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SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Jun 2022
Matt Downie, BlueWave Living



'Coffee with a cop' at Woy Woy

Police from Brisbane Water District came to Woy Woy on June 23 offering "Coffee with a Cop".

"Thanks to all those who came down to Deepwater Plaza yesterday.

"It was great to be back out and about amongst the community.

"We even had a little friend want to try out for our Dog Unit."

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Jun 2022
Brisbane Water Police District



Free technology classes

The team running free technology classes in Ettalong for over-55s were available last week to answer questions about the course.

The Digital Connect team from Central Coast Community College, pictured, set up a table to answer questions in the foyer of Ettalong

Diggers.

The classes are being held at Ettalong Diggers on the last Tuesday of each month.

The next free course is being held tomorrow, Tuesday, June 28, from 10 am.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Jun 2022
Ettalong Diggers

School needs canteen volunteers

Ettalong Public School is seeking volunteers to help out with the school canteen.

"Our canteen is P and C run with profits going directly back to the school," said relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"Volunteers, we need you.

"Volunteer for four hours or more and you will be eligible for up to \$10 worth of canteen menu items, redeemable on the day.

"All school volunteers must be double vaccinated against Covid."

SOURCE:
Newsletter,
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

June rainfall may be lowest in 18 years

The rainfall for June on the Peninsula has been the lowest in 18 years, with little forecast for the remainder of the month.

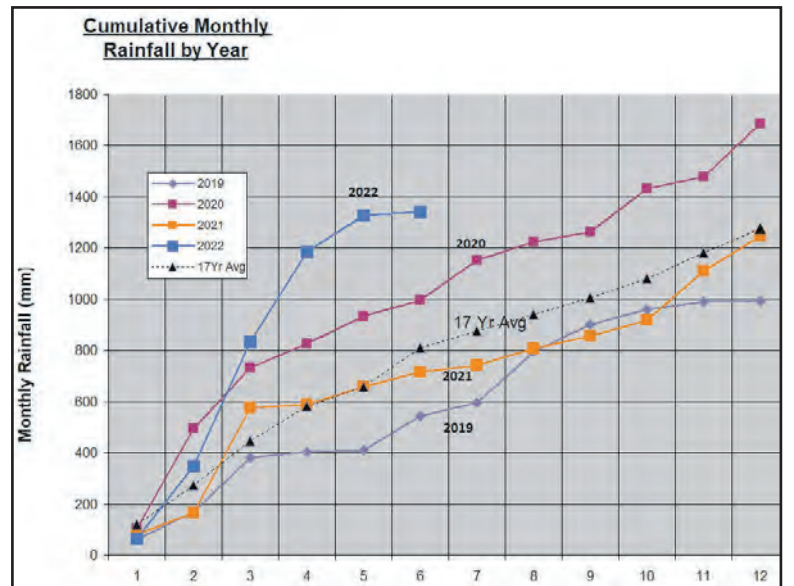
Just 11.4mm was recorded by Friday, June 24, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

The next lowest recording for June in the last 17 years was 52.1mm recorded last year.

The lowest before that was 64.9mm recorded in 2020.

The average June rainfall is 147mm.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 24 Jun 2022
Jim Morrison, Umina





Tree vandalism to be raised with Council

The Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation will approach Central Coast Council about alleged tree vandalism on the Ettalong foreshore.

Branch president Mr Mark Ellis said the branch would ask the Council to investigate the apparent recent drilling and poisoning of a number of coastal banksias and to “follow up with legal enforcement”.

Members of the Peninsula Residents Association and the Grow Urban Shade Trees group were alerted to the tree vandalism last week.

“This is an act of premeditated environmental vandalism” said GUST representative Ms Debbie Sunartha.

“This is a selfish act. These trees belong to the whole community.”

She said concerned residents contacted both groups for support and advice when they noticed three established trees unexpectedly dying on the foreshore near the Atlantis apartments.

Drill holes could clearly be seen at the base of the trees, she said.

“It is hoped that the majority of responsible residents and neighbours actually value and understand the importance of dune vegetation and these trees in particular.

“They provide a valuable food source for many native wildlife, including birds, insects and small mammals. Destroying these trees does a lot of harm to a delicate ecosystem.”

Mr Ellis said, when residents removed dune vegetation for the view, they were removing the natural protection against coastal erosion.

