

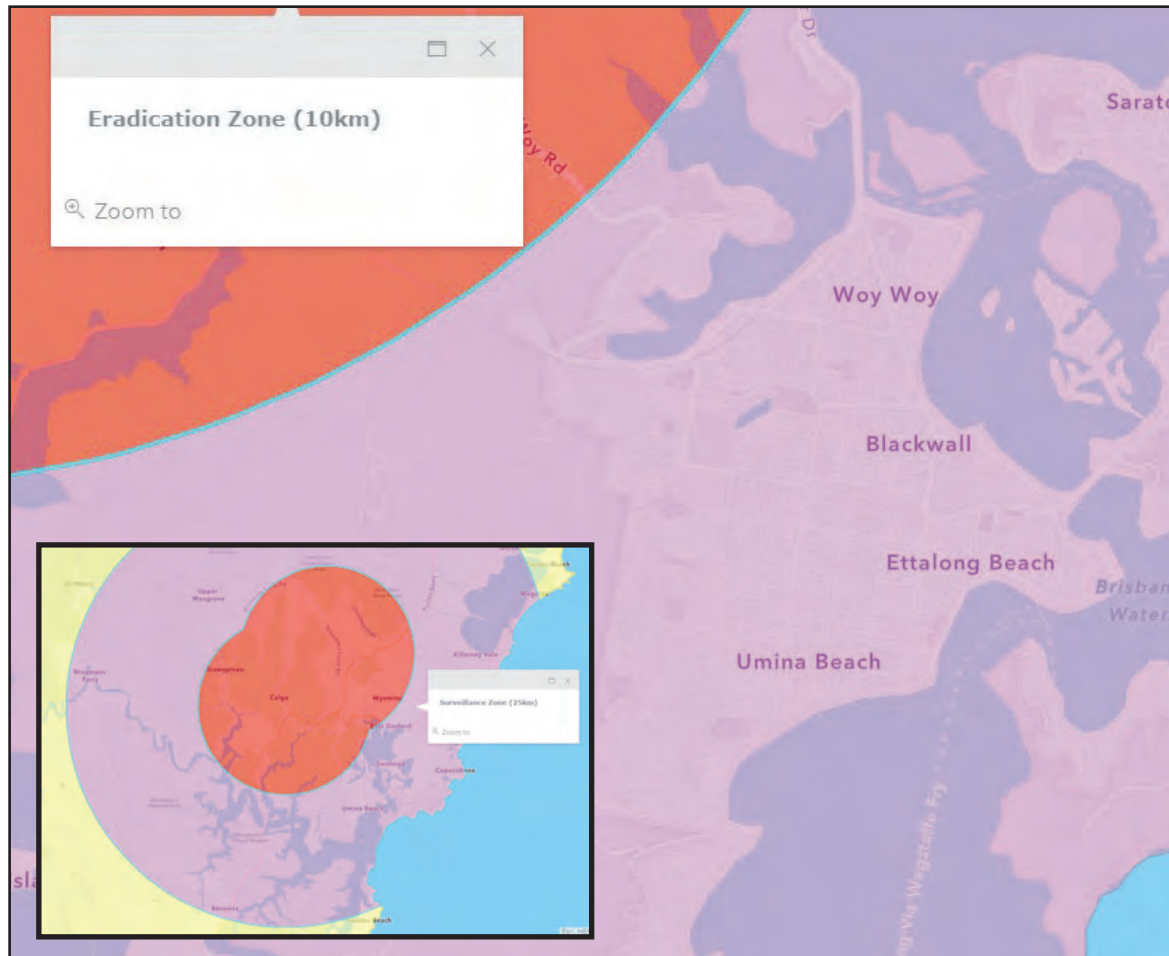
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Community food pantry seeks food donations

Woy Woy Community Food Pantry is short of food, and is seeking donations.

The pantry distributes food parcels to about 90 clients from the Seventh Day Adventist Church at 83 Blackwall Rd.

Donations of dry goods are accepted, but fruit and vegetables are in particular demand.

The next date for distribution is Friday, July 15.

Drop-off address for any food donations is 6 Lismore Ave, Woy Woy.

Distribution centre is the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 10 Jul 2022
Holy Apostles Peninsula
Anglican Church

Patonga fete is planned

The 2022 Patonga Fete is being planned for Saturday, October 1.

It will be held between 9am and 1pm at the Patonga Community Hall at 6 Brisk St, on the corner of Bay St, Patonga.

For further information, contact

Ms Judy Mack on 0409 378 111 or email judymack2013@gmail.com.

For hall hire inquiries, contact Ms Chantel MacClelland on 0402 994 469 or email chantalmaccllelland@gmail.com.

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Jul 2022
Patonga Community Hall

Peninsula falls outside bee eradication zone

The Peninsula has narrowly avoided falling within the honeybee eradication zone following the detection of the destructive varroa mite in a hive at Somersby.

The eradication zone extends 10km as far as Koolewong and the National Park on Woy Woy Rd in The Bays.

The Department of Primary Industries is destroying all hives within the eradication zone.

The Peninsula falls within the 25km surveillance zones, where officials are monitoring and inspecting managed and feral honeybees to limit the extent of these incursions.

Outside the surveillance zone is a 50km biosecurity zones.

Beekeepers in all these zones must notify the Department of the location of their hives.

Throughout NSW, no beehives or honeybees may be moved without a permit and no honey may be harvested.

The public has been asked to report their own hives, wild hives or abandoned hives.

Hives at infested premises are being euthanised by the Department using petrol or gas.

