Woy, through some individual brilliance by centre Joe Williams, brought the score line to 26-18 with over 25 minutes remaining on the clock.

Some tenacious goal line play from the Roosters showed some grit, and combined with some loose handling from the Hawks, Woy Woy gave themselves an opportunity to steal away the contest.

However, Toukley was just as effective at denying anything the Roosters threw at them for the remainder of the match, coming away victors 26-18 for their third win of the season.

SOURCE:

Media release, 5 Jun 2022
Woy Woy Roosters RLFC
Photos: Nick Friend