“Coastal zones like Ettalong

Beach are impacted by storm surges and coastal erosion, which can be seen at Lance Webb Reserve just metres away.

“The Department of Lands, in a report as far back as 1992, identified the Ettalong Beach shoreline ecosystem as under pressure from recreation, tourism, building development and sand movement, and found that the remnant ecosystems on Ettalong beach must be protected and enhanced.

“The utilisation of green infrastructure to protect beaches is widely known, and the importance of preserving the area’s natural environment was highlighted in the 2007 Ettalong Beach foreshore management plan.”

Ms Sunartha agreed: “As we lose more and more of the canopy layer on our local dune systems to erosion following extreme storms, ongoing vandalism and historic mismanagement, development and over clearing, we are leaving not only our local ecosystems open to further extreme degradation but also exposing residents living along these coastlines open to increasing weather event extremes.”

She said: “The loss of mature trees across the Peninsula due to the development boom is both scary and upsetting.

“I hope to see our Central Coast Council following their Greener Places Strategy and acting to protect pre-existing natural assets.

“Concerned members of the public would like to see disciplinary action taken to discourage future vandalism.”

SOURCE:
Media release, 26 Jun 2022
Mark Ellis, ACF Central Coast
Media release, 26 Jun 2022
Debbie Sunartha, GUST

Students convince Rotary club to make First Aid donation

Two Woy Woy South Public School students have successfully convinced the Rotary Club of Umina Beach to donate to a First Aid course for Year 6 students.

School captain Jonty Beaton and vice-captain Mara Hatfield-Favand gave an “enjoyable and informative presentation”, according to club president Mr Bruce Croft.

Jonty and Mara acted out a bush walk where a snake bit Jonty on the leg.

Jonty fell over in pain and Mara demonstrated how to apply a pressure bandage on the bite until help arrives.

Mara went on to describe an incident which actually occurred when she and her father Jerome were walking along the beach at Umina, Mr Croft said.

“The beach was littered with debris washed down the Hawkesbury River from the recent floods and the waves were a bit rough.

“A tourist was walking on the shoreline in the shallow waves when a large wave carried an unseen piece of corrugated iron into the man’s leg.

“His leg was severely gashed and an artery was severed.

“Mara and Jerome used one of their jumpers as a tourniquet to staunch the blood flow until paramedics arrived some 20 minutes later.

“The paramedics said that the victim would have bled out if first aid had not been applied,” Mr Croft



said.

“In both these cases, the message from Jonty and Mara was clear that you need to know about First Aid at the most unexpected time.

Jonty and Mara told the club that the Red Cross offered a First Aid Course for Year 6 students called Year 6 Heroes.

Mr Croft said: “Each course runs for six hours over a number of weeks for a total of 75 students, 25 in each session.

“Unfortunately the quoted price to run the course is \$3200 for a year or discounted to \$2760 per year for five years.

“The school P and C has agreed to top up a shortfall in funding but has suggested that the students arrange a fund-raising program first.

“Our members offered several suggestions on fund raising opportunities including approaching other Rotary Clubs, Registered Clubs, and the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

“It was agreed that Umina Beach Rotary Club is committed to a donation, subject to a conversation with the project sponsoring teacher.”

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 22 Jun 2022
Bruce Croft, Rotary Umina Beach

Grant for bee garden

Woy Woy Public School has successfully applied for a grant to plant a “bee garden”.

“The garden will have native trees and shrubs that attract local bee species,” said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

“The intention is for students to be engaged and active participants in the setting up and maintenance of the bee garden, which in turn

we hope will encourage them to grow a connection and sense of responsibility.”

Teacher Ms Emily Bartlett successfully applied for a grant of \$15,000 and will work with the school’s P and C to complete the project before the end of the year.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 17 Jun 2022
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

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An Open Letter to the University of Newcastle

Dear University of Newcastle

Guringai on the Central Coast are asking themselves this: “Can the University of Newcastle be trusted?”

Guringai have presented you with solid academic evidence from at least two universities, including your own, that they are a true First Nations tribe of the Central Coast.

We also have evidence of errors in your previous academic scholarship.

Guringai face a huge effort to be heard by any authorities. Their future is on the line. Your staff say they “lost Guringai’s evidence”. Twice.