Hives are then burnt, as varroa mite larvae can survive in the honeycomb.

Within the eradication zone, baiting will be used on a grid system, using Fipronil syrup which

is then brought back to the hive by the bees and kills both the honeybees and varroa mite.

The Department has stated the baiting is "carefully monitored and supervised to protect birds, mammals and native bees".

Native bees and native beehives are not covered under the Biosecurity Act and therefore can be moved legally in NSW.

Varroa mite does not present a risk to native bees and native bees are not a carrier of the mite, according to the Department.

However, native bee keepers are concerned that monitoring may not be adequate to prevent the poisoning of native hives.

"Our Australian native bees could be impacted by this parasite in a variety of ways," said Dr Anne Dollin of the Australian Native Bee Research Centre.

"The mites may increase the levels of serious bee viruses in the environment.

"The highly toxic pesticide, although it will be used as carefully as possible, could still affect our native bees."

Dr Dollin said varroa mites were tiny, button-shaped, red-brown parasites, about two millimetres wide.

"With their flat bodies, they can burrow between the plates on the abdomen of a European honeybee and feed on the bee's fat stores.

"This badly weakens the honeybee but, in addition, varroa

mites can infect the honeybee with at least five serious bee viruses."

Dr Dollin said the safest action to take would be to move hives of native stingless bees completely out of the red Eradication Zone and adjacent areas.

"You need to move the hive at least three kilometres to prevent the foragers from trying to return to their previous location.

"If you need assistance with moving your native stingless bees or you do not have a safe location to take the hive to, Mr Dan Smailes of Sydney Native Bees has offered assistance. "Another option is to close up all entrances to your hive of native stingless bees while the eradication work is underway.

"It is currently mid winter. Native stingless bees often naturally hibernate in NSW for many weeks in cold weather.

"They have sufficient stores of food inside their hives to support the colony.

"You could close up the main entrance and any ventilation holes by covering them with a fine metal gauze or layer of gauzy fabric."

She said the same measures could be taken with wild nests of native stingless bees in trees.

The Cromellin Native Arboretum at Pearl Beach has a number of native stingless bee hives.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 5 Jul 2022
Anne Dollin, Australian Native
Bee Research Centre

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Mark Snell, 17 Jun 2022



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It welcomes and relies on the contributions provided voluntarily and at no cost by local organisations, groups and residents.

The newspaper aims to be accessible to the community - both through making its columns accessible to community groups and by having copies available in accessible locations, including through its website.

The following policies and guidelines are designed to support the aims and standards of the newspaper.

Locality

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

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

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

Regional sports will only be covered from the perspective of Peninsula clubs. Regional plans will only be aired in the context of their ramifications for the Peninsula.

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

Readability

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.

All items will be dated. They must contain the name of the author to whom the contribution may be attributed, with their first name spelt out, along with their suburb or organisation. Anonymous contributions will not be accepted.

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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.

Nevertheless, letters may be edited for readability, including for length, spelling and grammar, and to avoid legal liability on the part of the newspaper, or they may be declined altogether.

Contributors are asked to keep their

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

Other than in the case of holding public figures to account, criticism of others (as opposed to criticism of particular opinions) is unlikely to be published in the interests of facilitating the expression of a diversity of views.

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If you believe we have got something wrong, whether an error of fact or interpretation, we ask that you write to us by email with details for publication. These corrections may appear as Forum letters or as news items and should conform to our requirements for news and Forum contributions.

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Peninsula News includes "source lines" at the end of each article which aim to provide readers with information about where and how we came across the information, so that they might judge for themselves the veracity of what they are reading.

It should not be assumed that the article is a verbatim reproduction of the source. Similarly, it should not be assumed that any reporter listed is necessarily responsible for writing the whole news item. Source lines are not by-lines.

Often articles come from a number of sources. They are edited for readability and reader interest and given different headings, and consequently can be expressed quite differently from the source material.

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

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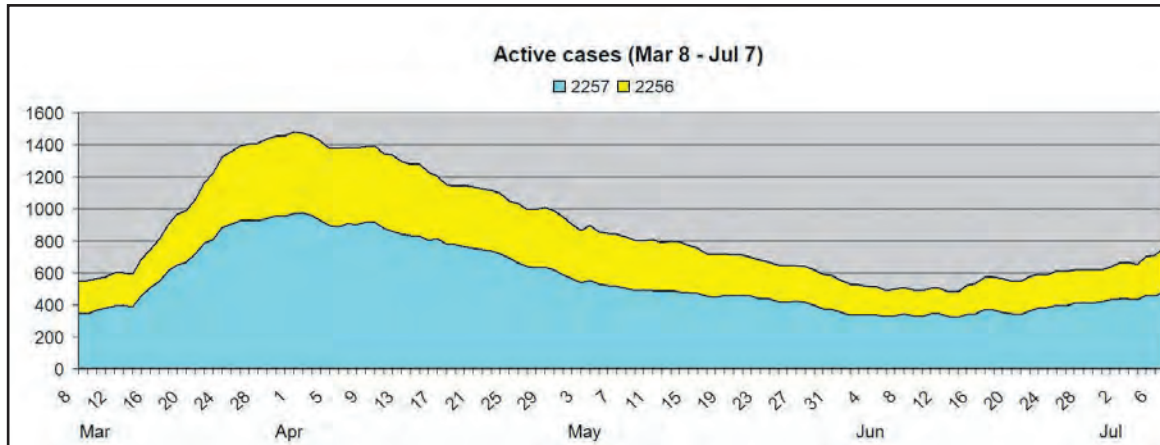
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Virus numbers rise sharply in two weeks

Coronavirus numbers on the Peninsula have experienced a sharp rise over the last fortnight and are now back to the levels of mid-May.