Both Guringai and Darginoong have been patient and courteous in their efforts to work with you.

Now we ask; “Why does the University refuse to engage with Guringai? Do they have vested interests in denying their existence?”

Tracey Howie / Friends of Guringai

Authorised by Tracey Howie, Toukley NSW

Planning



Top: View of amended design from Alfred St (left) and West St intersection (right)
Above: Design rejected by Local Planning Panel
Below: Northern elevation of amended design

Alfred St ‘shop-top’ proposal resubmitted for review

A five-storey “shop-top” residential development in Umina, rejected by the Local Planning Panel in December, is being resubmitted with amendments for a “Section 8.2 review”.

The development at 1-3 Alfred St would have 14 apartments and three commercial suites, and provide 35 underground car spaces.

Documents available on the council’s planning portal do not spell out the changes to the plans, but setbacks for the fifth storey appear to have increased.

Perspective rendering of the

plans, prepared by ADG Architects, show the fifth storey is not to be visible from across the road in Alfred St and only partially visible from the intersection of Alfred and West Sts.

In its refusal of the application in December, the Panel’s reasons included: “the proposed height of five storeys exceeds the four storey limit for the site” and “no compelling reason has been put forward to justify exceedance of these height limits”.

It also stated: “The proposed non-compliance would constitute an undesirable precedent for future development and threaten the future achievement of the strategic

planning objectives for the desired future character of the area.”

The Panel also said the proposal did not comply with setbacks, building separation and the communal open space did not comply with the State’s Apartment Design Guide requirements.

An Australian Design Guide statement of compliance completed by architect Mr Anthony Kelly for the review states that the new design complies with the Guide in all but height.

Closing date for public submissions is July 15.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 25 Jun 2022
DA61540, Central Coast Council



New planning controls to start in August, says Crouch

The finalisation of the region’s new Local Environmental Plan will see the Central Coast community, council and development industry

benefit from simplified planning rules, according to Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Mr Adam Crouch.

He said the new Plan combines planning guidelines from the former Gosford and Wyong council areas into one comprehensive rulebook.

“The Central Coast has been operating under five different planning documents since Gosford and Wyong were amalgamated in 2016, each with separate controls,” Mr Crouch said.

“This new Plan creates consistency, cohesion and clarity for the community, investors, and council staff when preparing and assessing development applications.”

The Central Coast Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan will come into effect from August 1.

Mr Crouch said more information was available on the website <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/ppr/finalisation/central-coast-consolidated-lep>.

SOURCE:
Media release, 24 Jun 2022
Adam Crouch, Member for Terrigal

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* Officeworks website, 25 Jun 2022

Cases jump by 23 per cent in 10 days

Coronavirus cases have jumped by 23 per cent in the last fortnight in the 2256 and 2257 postcode areas.

Active case numbers have risen from 479 on June 14 to 591 on June 23, representing a rise from 1.02 per cent of the Peninsula

population to 1.25 per cent. The numbers on June 14 were the lowest since January 2.

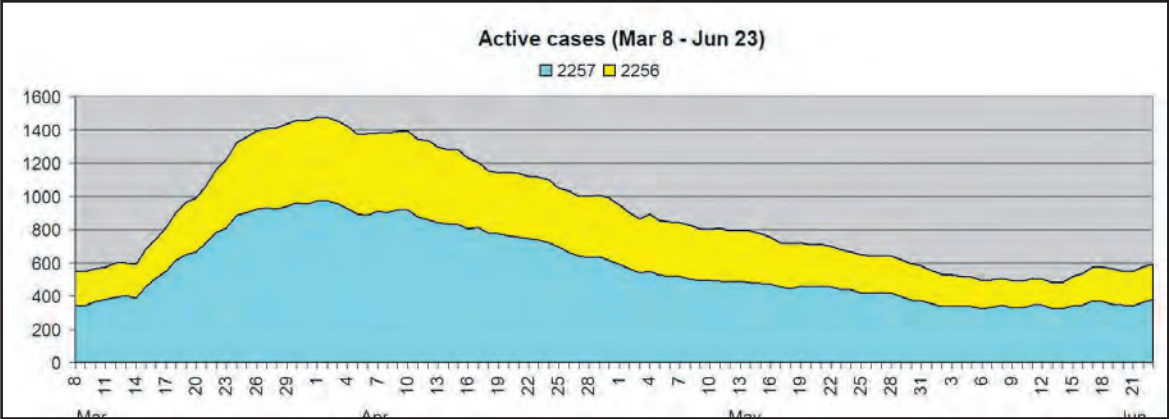
The sharp rise contrasts with the regional figures which have risen by just 2.4 per cent over the same period.