Active case numbers have increased by 183 in two weeks, compared to 99 in the previous

fortnight.

Total active cases on Friday, July 8, stood at 278 for the 2256 postcode area including Woy Woy and 493 for the 2257 postcode area including Umina and Ettalong.

The total for the two postcodes is 771, the highest number since May 15 when there were 773

active cases.

This is a 61 per cent increase in less than a month from 479 active cases on June 14, which was the lowest since early January.

SOURCE: Website, 10 Jul 2022 Covid data and statistics, NSW Government

Painted peace poles put in place

Internationally-recognised as symbols of hope, peace poles have been installed at a local aged care facility.

"Throughout June, residents and staff painted peace poles to be placed in the ground in the garden of Pozieres House," said Peninsula Village chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

"A Peace Pole is an internationally recognised symbol

of the hopes and dreams of the entire human family, standing vigil in silent prayer for peace on earth.

"We put the poles into the ground as part of Naidoc Week as we recognise and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples."

SOURCE: Social media, 5 Jul-2022 Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages



Best small club bulletin

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has won the Rotary district award for the bulletin for small clubs.

The award was presented at the District 9685 Changeover Dinner on July 2.

Woy Woy club president Ms Julie Jones and Ms Annette Karton are pictured seated, attending with club members Ms Sue Tee and Mr Don Tee.

SOURCE: Social media, 2 Jul 2022 Julie Jones, Rotary Club of Woy Woy

From the driest June to the wettest July

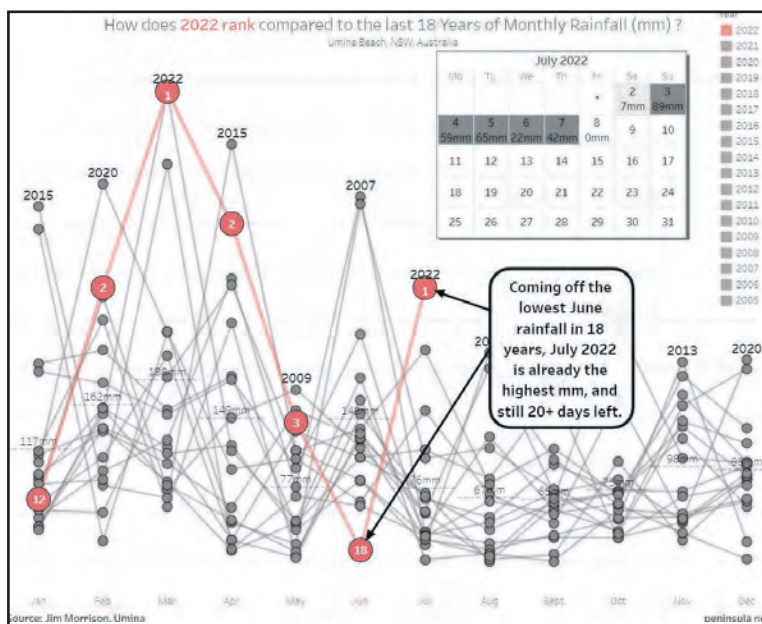
June rainfall on the Peninsula was just 12.6mm, the driest in 18 years.

However, 283.5mm has fallen in the first week of July, making it already the wettest July in the same period, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

The June rainfall was just nine per cent of that month's average of 155mm, while the July rainfall is already 3.4 times the average of 64mm.

With a total rainfall to date this year of 1624.3 mm, this year is already the second wettest in 18 years, just behind 2020 when the total for the whole year was 1685.6mm.

According to records taken at the Everglades Country Club from 1966 to 1998 for the Bureau of Meteorology, no June rainfall was less than 14.9mm and no July recorded more than 190.4mm in



the same period.

The records show that only the three years 1988-1990 had a greater annual rainfall than

1685.6mm, with totals between 1789.8 and 2119.5mm.

SOURCE: Spreadsheet, 8 Jul 2022 Jim Morrison, Umina

The 46th Annual Changeover Dinner of the Rotary Club of Umina Beach has seen the induction of Mr Wayne Dowdle as president for the coming year.

The dinner was held at the Waterfront Restaurant in the presence of 40 members and guests.

"The main feature of the evening was the presentation by outgoing president Mr Bruce Croft of the club's annual report followed by his passing of the mantle of president to Wayne Dowdle," said club publicity officer Mr Pat Lewis.

"Bruce has just completed an outstanding two years of club leadership instead of the more



Changeover dinner for Umina Rotary

usual one year while Wayne returns to the president's role after he last served in it in 1996-97.

"For his untiring service to

Rotary in previous years and his enthusiastic two years of presidency, Bruce was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship

Award by the assistant district governor.

"He was also presented with a photographic collage of events and

people representing the activities of the club during his presidency which was prepared by Olwyn Lewis."

Secretary Mr Mike Curley was named as Club Person of the Year.

Mr Lewis said Mr Curley "never tires of promoting and serving the club and Rotary in his many roles".

"Our club now looks forward to the new Rotary year under President Wayne Dowdle with its major goals being increased club membership, greater community service and engagement and a focus on mental health issues for young men."

SOURCE:

Media release, 4 Jul 2022
Pat Lewis, Rotary Umina Beach

Club decides to remain male-only

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has decided unanimously to remain a "male club".