The Peninsula figures represent 1.25 per cent of the population,

where the regional figures represent 1.09 per cent.

Until a fortnight ago, regional active case rates were usually higher than those on the Peninsula.

SOURCE:
Website, 25 Jun 2022
Covid data and statistics,
NSW Government



Students invited to submit films about democracy

Secondary school students have until Friday to enter a short film competition by NSW Parliament, according to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

She said the theme was "Parliament: why do we need it?"

Ms Tesch said the theme served as a reminder of the importance of

democracy.

"Parliament is an incredibly important institution that holds our Government to account and ensures that all voices are heard in making key decisions for our state and our country," she said.

"We are fortunate to have a robust and healthy system of government in Australia which unfortunately is not the same for

every country."

The Parli-Flicks Short Film Award is sponsored by the Australasian Study of Parliament Group and is open to students in Years 7 to 12.

The overall winner will receive \$250 in prize money and the state Parli-Flicks trophy.

The short film can be fictional or documentary in style, use live action or animation, be serious or light-hearted.

Films must run for no longer than 60 seconds and students can submit as an individual or in a group of up to five.

The winners will be invited to an awards night at the NSW Parliament on September 15, the International Day of Democracy.

For more information and details of how to enter, visit <https://education.parliament.nsw.gov.au/parli-flicks-democracy-day-short-film-award/>

SOURCE:
Media release, 20 Jun 2022
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Chamber calls on Council to maintain Ettalong

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has called on Central Coast Council to re-invest in the Ettalong Beach town centre.

"A recent inspection by the Chamber of Commerce has confirmed what we already knew. Ettalong Beach town centre maintenance is at an all time low", said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"Ocean View Rd is badly potholed, landscaping is in poor condition, tree guards are being lifted out of the ground, pedestrian crossings are crumbling, trees have not been pruned, the beachfront is overgrown and graffiti is epidemic."

Mr Wales questioned the Council's spending priorities.

"Council can spend thousands of dollars on an art program called Changing Faces in Ettalong Beach but can't find the dollars to look after the street infrastructure," he said.

"While art and culture is important to our community, it should take a back seat to

maintaining the existing footpaths and roads that are supposed to service locals and visitors alike.

"It's pointless for Council to commission expensive art works and produce glossy photos and advertising when visitors arriving via the Palm Beach Ferry or coming up the freeway see crumbling roads, weed infested beachfronts, grubby footpaths and graffitied buildings.

"Sadly, after 20 years of hard work by the Chamber and local business to create the real face of Ettalong Beach, the Council is letting this slip away through lack of maintenance and no prospect in the foreseeable future of new capital works.

"As the Administrator has recently confirmed, the budget is now back in the black and more attention should be paid to improving town centre maintenance," said Mr Wales.

SOURCE:
Media release, 14 Jun 2022
Matthew Wales, Peninsula
Chamber of Commerce



NRMA signs memorandum with Darkinjung

NRMA Ocean Beach Holiday Park has entered into a historic Memorandum of Understanding with the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council.

It is effective until the end of 2025.

The Memorandum details plans for the First Nations community to work together with the team at NRMA Ocean Beach Holiday Park in Umina, said NRMA Parks and Resorts chief operating officer Mr Paul Davies.

The agreement aims to increase aboriginal cultural education and tourism, employment and cultural capability at Ocean Beach, he said.

"The NSW Central Coast has one of the nation's highest concentrations of aboriginal cultural heritage sites, making Ocean Beach an ideal fit for the first memorandum signed between the NRMA and a local aboriginal land council."

Darkinjung chief operating officer Mr Brendan Moyle said the signed memorandum was "the result of balanced negotiations and a real willingness to work together on behalf of both parties".

"We're thrilled to have signed the memorandum with the great team at Ocean Beach and look forward to working together and sharing our aboriginal culture with the guests," Mr Moyle said.

Mr Davies said the memorandum was an important achievement for the local community and more broadly for the organisation's

2019 Reconciliation Action Plan, which detailed its commitment to First Nations cultural heritage and enabling opportunities for employment.

"In 2022, NRMA's focus is on fostering education and employment pathways as well as economic prosperity for First Nations peoples, while offering opportunities for our guests to learn more about local aboriginal culture and make a personal connection with the local community," Mr Davies said.

The agreement opens the way for Welcome to Country ceremonies, smoking ceremonies and dance group performances, celebrations of Reconciliation and Naidoc Weeks, culturally educational signage in the natural environment, cultural tours, storytelling and education, and other cultural events led by Darkinjung.

NRMA Ocean Beach Holiday Park will provide employment opportunities for aboriginal people through traineeships and recruitment and actively seek procurement opportunities for local aboriginal organisations and service providers.

Pictured are NRMA Parks and Resorts general manager Ms Janelle Boyd, Mr Davies, Darkinjung chairman Mr Barry Duncan, NRMA indigenous engagement manager Ms Di Ellis and Mr Moyle.

SOURCE:
Media release, 20 Jun 2022
Sarah Shields, Sarah Shields PR

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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Next meeting on Tuesday June 28th 2022



Forum

Caricature of planning diverts from what is really needed

The so-called Woy Woy Waterfront Master Plan is a caricature of planning.

It consists of a series of pretty coloured pictures, showing rather fancifully imagined improvements to the waterfront, but with no explanation of what the plan is supposed to achieve, no programming of the elements of the plan, no budget for the works and no indication of how it responds to contributions made by the community to the previous iteration of the plan.

Was there really a groundswell of support for a Gateway Fountain on Brisbane Water Drive or for a Musical Art Sculpture on Brick Wharf Rd?

My impression was the the community's main interest was in the Pelican Park Playground where the wishes of users have been completely ignored.

Much play is made with the use of "canopy trees", although how canopy trees are to fare in streets

that are largely monopolized by overhead wires is left to the imagination.

Similarly, The Boulevard is now to become a "shared street", but there is no hint as to what this is supposed to mean, assuming it means anything other than what it already is.

Quaintly, the "Town Centre Precinct" bears no relationship to the Town Centre.

In fact, the Town Centre might as well not exist for all the consideration it has received in the preparation of this plan.

Surely, this should have been one of the prime concerns, if the waterfront is to become more than just another area of deserted landscaping.

There isn't even a pedestrian access way from the nearest parking lot, so who is going to be attracted to this remote part of Woy Woy, to enjoy the Promenade and the view of Pelican Island?

This seems more like

somebody's vanity project than a serious attempt to improve the attractiveness of the Woy Woy centre: "putting lipstick on a pig" is a phrase that leaps to mind.

Woy Woy centre is an ugly, down-market collection of second-rate shops, with poor parking and no pedestrian amenity worth the name.

So why isn't priority being accorded to a revamp of an area that people use, despite all its drawbacks, so that Woy Woy residents get some real benefit from the use of their funds?

If ever a "shared street" was needed, it is Blackwall Rd, and what happened to the grand vision of Woy Woy as a walker-friendly precinct?

This sort of piddling exercise just about stretches to capacity of Central Coast Council to its limits but only serves to divert attention from what really needs to be done.

SOURCE:
Email, 16 Jun 2022
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

Another botched waterfront park?

Thank you Peninsula News for bringing to my attention Central Coast Council Woy Woy Waterfront plan.

Our family is a heavy user of this public asset.

We use Pelican Park. We attend the dawn services. We often visit fishermen's wharf for a meal. I launch my boat from the ramp and most mornings I cycle along the waterfront.

I've studied this plan in detail.

Yet again, it's clear our town planners are woefully incompetent. Is it the same people who designed the fantastically-botched Gosford waterfront park? It would appear so.

A "palm grove"? Is that a joke?

The waterfront has some of the most beautiful mature native trees and shrubs.

Palm trees will stick out like a sore thumb.

Council want to demolish a beautiful natural area and cover it in concrete.

The sculpture park is a totally horrible idea from an environmental point of view.

A "gateway fountain" in front of a pub?

It doesn't take an Einstein to work out this will quickly become a "gateway urinal".

They're bloody hideous things.

The "Woy Woy baths" will never work.

It's a murky body of water with

ribbon weed, petrol and rubbish.