The decision followed Rotary's adoption of the principle of "diversity, equity and inclusion" and the request by District Governor Ms Mina Howard to put the question to the club.

Incoming club president Mr Wayne Dowdle said that Umina Beach Rotary was "somewhat of an anomaly being a male-member-only club", with five in the district.

"Retaining gender specific makeup is not intended as slight on the impact and importance of women in professional and business life," he said.

"Rather it is the club's view that we do offer diversity in a community where two mixed clubs already exist on the Peninsula.

"Umina Beach Rotary Club is a club where males can meet, be blokes while doing good for the community in which they live and elsewhere in the world."

He said Rotary appeared to be "seeking inclusion of females,

and others, in clubs for a number of reasons. perhaps one being to increase membership in recognition of their importance in professional and in business life".

Mr Dowdle said the club was formed as a male club in 1976, as was Rotary at that time.

"This however means that if we wish for this club to survive as a 'Male Bastion', it is incumbent upon us to ensure that it does and can by attracting and retaining some more agile, younger members.

"If we don't this Club will die, I would say within 5 years.

"The longer-term survival of this club depends upon our relevance in the Peninsula community, the community in which we live and represent.

"I believe we need to gain a greater exposure for our involvement in the community to achieve this.

"The end beneficiaries, besides ourselves, are in fact the wider community."

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 8 Jul 2022
Wayne Dowdle, Rotary
Umina Beach



'Here we go again,' says Clean4Shore

"Here we go again" was the reaction of Clean4Shore co-ordinator Mr Graham Johnson as he watched plastic tanks, furniture, drums and masses of smaller items wash downstream in very muddy water of the swollen Hawkesbury River on Wednesday, July 6.

Clean4shore is planning a community clean-up at Patonga shortly, following consultation with local residents, as it did following

the March floods, he said.

"Plenty of work is about to commence."

He said Maritime Services and the Water Police were closely monitoring recreational boating, encouraging those not needing to be on the water to "stay away".

Contractors Avcon were seeking to commence the EPA-funded clean up task from today, Monday, July 11.

Mr Johnson said Clean4shore was looking at the more protected waters closer to Patonga, in order to reduce bulk rubbish from leading

seaward and back onto our local beaches.

Patonga Beach had masses of mainly smaller items washed onto the beach together with "bulk timber debris".

"The small bay at Dark Corner also had plenty of rubbish.

"Much, much more is expected.

"Pearl Beach currently suffers more from beach erosion, with the bulk of timber and flood debris yet to land."

SOURCE:

Social media, 6 Jul 2022
Graham Johnson, Clean4shore

Environment theme to Bays group meetings

The Bays Community Group has had two public meetings with an environmental theme in the past month.

The film screening of Regenerating Australia was attended by about 30 residents "coming out to experience a re-imagining of Australia's future", said group vice-president Ms Ally Chuang.

"Our guest speakers, the Community Environment Network's Ms Jackie Pearson and The Guardian environment reporter Ms Lisa Knox, provided sobering answers to important questions from the audience."

Ms Chuang said the following weekend local wildlife biologists Ms Kiara L'Herpinier and Mr Louis O'Neill "provided a wealth of information and stories about living harmoniously with wildlife".

"They also debunked many

commonly held myths regarding feeding wildlife."

Their advice included not to feed wildlife.

They said that feeding meat to meat-eaters and insectivores such kookaburras, magpies, and butcher birds can cause a calcium deficiency which leads to weakening of their bones.

Feeding possums a diet of fruit can cause diabetes, because cultivated fruit contains more sugar than bush fruits.

Feeding rainbow lorikeets bread and bird seed can cause irreparable damage to their delicate brush tipped tongues, evolved for extracting nectar from flowers, they said.

Keeping water sources clean, with a stick to enable wildlife to climb out, helped prevent death and disease.

"I think we all have the best of

intentions when interacting with wildlife," said Ms Chuang.

"There are plenty of ways to interact with wildlife that does not involve feeding them.

"We can plant dense native shrubs for small birds to find refuge.

"Grow flowers and plant native meadows that attract insects.

"Leave some leaf litter instead of blowing it away or build a rock garden for insects and reptiles to hide amongst.

"If you enjoy walking our stunning bushland, you can look forward to viewing new interpretive signage about the local flora and fauna.

"These will be installed by Central Coast Council in the coming week."

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 7 Jul 2022
Ally Chuang, The Bays
Community Group

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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

Consolidated planning provisions published on council website

Central Coast Council has published its new Consolidated Local Environment Plan and Development Control Plan on its website.

The plans will both take effect on August 1.

The Central Coast council website contains a "fact sheet" on the consolidated plans.

The main change to the Local Environment Plan it mentions is that dual occupancies will be able to be proposed on residential R2 zone lots.

However, it does not mention the exceptions now allowed to the height limit for buildings in town and village centres on the Peninsula..

The new limits are for Woy Woy town centre 19.75 metres, Umina village centre 14.25 metres and Ettalong village centre 17 metres.

These heights are only permitted if the site is 1000 square metres or more and the street frontage 20 metres.

The constraints are much

less rigorous than in Erina where buildings are limited to 14.25 metres, but only where the site is 3000 square metres and the street frontage is 40 metres.

The "fact sheet" for the development control plan claims: "Changes to Council's controls are not substantial with local provisions such as those relating to major centres being retained."

"The existing character statements for the former Gosford Local Government Area will be retained as a consideration."

During the consolidation process, the council published a document with a table comparing the current controls for the Gosford and Wyong with the new "consolidated" controls.