Do it properly and make it a concrete outdoor recreational swimming pool like the Boyd Charlton pool at Woolloomooloo, or do nothing at all and let it revert back to its natural state.

No one except the owners of a nearby hotel wants to demolish Pelican Park.

The new one slapped together is cheap, crap and has nowhere for parents and families to gather except maybe the newly proposed "Kiosk" next to a hotel.

So no longer can the public eat packed lunches and drinks.

We would be forced to spend \$60 buying food and drink from a licensed proprietor.

The "Beach Shack/Kayak hire" is a terrible idea.

That area of the foreshore is ecologically very sensitive, with lots of small native birds and local plants.

There is absolutely no where for parking either.

Nor do I want a Disneyland feel to what is a quiet and peaceful area enjoyed by locals.

Let's be honest, most of what's designed will never get built.

Council won't have enough funds.

It's just a sales pitch to funnel as much traffic as possible to a nearby hotel and their new "Kiosk".

SOURCE:
Email, 19 Jun 2022
Luke Chell, Woy Woy

Conflict between estuary management and masterplan

I am reluctant to comment on a plan costing at \$1.2M with many irregularities, without any assurance of improvement.

There is conflict between the Woy Woy Waterfront Masterplan and the Brisbane Water Estuary Management Plan April 2011.

The amalgamation has changed the council's priorities from estuary health to entertainment and recreation development.

I refer to Figure 3.4 and associated works, especially Action W43.

Why is the council addressing an issue that should have been rectified sometime after April 2011?

The Memorial Park has been

marked for recreation, complete with a waterfront promenade.

Is it a heritage or recreation precinct?

Another trade-off for development is unsurprising.

Coastal wetlands, Section 3, have significance the Woy Woy Waterfront Masterplan, yet it also shares space with recreational outlets, emphasising the confused purpose of the plan.

Turning Section 2 into another shared zone is a rushed decision, without any meaningful input.

With more than a dozen staff attending the Peninsula Leisure Centre, I expected a plan that would be supported.

However, there is very little in the plan, an indication the council

has not seriously addressed the issues.

Any work on the waterfront will be limited to the best and latest advice on climate change.

What scientific report did they use to prepare this plan?

Did they refer to DA53119/2017? Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has unfavourably commented on this plan.

I expect this to be common.

Design of the promenade adjoining the Memorial Park will be contentious for many reasons.

With costs applying, Council staff need to be transparent with veterans of all conflicts.

SOURCE:
Letter, 18 Jun 2022
Norm Harris, Umina

Aged care work progresses

Building work at a Woy Woy aged care home is progressing in sunny weather, according to its chief executive.

Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie said: "The Eastern main slab area has now been fully poured and completed.

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Teachers set to strike on Thursday

Teachers across the Peninsula are set to join their colleagues in the NSW Teachers Federation and the Independent Education Union in Newcastle and Sydney in industrial strikes on Thursday, June 30.

Ettalong Woy Woy Teachers Association president Mr Christopher Wright said: "The NSW Government has failed to genuinely address the teacher shortage that is affecting the teaching profession across NSW, including on the Central Coast.

"An inadequate government response to the public sector wage dispute that leaves teachers and other public sector workers effectively with a wage cut,

combined with an unsustainable and constantly increasing workload, ensures that the teacher shortage will be an ongoing and worsening crisis if the current situation is allowed to continue."

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said NSW Labor had initiated a new Parliamentary inquiry "to uncover the extent and impact of this crisis".

"The chronic shortage of teaching staff is having devastating consequences for the quality of education," she said.

She said the ongoing pay disputes would only worsen the crisis as the Liberal Government refuses to budge on the matter.

"As a former teacher, I understand the challenges and frustrations that our teachers face,

as well as the lack of respect we feel from a Government that takes us for granted.

"In short, while teachers' pay is going down, the only thing going up is teachers' workload.

"This problem will not just go away if the government continues to ignore it. There must be change.

"I am hopeful that NSW Labor's efforts to initiate a Parliamentary inquiry will go some way in responding to the staff shortages, overcrowded classrooms, and the exhausting demands that are placed on our valuable teachers.

"Local teachers are strongly encouraged to make submissions to the inquiry."

SOURCE:

Media release, 24 Jun 2022
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Woy Woy school continues to collect bottle caps

Woy Woy Public School has completed its Bottlecap Mural, but it is still collecting lids.