It shows that overwhelmingly the value chosen as the "consolidated" value was more generous to the developer.

For instance, until August 1, front setbacks for a dual occupancy and multi dwelling are six metres for Gosford and 4.5 metres for

Wyong.

Under the consolidated plan, the setback will be 4.5 metres unless the road is less than 12 metres wide.

The current rear setback for a multi-dwelling in Gosford is currently six metres and in Wyong 4.5 metres.

The consolidated setback will be 4.5 metres.

The Private Open Space requirement for a duplex is currently 75 square metres in Gosford and 45 square metres in Wyong.

The consolidated requirement is 45 square metres.

This pattern is repeated throughout.

In the light of the 17metre height limit now encouraged for Ettalong, perhaps the above changes are not that substantial.

However, perhaps they explain the lull in significant development applications in recent weeks.

SOURCE:

Media release, 8 Jul 2022
Central Coast Council



Reserve planting continues in the rain

The Grow Urban Shade Trees group has continued to plant trees in the rain.

Over the past fortnight, sweet-scented wattle (acacia suaveolens) has been planted in the Paul St reserve.

These wattles are one of the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland species which is a focus for this reserve.

SOURCE:

Social media, 1 Jul 2022
Deb Sunartha, Grow Urban Shade Trees

More needed to encourage electric vehicles - Tesch

More should be done on the Peninsula to encourage the take-up of electric vehicles, according to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

She said that the State Government planned only to install four fast charging plugs on the Peninsula and not increase that number before 2026.

"As part of the NSW Electric vehicle Fast Charging Infrastructure Master Plan, only four plugs for electric vehicles will be installed by next year, remaining the same until at least 2026," she said.

"For the greater Gosford area, only four plugs will be installed next year, increasing to merely seven plugs by 2026."

Ms Tesch said the small town in New Zealand where she spent a

part of her childhood already had multiple publicly-available electric vehicle chargers for a population of around 250 people."

"Electric vehicles are the future.

"It is what is necessary to address the climate crisis, the energy crisis, and to ensure that Australia doesn't become the dumping ground for old, retired, petrol-guzzling vehicles as the rest of the world electrifies."

"It is not a matter of 'if'.

"It is a matter of when our transport system will become electric.

"It is important that the rollout is efficient, effective, and leaves no one behind.

"While the rest of the developed world advances towards a largely petrol-free future for car transportation, Australia's move to

building a reliable and extensive infrastructure network to support electric vehicle uptake is lagging."

By comparison, Ms Tesch said: "The Biden Administration plans to spend \$174 billion to drive EV uptake.

"Norway plans to end all sales of new diesel and petrol vehicles by 2025, and the UK intends to do the same by 2030.

"The Perrottet Government needs stronger targets and more ambitious numbers of new plugs to support locals who want to switch to electric vehicles.

"It is really striking that currently there is one local public charger in Killcare, and another all the way up in Tuggerah."

SOURCE:

Media release, 8 Jul 2022
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Progress association welcomes Patonga speed limit reduction

The Patonga Beach Progress Association has welcomed a speed limit reduction 50km/h to 40km/h as important for protecting both residents and visitors.

Secretary Mr John Quigg said: "We have the hotel which attracts a lot of traffic, a children's playground at the entrance to the village, and there are no pedestrian crossings.

"It is important that the speed

for cars is reduced."

The new 40 km speed zone will apply to Patonga, Bay and Brisk Sts, Jacaranda, Meroo and Nalya Ave, as well as the Hawkesbury Track.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch also welcomed the reduction in the speed zone, given the relatively high number of pedestrians and traffic in Patonga.

"After I made representations to Transport for NSW on behalf

of the Patonga Beach Progress Association, I am happy that they have made the sensible decision to protect what is an active and busy area that is enjoyed by so many."

She said the village of Patonga had become a popular destination loved by residents and visitors alike.

SOURCE:

Media release, 27 Jun 2022
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Work starts on school playground

Work has begun on the new K-2 playground at Woy Woy South Public School in the first week of the school holidays.

"It might be a pile of dirt now," said principal Mr Matt Barr.

"But soon it will be a place where we can run, laugh, play and our imaginations can take us on many adventures."

SOURCE:

Social media, 8 Jul 2022
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School

Indigenous woman to run in State election

Aunty Colleen Fuller, an indigenous woman of the Darkinooong and Yuin tribes, has announced she will be running as a independent indigenous woman candidate at the upcoming state election in March next year.

She said her concerns included what she is calling “the second stolen generation”, the right to peaceful protest, protection of sacred sites and the environment, and social housing.

Earlier this month, she held a protest in Woy Woy to draw attention to the issues.

“We have the highest rate of indigenous children being taken away from their families in NSW here on the Central Coast,” Aunty Colleen said.

She said this happened more frequently with indigenous families “but non-indigenous families are suffering too”.

“This most stop now.

“It is a total disgrace,” she said.

“It makes reconciliation plain hypocrisy.

“We call on the State government to start returning kids now and to provide support.”

Aunty Colleen also called on Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch to “stand up in parliament and ask questions about when children will be returned to their families”.



She and her supporters held a small protest in front of Ms Tesch's Woy Woy electorate office to highlight the issue.

She said her own grandson was “snatched by the government” from his family, and “we have not seen him for three years”.

“No one tells us anything.”

She said the protest was “to shine a light on this disgrace”.

Aunty Colleen also said she wanted a citizens' right to protest, without police harassment or politicians demonizing them and “no fines for peaceful protesting”.

“The Liberal government is just dreadful when it comes to

protecting democracy.”

She called on Central Coast Parliamentary Secretary Mr Adam Crouch to stand up in parliament and defend the rights of protesters on the Central Coast and everywhere.

Aunty Colleen said her third major concern was saving the Kariong Ridgeway which was “full of sacred sites and important bushland that all the community can enjoy”.

“All over the State, the rights of traditional custodians are being undermined by government legislation, leaving our land vulnerable to unwanted

development.

“Kariong is a perfect example.

“It must be protected.

“It is long time since Labor or Liberal have done anything to protect the environment on the Central Coast,” she said.

Aunty Colleen said a massive injection of funding was needed for social housing on the Central Coast.

“It is well known that rental accommodation is now at crisis point on the Central Coast and indeed all over the State.

“Aboriginal housing has disappeared completely, but all low income people are really suffering.

“There is a 20-year wait for Department of Housing on the Central Coast.

“Unbelievable.”

Aunty Colleen said she wanted all races to unite and to appreciate and protect indigenous culture, while fighting for the rights of all.

She said she was supported by the Indigenous Party of Australia which was unable to field candidates but was supporting indigenous women at the upcoming state election.

Aunty Colleen said she could be contacted by email at colleen.fuller@outlook.com.

SOURCE:
Media release, 1 Jul 2022
Colleen Fuller, Indigenous
Party of Australia



Mary Poppins visits aged care home

The book club at a local aged care home has had a day learning about author PL Travers and her book Mary Poppins.

The residents of Blue Wave Living had a visit from “Mary Poppins” and were offered “a spoonful of sugar”.

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Jun 2022
Matt Downie, BlueWave Living



Liesl Tesch MP
Member for Gosford

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Health

Bowls day raises \$5700 for prostate cancer

The annual Ron Pursehouse Prostate Cancer Charity Day organised by the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club was held at Club Umina on Thursday, June 23, attracting around 70 bowlers.

The total received from the event was \$5648.55, including from raffles, a charity auction and donations.

The bowling club rounded up the total to \$5700.

Contributions included \$665.50 from the Fishos' Club Saturday raffle.

The auction included a signed and framed jersey from Mariners' player Kye Rowles, currently playing with the Socceroos squad in the World Cup.

Other items auctioned included a painting by club legend Fred

Hawkesworth and a special bottle of Parramatta port, according to club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

The winner of the caravan holiday at the Umina Beach caravan Park was Terry Brown.

The winner of both one night's accommodation at Ettalong Tourist Resort and the Pandora bracelet was Gary Jones.

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Jul 2022
Peter Springett, UBMB

Sunglasses donated

Brisbane Water Rotary Club has been donated 50 pairs of sunglasses for use in remote indigenous communities.

Donated by Ettalong Diggers, the UV 400 glasses were delivered to club patron, photographer Mr Ken Duncan.

"Mr Duncan has been working with the indigenous people of Central Australia, helping wherever possible," said club president Ms Cherie Simpson.

"In 2010 Walk a While Foundation was established with the primary objective of walking alongside indigenous people using creative and visual arts as common ground."

Ms Simpson said: "We hope that, by wearing the glasses, at least some of our traditional owners can protect their eyes."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 1 Jul 2022
Cherie Simpson, Rotary
Brisbane Water

Forum

Dogs: Nothing to complain about?

Re your article from Central Coast Council regarding the problem population of dogs on the Peninsula, now and in the future, outlined in part in the Council's "Draft Dogs in Open Space Action Plan" currently on exhibition.

The Council draft outlines areas where dogs are excluded including National Parks, sand dunes and "Wildlife Protection Areas" (?), beaches "apart from areas designated as "dog off-leash areas".

I applaud Council ambition in limiting the intrusion into residents and walkers lives of these useless and annoying creatures, but who is going to enforce these bylaws and bring dogs under control?

Some dog owners care about the effect dogs have on so many residents and walkers and are responsible people.

Many however couldn't give a dogshit about other people.

Some dog people pick up the dog excrement and hang the bags (many supplied by our rates) on the beach and build lovely little tripods to suspend the turd bags from, or thoughtfully hang it from the fences (supplied by the ratepayer to keep people and their pests out of the dunes).

I suppose dog people think that in the dead of night the magical turd pixies will whisk the turds away.

Even the responsible person's dog is charging along the beach

many meters from the leash and lay their smelly, steaming fundament in my space.

They sometimes apologise and are sometimes in the "off-leash" area.

They often pick it up in their bagged hand - delightful!

It makes me feel ill.

The only way to avoid dogs on the beach is to hit the beach while it is still dark, way too early for fluffy and rover to be out in the cold.

It would be interesting to know how much of our rates and taxes are spent on policy development and infrastructure supply for dog lovers.

How much does it cost to run the dog pound and how many of these critters brought as companions during the Covid lockdowns have been abandoned now they are no longer needed?

Then there are the neighbourhood dogs, one of them would follow me up and down the fence line and bark non-stop all day.

I work from home.

As soon as the "owners" arrive home, they shut up.

After constant complaints, we eventually resorted to Council's ranger, who arrived on scene while one neighbour was at home.

Dogs were silent.

The helpful council ranger told us we had nothing to complain about.

SOURCE:
Email, 7 Jul 2022
Bryan Ellis, Umina

Concerns about plan that lacks detail

We have been given such little information about the Woy Woy Waterfront Masterplan – just pretty drawings - and were expected to comment.

We have a number of concerns about the plan in the absence of more detailed information.

Vehicular traffic will increase in Brick Wharf Rd and North Burge Rd.