"We have wondered what we would do with the excess of lids," said teacher Ms Emily Bartlett.

"Would we create another mural? Throw them in the recycling bin?"

Ms Bartlett said the school was hoping to work with a company to collect, recycle and transform soft plastics into new and useful products

"We hope to work closely with the company to engage in educational recycling programs and turn our waste into useful items for around the school.

"Imagine seeing our bottle

caps turned into benches, tables, garden beds.

"We have packaged and sent away our excess of bottle caps and are now requesting that we start collecting again.

"It was a mammoth job sorting out the bottle caps, cleaning them and removing the white paper insert.

"We are now more aware of what is required and ask that if you are collecting them that they are washed, dried and the white paper insert removed.

"This will make the process of shipping them off easier," Ms Bartlett said.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 7 Jun 2022
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

Roofing finished ahead of schedule

Roofing work at Ettalong Public School has been completed a week and a half ahead of schedule.

All access to the school has returned to normal following the re-roofing of the hall, Administration Block and A Block, said relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"The main access gates on both Uligandi and Karingi Sts are now

opened and access to our office is via the Karingi St pedestrian gate," she said.

"The roofers were very lucky with the weather and the work has been completed a week and a half ahead of schedule.

"All activities were carried out safely and the disruptions were minimalised as much as possible."

She said that students and

staff showed patience and were "incredibly sensible during this period".

"The results are outstanding and will make such a difference during wet weather times across our school," she said.

SOURCE:

Media release, 21 Jun 2022
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School



Liesl Tesch MP
Member for Gosford

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Woy Woy Bowling Club closes its doors after 90 years

Woy Woy Bowling Club closed its doors on June 20 after nearly 90 years of operation.

The club has handed in its liquor licence and will play out the 2022-23 bowling season as a sub-club of Umina Bowling Club, said club publicity officer Mr Patrick Croke.

"The board and members decided to wind up the licenced operations due to falling attendance and rising service costs," he said.

"This licence is now cancelled."

A gala bowls day was held on Saturday, June 19, "to commemorate nearly 90 years of lawn bowling on the Peninsula and the pleasure and camaraderie the sport has given to its members".

Mr Croke said the club began in October 1932 when a -meeting was held in Mr Jack Hall's shop attended by 13 local citizens.

"In 1933, the Woy Woy Shire Council granted the committee use of ground at the rear of the Bayview Hotel, which is now Anderson Park.

"The following year a four-rink



green was built on the site.

"While this was in progress, members used a private four-rink green owned by Mr J.Toon, of Ocean Beach.

"This green was used on later occasion while our green was undergoing repairs.

"Woy Woy Bowling Club became affiliated with the Royal NSW Bowling Association in June 1933.

"In 1934, assisted again by the Shire Council with finance, an old

house was purchased and moved to ground at the rear of the green, to be used as a clubhouse.

"The first meeting in this clubhouse was held on April 19, 1934.

"In June 1936, Woman Bowlers were officially granted use of the greens and clubhouse every Monday.

"Nine years later, members began looking to the future and realized a new and larger site was needed to cater for the increasing

number of members.

"The committee approved the purchase of land on the corner of Burge and Brickwarf Rds and also purchased the original clubhouse from the Woy Woy Shire Council and moved it to its new position.

"On the newly-acquired land, one green was built and a grand opening was held on Christmas Day 1948.

"A liquor licence was granted in October 1958."

Extensions were made in 1961

and again in 1963.

"In 1964, with the ever increasing number of members and the growing interest in the game of bowls, plans were being made for a larger clubhouse and more green space

"The first step was the purchase of an adjoining property.

"A contract for the erection of the current clubhouse was given to GM Pluim and Co of Gosford.

"Work commenced in July 1968 and was completed in early December the same year at a total cost of \$100,000.

"Woy Woy Bowling Club had three grass greens which were in constant use by day.

"All were equipped with lighting for night bowls in summer.

"Over the many years, the club has actively participated in charity days and has raised money for organisations such as Child Flight, Gosford Hospital and the Cancer Council."

SOURCE:

Media release, 19 Jun 2022

Patrick Croke, Woy Woy Bowling Club



Grant Watson wins Umina Minor Singles

Grant Watson has won the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club's Minor Singles Championship.