Foot and related traffic will increase on the walking-cycle path.

There are already times especially on weekends when there is a lot of competition to use the path.

In addition to cyclists, there are skaters, skate boarders, motorised bikes and similar, quad bikes and occasionally motor bikes at speed.

Likely impacts include reduced availability of street parking to

local residents, increasing noise and increasing collisions with local wildlife such as ducks and herons.

Amenity will be lost if Pelican Park playground is removed or has reduced play capacity in spite of new playground near CWA.

Opportunities for quiet respect at Memorial Park will be lost if there is increased foot traffic and use of the park for picnics.

The seawall is of highest priority.

It is not high enough and is constantly breached by high speed large cruisers.

I have made representations to Council and the RMS and have had an onsite meeting with both agencies.

Neither would commit to improving the seawall in Woy Woy.

It wasn't a priority according to Council although it is on the "to do

list" in the future.

RMS refuses to slow the speed of boat traffic along the North Burge Rd reserve and won't put up any signage to warn about wash.

It is actually dangerous as locals especially children can be easily washed off the jetties by the large waves these boats create at high tide.

They do a lot of environmental damage and would make any public structures on the shoreline vulnerable if the current lack of control of speed continues.

This is something that needs to be taken into account when designing the various projects.

We would like to hear about the timetable and details of the plan when they are available.

SOURCE:
Email, 5 Jul 2022
Liz Mackdacy, Woy Woy

Amalgamated council fails to convince

The council amalgamation is an ongoing disaster, based on the objections to the council's best waterfront plan for Woy Woy, published in Peninsula News on June 27.

There are so many faults identified.

The only action by the council should be to tear up the plan and start again with a professional attitude, guided by local comment and knowledge.

I will not be holding my breath

while council's senior officers wrestle with this planning failure.

Council's staff attendance at the Peninsula Leisure Centre has not convinced residents to accept the plan as presented.

There is a strong case for the council to hold a public meeting, where staff can explain the process to date and process after community consultation.

The plan lacks vision and will not meet demand beyond the short term, contradicting the council's spin.

This is revisiting the council's

rushed sale of assets, with significant objection from the public.

Did the council review and amend its administration after this debacle or has it continued on with its maladministration to the detriment of residents?

A small project valued at \$1.2M has failed to address fundamental issues.

Why is the administrator paid a very healthy salary to deliver unacceptable plans to the public?

SOURCE:
Letter, 3 Jul 2022
Norm Harris, Umina

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Glow Day held on last day of term

As first semester ends, principal 'feels welcome'

After her first semester in the role of principal at Umina Beach Public School, Ms Karen Wardlaw has said she has felt welcome at the school.

"I'm so grateful to be part of the Umina Beach community," she said.

She described the last day of term as "a fantastic one... lots of team spirit, lots of fun for students

and teachers and lots of yummy food thanks to our amazing P and C (pictured)".

"I hope that you share with me a sense of positive anticipation about another wonderful semester ahead of us."

Ms Wardlaw is pictured, dressed as the yellow Wiggle.

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Jul 2022
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School

Students in Year 3/40 at Woy Woy South Public School had a Glow Day as part of Feel Good Friday on last day of Term 2.

"The lights are off, the glow sticks are out," said principal Mr Matt Barr.

"They have been learning about glowing animals, completing their work in highlighters and glowing paint.

"What an amazingly fun way to end the term."

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Jul 2022
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School



Rotarians return from Forbes opening

Members from the Rotary Club of Umina Beach have recently returned from a visit to the city of Forbes in the NSW Central West.

The Rotary Clubs of Umina Beach and Forbes joined to refurbish the Moombi Hall Recreation Area, located half way between Forbes and Condoblin.

The Umina Beach members attended the official opening of the area.

The project provides camping facilities for Brisbane Water Secondary College agriculture students on their annual visit to the local Coles family farm.

Owners Mr and Mrs Richard and Heather Coles have provided high quality animals for students to raise, groom and show at agricultural shows, said Rotary club publicity officer Mr Pat Lewis.

"They also host a group of students on their farm every year giving them a week's invaluable insight into farm work and farm life,



an experience far removed from the beach surroundings they are used to."

Mr Lewis said the refurbished area would also provide accommodation for activities for local schools and groups in the Forbes and Condobolin communities.

Pictured are Mr and Mrs Coles, Brisbane Water Secondary College agriculture teacher Mr Richard McKay, with Mr Robert Meyer from Umina Beach Rotary and Mr Chris Finkel from Forbes Rotary Club and members of the Moombi Hall

Committee outside refurbished facilities block.

SOURCE:
Media release, 4 Jul 2022
Pat Lewis, Rotary Umina Beach

Ride to Gosford

Outdoor education students have completed their bicycle touring unit at Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College.

"Students practised their road safety skills and understanding through practical and theoretical activities," said campus principal Ms Kerrie O'Heir.

The unit culminated in a ride from school to the Gosford Waterfront and back in Week 10.

"Students utilised cycle ways, carefully and safely followed road rules and navigated themselves at traffic, with pedestrians and members of the public.

"There were some sore legs at the end of the day," she said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Jun 2022
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina

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Rescue boat premiership 'develops rescue skills'

The final weekend of the NSW Inflatable Rescue Boat Premiership was held at Ocean Beach on June 25 and 26.

While competitive, organisers said the premiership acted as an opportunity for drivers and crews to develop and hone vital rescue skills in simulated scenarios under pressure.

Ocean Beach IRB captain Jason Smith said events like this were imperative for volunteer lifesavers.

"We talk about what's a safe driver and what's a competent driver," he said.

"Everyone is a safe driver who passes their licence but it's these sorts of tournaments that show the competent drivers, the ones who will go out in big swell when the conditions are not desirable and rescue people.

"This is what it's all about,

developing those skills."

In the Rookie Mass Rescue, a race with the youngest drivers and combined crew, Avalon Beach finished ahead of Newport and host club Ocean Beach.

Kiama Downs won nine Premiership finals.

While Ocean Beach did not pick up any victories on the day, Jason said the way the event had come together on his home beach, a result of local clubs working together, was victory enough for him.

"We relied on Umina for some equipment, and everyone from all sides of our club pitched in to make this happen," he said.

"From our nippers to older competitors, everyone has helped wherever they could to make sure we have little work to do to be able to compete."

SOURCE:
Media release, 27 Jun 2022
Surf Life Saving NSW

Southern Spirit meeting

Southern Spirit Cricket Club will hold a general meeting at 7pm tonight, Monday, July 11, at Ettalong Bowling Club.

"These monthly meetings are where you'll hear firsthand what's happening in your club," member have been told.

"It's also your opportunity to get

involved in the decision making with the committee.

"Members and junior parents are welcome to join us."

For further information, email southern.spirit@yahoo.com.au

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 Jul-2022
Southern Spirit Cricket Club

Floorball championships sponsored by Rotary

Australian Junior Floorball Championships played at the Peninsula Leisure Centre last week were sponsored with a \$1500 donation from the Rotary Club of Umina Beach.

"The club was pleased to be able to sponsor the staging of the championships," said club publicity officer Mr Pat Lewis.

"Floorball is similar to indoor hockey and is a rapidly growing sport in Australia, and also on the Central Coast, and caters for boys and girls as well as men and

women.

"For young people, who are a focus for our club, it is a wonderful avenue for engaging them in local sport, providing them with healthy vigorous activity, teamwork, building supportive relationships, and just having fun in a safe environment."

Local competitions are played regularly at the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

SOURCE:
Media release, 9 Jul 2022
Pat Lewis, Rotary Umina Beach

Pearl Beach Bowlers join in charity bowls

Members of the Pearl Beach Bowlers joined with the Ettalong Bowling Club bowlers participating in their monthly charity bowling day on Sunday, June 26.

The sun shone, and the enthusiastic bowlers joined together enjoying a fun filled morning of exciting and competitive bowls June to raise much-needed funds for the Central Coast Kids in Need, according to Pearl Beach representative Ms Lynne Lillico.

"The Pearl Beach bowlers excelled in their games, with Pearl Beach bowler Suzanne Ellicott leading her team to the prize winning score.

"Friends and visitors enjoyed the club facilities and enthusiastically supported the auction of a variety of prizes generously donated by local businesses and supporters."



Ettalong Club vice-president Mr Ken Dixon announced that \$1100 was raised for the Central Coast Kids in Need and thanked the visiting Pearl Beach Bowlers.

He said that the next Charity Bowling Day was scheduled for Sunday, July 17, and that he hoped to see Pearl Beach Bowlers back

on the Ettalong Greens.

Pictured are Pearl Beach Bowlers John Steinbeck, Robert Lillico, Michael Ross-Edwards, Andrew Cordwell with, Suzanne Ellicott.

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 Jun 2022
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Bowlers

Selected in State side

Margaret Smith from Ettalong Bowling Club has been selected in the NSW Blues Seniors Women's side.

The side will play against the Victorian State side at Moama on August 6 and 7.

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Jul-2022
Peter Springett, Bowls
Central Coast



In Australian touch squad

Peninsula Junior Touch football player Kieran Diamond has been named in the Australian Under-18s Squad.

Keiran led the club's Under 18 boys to a success at club level.

He was also named in the NSW Merit Side.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Jul-2022
Peninsula Junior Touch

Grant to replace flooring and doors

Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club will receive a grant of \$36,840 to replace flooring and roller doors from the NSW Surf Club Facility Program.

Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Mr Adam Crouch said the funding would help ensure the club had modern facilities to keep the community safe at the beach.

"The Central Coast has some of the most beautiful and popular beaches in the country," Mr Crouch said.

"It's vital that our local life savers have modern, fit-for-purpose facilities to enable them to protect both visitors and locals at our beaches."

SOURCE:
Media release, 6 Jul 2022
Adam Crouch, Central
Coast Secretary

Locks are changed for tennis club renewal day

Woy Woy Tennis Club will hold a "renewal day" from midday to 4pm on Saturday, July 16.

The renewal day will coincide with a change of locks at the club.

Members will be unable to access the courts with their old key.

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Jul 2022
Woy Woy Tennis Club

Judging night

Umina Boardriders will be holding a Judging Night at Umina Surf Life Saving Club from 6pm on July 21.

The night will be hosted by Phil Courtney and all members have been asked to attend.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Jul-2022
Umina Boardriders

Ride to Gosford and back

Central Coast Bicycle User Group will hold a Woy Woy to Gosford ride on Thursday, July 21, starting at Woy Woy Fishermen's Wharf.

"This is an easy ride along the shared path to Gosford and back," said leader Mr Alan Corven.

"We will have coffee somewhere in Woy Woy or maybe Umina Beach."

He said the ride may be cancelled at short notice due to bad weather.

Tickets were available at bicyclensw.buncheur.com/central-coast-bug-cbug-woy-woy-to-gosford-1-8.

For further information, call Mr Corven on 0414 538 977.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Jul 2022
Alan Corven, CCBUG