"The final was played at Club Umina on Saturday, June 25, on a pretty slick green, on a beautiful, sunny winter's afternoon," said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"The final was between Grant Watson and Kevin Bettridge, who both played some great draw

bowls.

"Grant was the more consistent bowler on the day, which he converted into his Minor Singles Championship title.

In the semi-finals played the previous week, Kevin Betteridge had defeated Rex A E Hunt and Grant Watson defeated Robin Hill.

SOURCE:

Social media, 25 Jun 2022

Peter Springett, UBMBC

Bowls pennant side managers needed

The Ettalong Eagles Bowling Club needs managers for the Men's Pennant competition starting on July 16.

Pennant side managers are required for the six-round competition and the zone finals on September 10 and 11 and State finals on November 18-20.

Applicants must be a club member, but not necessarily a

bowling member.

Anyone interested should complete an application form and lodge it at the men's bowls office.

A total of six managers are needed for each of Division 1, Division 2, Division 3 (Red), Division 3 (Blue), Division 4 (Red) and Division 4 (Blue).

SOURCE:

Social media, 20 Jun 2022

Ettalong Eagles Bowling Club

Sighted guides wanted for blind athletes

Woy Woy Runners, who organise the Woy Woy Parkrun every Saturday, are exploring the possibility of supporting runners who are blind or low vision Achilles Australia Athletes throughout the year.

"Woy Woy Parkrun is a timed, five kilometre fun run-walk held every Saturday morning at Lions Park in Woy Woy," said organiser Ms Jody O'Connor Weir.

"Most Saturday's at Parkrun, there are two Achilles athletes who each need a person to be their sighted guide.

"We also need someone to run with one of the guide dogs.

"Woy Woy Runners is over 100-people strong now.

"If half of us were willing to volunteer two times per year to be a sighted guide, the roster would be full.

"On the day that you are a volunteer guide, you will need to

arrive 15 minutes early to Parkrun for a guide briefing.

"As a guide, you will get credit for completing your Parkrun and you will also get a Parkrun volunteer credit."

Anyone interested in volunteering should leave a comment on Woy Woy Runners social media page.

SOURCE:

Social media, 20 Jun 2022

Jody O'Connor Weir, Woy Woy Runners

'Relaxed' ride around Brisbane Water

Central Coast Bicycle Users Group will hold a "relaxed" ride around the Brisbane Water Loop starting at Woy Woy Fishermen's Wharf at 8am on Thursday, June 30.

"This ride is perfect for those stepping up from easier rides, like the Woy Woy to Gosford Boomerang ride or other easy and easy-medium graded rides," said leader Mr Alan Corven.

"It is a relaxed-pace ride around Brisbane Waters, starting and ending at Woy Woy.

"Mostly on road shoulders and

shared paths, with some normal traffic roads, so you need to be comfortable cycling on the road with some passing traffic.

"Ride pace will be slower on the shared path sections, picking up on the road sections and with a few very short hills."

Tickets are available at bicyclensw.buncheur.com/central-coast-bug-ccbug-brisbane-water-loop-relaxed-10-1

For further information, call 0414 538 977.

SOURCE:

Social media, 23 Jun 2022

Alan Corven, CCBUG

Free AFL holiday clinic

A free school holiday program will be run by Central Coast AFL at Rogers Park, Woy Woy.

The Holiday Camp Program will run between 10am and noon on Wednesday, July 6.

The clinic will be open to both new and existing Auskickers.

To secure a spot, visit the website aflnswact.com.au/aflschoolholidayclinics

SOURCE:

Social media, 23 Jun 2022

Woy Woy Peninsula Swans AFL

Winter water polo

Woy Woy Wombats water polo club is seeking interest in its social winter competition throughout the third term.

The club hopes to form four mixed teams for Tuesday night senior competition.

It is also wanting four teams for junior competition on Wednesday nights.

There is a \$20 cost and you get pizza on the final night.

Games will be seven a side, with first past post taking out the competition.

Games will have 10-minute halves, with a two-minute half time.

Players from other teams can only fill in if there are less than seven original team members present

Teams will be capped at a maximum of 12 players.

Registration closes on Sunday, July 10.

For further information, email secretarywombats@gmail.com.

SOURCE:

Website, 24 Jun 2022

Woy Woy Wombats